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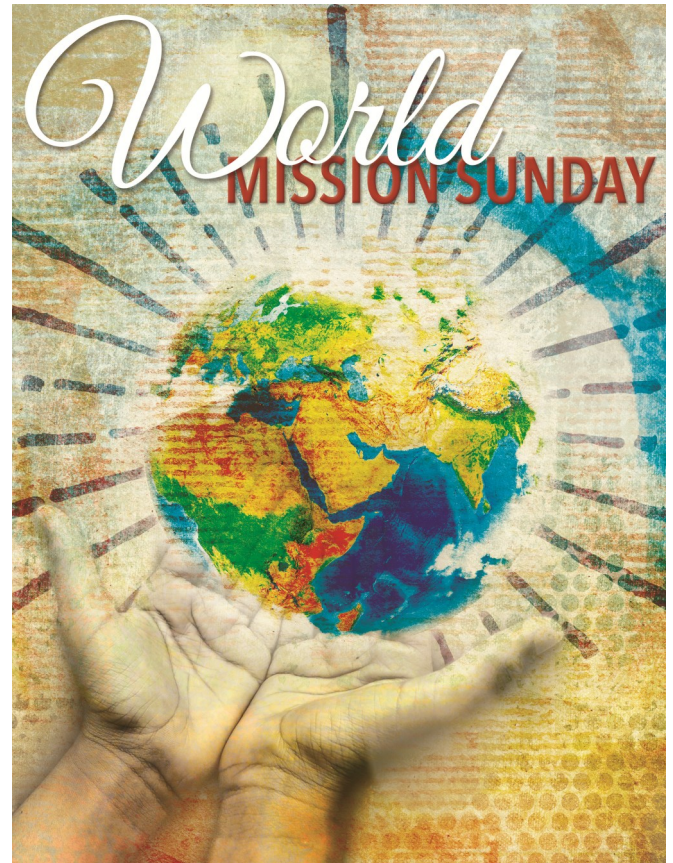
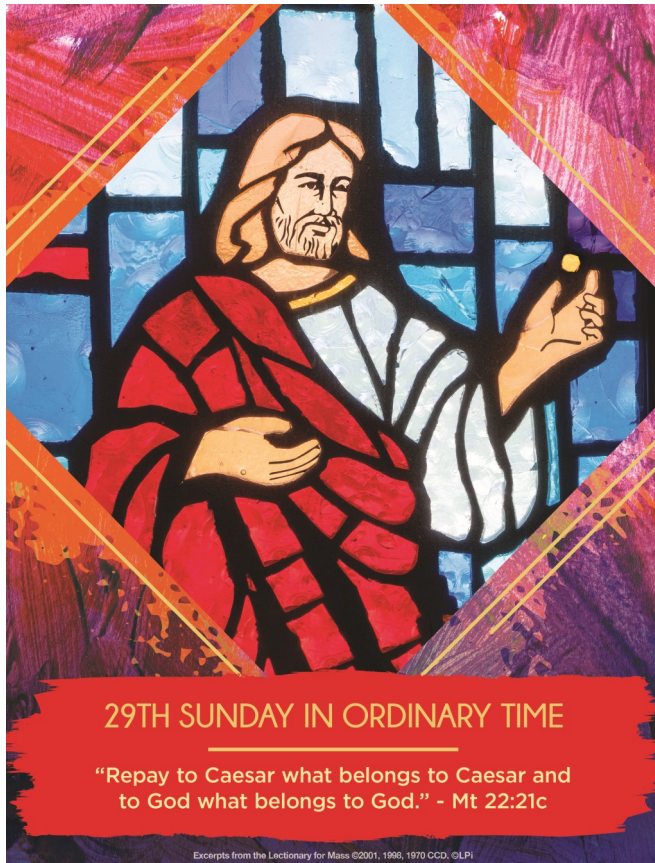
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Our Mission

To be a Parish Community where the Signs of Faith are given so that, seeing them, all can be led to Eternal Life.



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 18, 2026

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed Friday

Parish Pastoral Council:

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Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 5:30 pm,

8:00 pm (Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist)

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Holy Days

See bulletin for schedule of Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday

(Sign up using link on parish website)

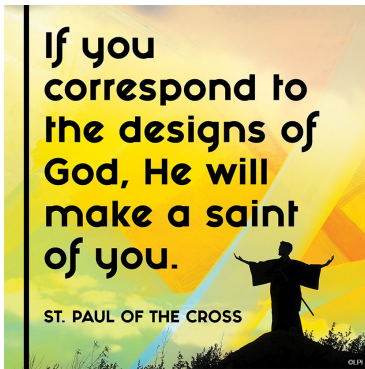
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm (Opus Dei Priest)

and

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm (OLMC Parish Priest)

(No sign up required. First come, first served.)

FROM FR. JASON



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Tuesday, October 20, the Church celebrates the memorial of St. Paul of the Cross, priest and founder of the Passionists. Many of us hear a name like that and think of a saint from a distant century with a distant spirituality. Let us not be so quick. This man has something to say to us, because he understood what our own age most wants to avoid: that the Cross is not a punishment from God, but the place where God has loved us to the end.

Paul Danei was born in 1694 in northern Italy. He was not a scholar or a noble. He was an ordinary young man who, at about twenty, was touched by the Lord and heard a call to preach Christ crucified. He wore a black habit with a heart and the name of Jesus sewn on the chest, and he gathered companions to proclaim one thing: the Passion of Jesus is the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love. He preached this for over fifty years, and the Church recognized the fruit of it.

Notice what he did not say. He did not tell people to love suffering for its own sake, nor that God sends pain to improve us. He told them to look at the Crucified One, and to see in his wounds that God has entered into our own death, our loneliness, our sin, and our abandonment. Paul himself knew long years of spiritual desolation, dryness, and darkness. Yet it was precisely there that he discovered Christ present.

This is the heart of the kerygma, the Good News. We are not saved by our efforts or our virtue. We are saved because Christ descended into the place where we are, the place we hide even from ourselves, and loved us there. Each of us has a cross: a failed marriage, an illness, a wayward child, a wound from our past, a sin we cannot overcome, our own mediocrity. We tend to see these as things to be eliminated before we can come before God. St. Paul invites us to see that this is exactly where Christ waits for us. The cross is not an obstacle to the encounter with God. It is the place where the encounter happens. Look again; perhaps in the very thing you most wanted to remove, God was working your salvation. Perhaps the Lord was making you humble, loosening your grip on false securities, and teaching you to depend on him alone. Paul of the Cross would say: do not waste your cross. Do not flee from it and do not curse it. Let it become the place where you meet the One who loves you.

There is also a word here for our parish. We live in a culture that hides suffering, glorifies success, and fears death. The Church has a different proclamation, one that comes through the wounds of Christ: you are loved as you are, and your suffering is not meaningless. If we live this, if we accept our crosses in the light of Easter without bitterness, we become signs. A couple who forgives each other, an elderly person who accepts illness with peace, a family that bears a loss with hope: these preach more than any homily. In these, the Cross becomes the glory of God.

I invite you this week to a few concrete things. Ask St. Paul of the Cross for the grace to see Christ in your own cross. Take a crucifix in your hands at home, perhaps in the evening, and simply look at it. Let yourself be looked at. Reconcile with someone. The Cross is always the place where enemies are made brothers. If you carry a heavy burden, do not carry it alone. Speak to a brother or sister, or come and see me. St. Paul of the Cross, pray for us, that we may not be ashamed of the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, but may find in it our glory, our peace, and our salvation.

Peace,

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



October 17

*St. Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop & Martyr*

James Donovan



October 18

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday*

Yolanda & Anthony Bucich
People of the Parish



October 19

*Sts. John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues,
Priests, & Companions, Martyrs;*

St. Peter of Alcantara

Tom & Agnes Daly



October 20

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito



October 21

Jean Sheldon

October 22

St. John Paul II, Pope

Rory Kelleher



October 23

St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Carmela Bussanich

October 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Michael DeJoseph



October 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

William Belanich

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*“Render therefore to Caesar the things that are
Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”*

-Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren’t “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$3,697.00

Assessment.....\$1,337.00

*For everything there is a season and a time for every
purpose under heaven.”*

-Qoh 3:11

“A time to be healed.”

Parish sick list: Marie Barrett, Dino Caparoso, Rev. Bob Connor, Mary Cummings, Arlene Desposito, Ethel Dubrowski, Ed Evans, Trevor Giesberg, Ann Goodwin, Kathy Hedley, Pablo Ibarrola, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Julia Geraghty, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, John Mandile, Joyce Merlino, John Mullins, Carol Myack, James Rana, Danielle Rendon, Gail Roberts, Carol Schmidt, Jean Sember, Bro. Kevin Smith, John Vallely, Eric Vanderleif, Bryce Werner

“A time to mourn.”

“A time for war and a time for peace.”

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan, Seamus Ryan

Amen.

Electronic donations?



Please scan the QR code to use
our ‘Parish Giving’ service.



St. John’s Academy

Job Opportunity



St. John’s Academy, a pre-k 3 through 8th grade Catholic school in Hillsdale is currently seeking a Part-Time Special Education Teacher. Qualified applicants should hold a Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification. The position is 5 days per week; approximately 25 hours per week. The annual salary is \$28,000 - \$30,000. Part-time employees are eligible to participate in the 403b Savings Plan.

Qualified candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and credentials to: Mrs. Annie Mitchell at:

amitchell@sja-hillsdale.org



Walk for Hunger

The Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley is organizing a Hunger Walk this Sunday. Meet at the New Woodcliff Park, right next to our parish. Look for the ‘Hunger Walk’ signs! Scan the QR code to donate!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH

A Joyful Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Duo Pianos, Professional Singers, and a Choir
SING-ALONG!

Mingle with wine and cheese afterwards!

TICKETS (Adults: \$45, Children: \$10)
ON SALE STARTING NOV. 7/8
after Mass and in the parish office!
Sponsorship opportunity welcomed! (See reverse side.)



Meditation:

You have not written everything in the notebook about My goodness towards humankind; I desire that you omit nothing; I desire that your heart be firmly grounded in total peace (*Diary*, 459).

January 23, [1937]. I did not feel like writing today. Then I heard a voice in my soul: **My daughter, you do not live for yourself but for souls; write for their benefit. You know that My will as to your writing has been confirmed many times by your confessors. You know what is pleasing to Me, and if you have any doubts about what I am saying, you also know whom you are to ask. I grant him light to pronounce judgment on my case. My eye watches over him. My daughter, you are to be like a child towards him, full of simplicity and candor. Put his judgment above all My demands. He will guide you according to My will** (*Diary*, 895).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, thank You for making known to St. Faustina the importance of writing her Diary. Thank You for stressing to her that she was to live and write for the benefit of souls like ourselves.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

Share Divine Mercy Daily with your friends and family:
TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup



Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Every year, our parish remembers all those parishioners who have gone home to the Lord during the past year at a Memorial Mass on the Feast of All Souls. Individual invitations are mailed to the family members of all those who have been buried from Our Lady Mother of the Church.

Any parishioner who has suffered the loss of a relative, since November 2025, who was not buried from this church, can still have that loved one remembered at this Mass. If you would like them to be included and you will be attending the Mass, please contact the parish office at (201) 391-2826 or office@motherofthechurch.org with their name and date of death before Wednesday, October 28.

During the remembrance rite, a representative of each family is invited to place a symbol of life, a flower, in a vase located in the sanctuary. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass.



Kid's Corner



1. St. Paul of the Cross was inspired to start an order dedicated to _____?
2. From whom did St. Paul of the Cross receive a vision confirming this inspiration?
3. When the Pharisees asked Jesus if it was lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar or

not, how did he reply?

4. Who was the first non-Italian Pope in 455 years?

Answers:

1. The Passion of Our Lord. 2. Our Lady. 3. He said "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." 4. Pope St. John Paul II, whose feast day we celebrate on Oct. 22, was Polish.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

SARAH HART
FRANCESCA LAROSA

NIGHT OF PEACE



an evening of songs and stories
to bring peace and hope to your community

Sunday, November 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament

787 Franklin Lake Rd

Franklin Lakes, NJ

mostblessedsacrament.ws



High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in the Fall of 2027! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026. Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. The deadline to register for the Cooperative Admissions HSPT is October 23, 2026. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, see www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.

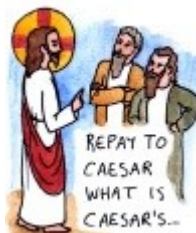
Parish Registration

A Parishioner is one who belongs to our parish community. As such, they are registered and actively participate in the life of the parish community by regularly attending Mass, joining ministries, and financially supporting the parish. To obtain Sponsor Certificates / Letters of Good Standing for Baptism and Confirmation, please call the parish office. The person requesting such must be registered and be an active member of our Parish community. We request that you register so that we can serve you better.



A Little Humor...

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50." The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100." Little Johnny says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"



Should We Obey the Government?

The Pharisees in today's Gospel reading were trying to trick Jesus and make Him say something wrong. They asked Him whether they should pay taxes to the pagan emperor. If He said no, then He would be speaking against the emperor, but if He said yes, then it would seem like He was saying that it was good for the Jews to be ruled by the pagan Romans. But Jesus knew what the Pharisees were trying to do. He told them to show Him a coin, and asked them whose picture was on it. They said it was Caesar's (the Roman emperor's), so Jesus told them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs Caesar and to God what belongs to God." He was telling them that they should obey the rulers of the land, but also that they should obey God. We have two kinds of laws: God's laws and the laws of our governments. Both are for our own good, but God's laws are more important. We should obey the government's laws as long as they agree with God's laws, but we must always obey God's laws.

The statue must be chiseled with very sharp tools before it is fit to be placed in the grand gallery.

-St. Paul of the Cross



Catholic in Recovery

FIND FREEDOM

Catholic in Recovery is a worldwide community of individuals seeking a solution to **addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments** by integrating the Catholic faith into 12-step recovery.

JOIN a virtual meeting to begin your journey or strengthen your recovery. Resources also include CIR's Pathway to Recovery to support and guide you through the first 90 days of recovery.



www.catholicinrecovery.com

THE MERCY HOUSE

DONATE TO OUR WINTER COAT & CANDY GIVEAWAY

Please consider donating **new and gently used** coats and other winter items, as well as candy, for children and adults in our community.

Coats | Scarves | Gloves | Hats | Candy

Our giveaways will take place on

Oct. 26 Jersey City	Oct. 27 Newark	Oct. 28 Elizabeth
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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Heritage Fund

The Our Lady Mother of the Church Heritage Fund is a **restricted fund** created to complete projects and improvements in the parish. It is **restricted**, meaning that all donations will remain in the parish and cannot be used for any other purpose except for the named project donated to. Proposed projects are named below and as they are completed, it will be communicated here.

Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
Church Shingled Roof	\$150,000.00

Current Funding: \$76,857.19.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make checks payable to 'Our Lady Mother of the Church' with 'Heritage Fund - New Church Roof' in the memo line. Thank you for your support! May God give you 100-fold! Remember, He is never outdone in generosity!

Update 7/12/26: You might have noticed that the shingled roof replacement has been finished! See above to learn how to support this project.

St. Peter of Alcantara



St. Peter of Alcantara (1499–1562) was a Spanish Franciscan priest known for his life of prayer, penance, and service to the poor. After studying at the University of Salamanca, he joined the Franciscans and later established friaries. He spent long periods in solitude and prayer and was known for experiencing spiritual ecstasy. He died while praying in 1562 and was canonized in 1669.

Respect Life Corner



"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

-Pope St. John Paul II

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Six-Session Study of Pope Leo XIV's First Encyclical



The Community of God's Love invites you to read and discuss Pope Leo XIV's recent encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*. Pope Leo addresses the use of Artificial Intelligence and much more! He recaps the Social Teaching of the Church and refers to his predecessors' writings on topics such as human rights and dignity.

A copy of the encyclical is needed for the study. The preferred edition, which contains discussion questions, is *Magnifica Humanitas* from Ascension Press available from Amazon.com.

For questions and to register, call 201 - 935 - 0344 or email thecgl@live.com.

Tuesdays from Oct 13th to Nov 17th at 7:00 PM

STUDY GROUP

Tuesday Evenings,

October 13th to November 17th

7:00 PM at

Our Lady

of the Visitation House,

70 W. Passaic Avenue,

Rutherford, NJ

All are welcome.

Free Will Offering

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Rutherford, NJ 07070

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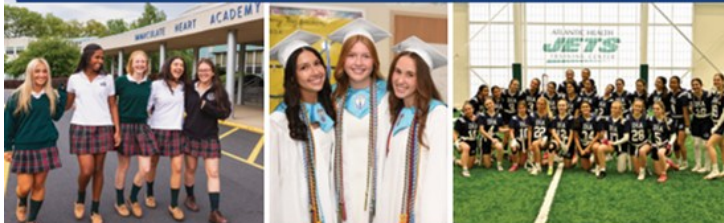
Secretary:

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If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death.

-St. Paul of the Cross

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100% SISTERHOOD (FOREVER)

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Do you belong @theheart?

**SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR FALL OPEN HOUSES:
October 18 at 11:00 AM • October 22 at 6:30 PM**

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