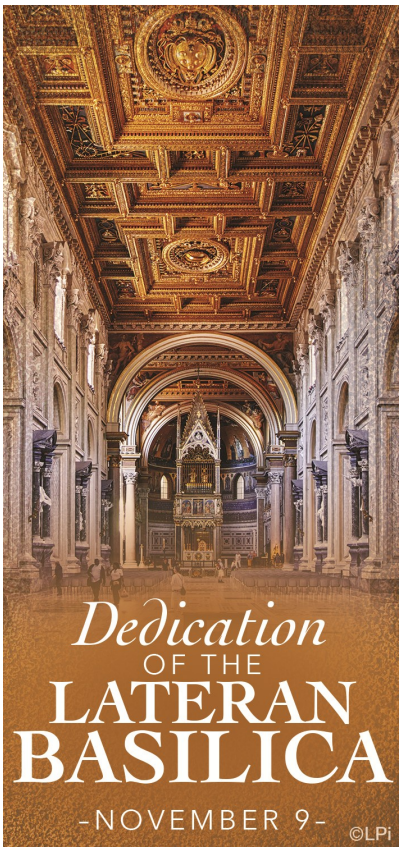
Our Lady Mother of the Church

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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.







Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 8, 2026

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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, November 10, the Church celebrates St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church. He governed the See of Peter from 440 to 461, in one of the most turbulent periods of history. The Western Roman Empire was collapsing. Barbarian tribes pressed in from every side. Confusion threatened the Faith itself. In the midst of all this, Leo stood as a rock - humble yet unshakable - because he trusted not in the strength of armies or political alliances, but in the living Christ.

We remember the dramatic moment when Attila the Hun advanced toward Rome. Leo went out to meet him, not with soldiers, but with the authority of the Gospel. Tradition tells us that Attila turned back. A few years later, when the Vandals under Genseric sacked the city, Leo's intercession obtained that the people would be spared from slaughter and the churches from total destruction. Yet Leo's greatest battle was not against barbarians, but against error. When the monk Eutyches taught that the divinity of Christ had absorbed his humanity, Leo wrote his famous Tome to Flavian of Constantinople. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the bishops listened and cried out with one voice: "This is the faith of the Fathers! This is the faith of the Apostles! Peter has spoken through Leo!"

What did Leo defend with such clarity? That Jesus Christ is one and the same Son - perfect God and perfect man - without confusion, without change, without division, without separation. **The eternal Word truly took our flesh.** He became like us in all things but sin, so that we might become partakers of the divine nature. This is the heart of the kerygma, the Good News that changes everything.

Leo never grew tired of announcing this mystery, especially in his Christmas sermons. One of his most luminous pages is still proclaimed in the Church every year: "Christian, remember your dignity! You have been made a partner in the divine nature. Do not return by degenerate living to your former baseness. Remember of what Head and of what Body you are a member. Recall that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light and kingdom of God." These words are not pious poetry. They are a summons to conversion. The Incarnation is not a distant dogma. It is the event that has raised our human nature forever. In Baptism, we have been inserted into this mystery. We have been clothed with Christ. We are no longer slaves of sin and death; we are sons and daughters of the Father.

Have we discovered the gift we received in Baptism? Do we let the announcement of Jesus Christ crucified and risen for us penetrate our lives? Are we rooted in the same mystery that Leo defended with his whole being? The same Christ who spoke through Leo speaks to us today. In a world that often reduces the human person to what he produces, consumes, or feels, the Church continues to cry out with the voice of this great Doctor: Remember your dignity! You have been bought at a great price. The Son of God has assumed your flesh so that your history, your struggles, your joys, and even your wounds may be filled with His Spirit. **Do not settle for a superficial Christianity.** Let the kerygma reach the depths of your heart. May St. Leo the Great intercede for us, that we may remain faithful to the Deposit of Faith.

Peace,



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	**November 7**
5:30 pm	Dolores Dell'Aquila
Sunday	**November 8**
	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Vittoria DiMattia
10:30 am	People of the Parish
Monday	**November 9**
	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:30 am	Danuta Helit
Tuesday	**November 10**
	St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
8:30 am	Rev. Wojciech Jaskowiak **(Living Intention)**
Wednesday	**November 11**
	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
	Veterans Day
8:30 am	Jay Abate
Thursday	**November 12**
	St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
8:30 am	All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	**November 13**
	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
8:30 am	Joseph & Lori DeNisco
Saturday	**November 14**
5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	**November 15**
	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	John & Rita Boyko
10:30 am	John & Frances Poletto

Stewardship of Treasure
My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

-Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Receipts from Last Week……..$7,697.00
All Saints' Day……...$873.00
All Souls' Day……$2,005.00

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, JoAnn Dell'Aquila, 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 Ranazzo, Danielle Rendon, Gail Roberts, Carol Schmidt, Jean Sember, Bro. Kevin Smith, John Vallely, Eric Vanderleif, Bryce Werner*

"A time to mourn."

Recently passed to the Father: *Richard Andrychewicz*

"A time for war and a time for peace."

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

Amen.

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The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of November in memory of

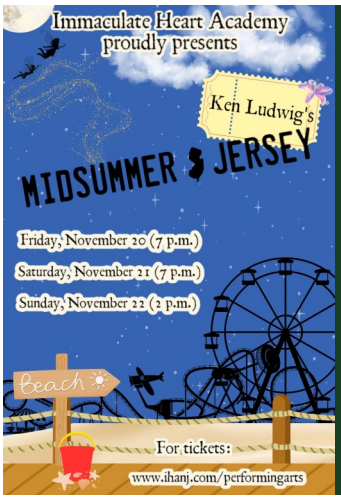
Robert Hartmann & Joseph Fitzpatrick

Requested by Rita Hartmann



Blessing for Veterans

O God, Bless the men and women who have stepped forward in the service of our country. Protect them in Your mercy, care for their needs: physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual. Give them courage, strength, perseverance, and support. Amen.







From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses the weekend of November 21st and 22nd. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

175th Anniversary Book

In 2028, the Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate its 175th anniversary. To document this rich history, the diocese has prepared a 620 page, full color, high quality, glossy paper, history book featuring the parishes, universities, schools, and other institutions that make up the extraordinary fabric of the Archdiocese of Newark. *Treasures of the Archdiocese of Newark*, the title of the book, was created in collaboration with professional writers who have produced a narrative history of the archdiocese. They also worked with an architectural photographer, Serge Detalle, who has spent many months photographing parishes and institutions. This creation is truly a gem! For children and youth, they also created *The Illustrated History of the Archdiocese of Newark*, a full color, high quality, illustrated book of 35 pages. Both books will be available for delivery during Easter 2027. **We need to know how many copies you want by November 30, 2026!** They are $39.00 and $16.00, respectively. Scan the QR code to reserve your copies and for links to preview the books!



Meditation:

I want your last moments to be completely similar to Mine on the cross. There is but one price at which souls are bought, and that is suffering united to My suffering on the cross. Pure love understands these words; carnal love will never understand them (Diary, 324).

My Prayer Response:

Jesus, may Your love help me to offer my sufferings in union with Your sufferings on the Cross for the salvation of souls. May my last moments be similar to Yours on the Cross. All for the love of souls, Lord!

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*
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Kid's Corner



1. How many young women were waiting for the bridegroom?

2. What did the wise young women bring that the foolish ones forgot?

3. What happened while they were waiting because the bridegroom was late?

4. When the bridegroom finally arrived at midnight, who got to go into the wedding feast with him?

5. What important lesson does Jesus teach us at the end of the parable?

Answers:
1. Ten (five wise and five foolish). 2. Extra oil for their lamps. 3. They all became drowsy and fell asleep. 4. The five wise young women who had oil ready for their lamps. 5. Stay awake and be ready, because we do not know the day or the hour when He will come.

November is the Month of All Souls



Christmas Giving Tree and 'Waterfront' Collection

We are sponsoring a Giving Tree for Mercy House this season, serving the needs of the community in the Archdiocese of Newark. We will also do a gift card collection next month for the residents of the 'Waterfront,' next door to us on Broadway. **We need helpers!** If you would like to help with the set up, delivery, or support after Masses, we need you! Please contact Pat Keenaghan, patkeenaghan@yahoo.com or call 201.403.4897.

Please consider recycling the fronts of Christmas cards ASAP to be used for gift tags for the Giving Tree and 'Waterfront' collections. There is a basket in the lobby for these. Thank you!

The Giving Tree will be ready with tags to make wishes come true after Masses on Nov. 14-15 and Nov. 21-22. Tags will have gift suggestions. Gifts will be due back by Nov. 30. Please put the **unwrapped** gifts in the bin in the lobby. **The Waterfront Collection**: The residents are always so grateful for your kind and generous gift cards. Tags will be available after Masses on Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13. Gift cards will be due back by Dec. 20. Please put the gift cards in the basket in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity!





A Little Humor…

Three sons left home, went out on their own, and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts they were able to give their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third smiled and said, "I've got you both beat. You know how Mom enjoys the Bible, and you know she can't see very well. I sent her a brown parrot that can recite the entire Bible. It took 20 monks in a monastery 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute $100,000.00 a year for 10 years, but it was worth it. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks: "Milton," she wrote the first son, "The house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house." "Marvin," she wrote to another, "I am too old to travel. I stay home all the time, so I never use the Mercedes. And the driver is so rude!" "Dearest Melvin," she wrote to her third son, "You were the only son to have the good sense to know what your mother likes. That chicken was delicious."

St. John's Soup Kitchen Needs Your Help!

OLMC will serve at St. John's Soup Kitchen Saturday, December 5. We will need casserole makers and bakers to prepare the food at home and drop off at the OLMC kitchen by 9 am, Thursday, December 3. If interested in serving, we will carpool from the church leaving at 8:30 am and returning around 1:30 pm. Please sign-up in the lobby on November 14/15 if you can help. Pans for the lasagnas will be provided in the OLMC kitchen on November 21/22 with the recipe. Recipes for Spinach-Beef Lasagna and Tollhouse Chocolate Chip Cookies will also be emailed to you. Please e-mail patkeenaghan@yahoo.com if you can help bake, make casseroles, serve, or have any questions. Thank you for your help and generosity!

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35.

We must pray without tiring, for the salvation of mankind does not depend upon material success...but on Jesus alone.

-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini





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: $78,957.19.

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!



Christmas at 'The Park'

The Town of Woodcliff Lake has asked Our Lady Mother of the Church and Christ Lutheran Church to jointly sponsor and host their annual Christmas Tree Lighting event at Woodcliff Park. **It will be Thursday, December 3rd at 5 PM.** Save the date and tell all your acquaintances! **Let's have the whole parish, even those that don't participate in anything, come together and fill the park with Christmas Joy!** Questions? Please email the Parish Pastoral Council:

PastoralCouncil@motherofthechurch.org.

A single act of humility is worth more than the proud exhibition of any virtue.

-St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Respect Life Corner

Every human life - from conception to natural death - is a sacred gift created in the image and likeness of God. Let us pray for the grace to see Christ in everyone we meet, especially the unborn, the sick, the elderly, and all who are vulnerable or forgotten. May our words and actions be a constant reflection of His merciful love.