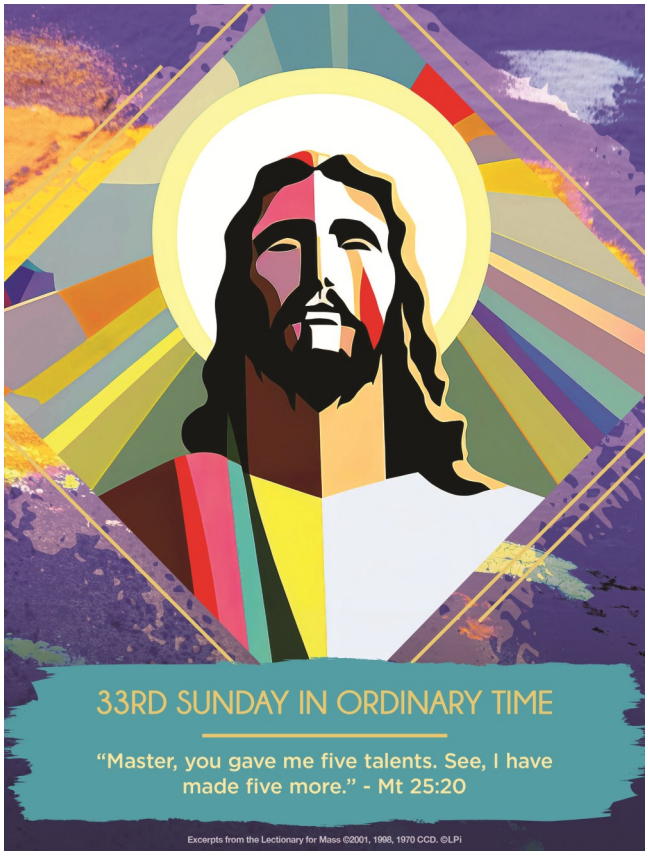
Our Lady Mother of the Church

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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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 15, 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,

This week the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to ancient tradition, Mary's parents, Sts. Joachim and Anne, brought their young daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem and dedicated her entirely to the Lord. In that quiet act of offering, Mary's life was set apart for God from her earliest years. She was not yet the Mother of God, not yet the woman who would stand at the foot of the Cross, not yet the Queen assumed into heaven. She was simply a child placed in God's hands, beginning a lifelong journey of surrender.

That detail matters more than we sometimes realize. Mary's Presentation was not the finish line of her holiness. It was the starting point. Everything that followed - her fiat at the Annunciation, her faithful presence at Cana and Calvary, her prayer with the apostles at Pentecost - grew out of a heart that had already been given, and that kept on giving. She never treated her consecration as a completed achievement. She lived it daily, growing in trust, obedience, and love until the very end of her earthly life.

We can be tempted to think of the Christian life in the opposite way. We receive Baptism, we make our First Communion, we are Confirmed, we try to keep the Commandments, and somewhere along the way we quietly decide we have "arrived." We settle into a comfortable religious routine and assume the work of conversion is mostly behind us. The Feast of the Presentation gently corrects that illusion. If even the sinless Mother of God continued to grow in holiness after her dedication in the Temple, how much more must we?

Being a Christian is not a status we achieve and then maintain. It is a living relationship that asks for continual response. Every day the Lord invites us to present ourselves again - our time, our desires, our wounds, our plans - and to let His will, with His help, take the place of ours. That ongoing presentation is not a sign that we have failed; it is the normal path of discipleship. Saints are not people who reached an endpoint and rested. They are people who kept saying, "Your will be done," when it would have been easier to stop.

So as we honor Our Lady on this feast, let us ask her to obtain for us the grace of restless hearts - hearts that refuse to settle for a Christianity that is finished, polished, and complete. May she teach us to keep offering ourselves, as she once was offered, trusting that the God who received her childhood gift will also receive ours, and will keep transforming us until the day we see Him face to face.

Mary, presented in the Temple, pray for us.

Peace,



NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ALL SOULS

MASS SCHEDULE

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
Monday	**November 16**
	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
8:30 am	Cipriano Rivieccio
Tuesday	**November 17**
	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
8:30 am	Magaly Cristina de Alvarez
Wednesday	**November 18**
	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
8:30 am	Ivan Tarabocchia
Thursday	**November 19**
8:30 am	Joan Lee Nordt
Friday	**November 20**
8:30 am	Eugene Sella
Saturday	**November 21**
	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30 pm	Ken Kubicki
Sunday	**November 22**
	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:30 am	People of the Parish
10:30 am	Anthony D'Jamoos

Stewardship of Treasure
My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."

-Matthew 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

Receipts from Last Week……..$6,262.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA..$1,565.00

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 Past to the Father: *Ann Lebeau*

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

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

Amen.

Bethlehem Handicrafts

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

Electronic donations? Please scan the QR code to use our 'Parish Giving' service.



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

Set up for Christmas



Your help is needed to decorate the church! On Sunday, **December 6th, at 1 PM,** it will be all hands on deck! We will meet to set up the outside and inside decorations for Christmas! This will involve some lifting to put the 'wise men' into position and arranging the outdoor nativity scene. If indoor decorations are more your speed, no problem! Come enjoy working with your brothers and sisters setting the Christmas trees, wreaths, and indoor crèche. All are welcome to help. Come and see where you can get involved!

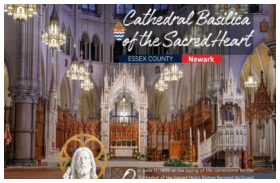
CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

(Parish run event)

All profits benefit OLMC

All wreaths sold after 11/29 and 11/30 masses

$35 Speciality Wreaths
$30 Nursery Decorated Wreaths



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!

I hope to do no more than he asks…Even things that may be good in themselves, I do not want to do unless he wants me to.

-St. Margaret of Scotland



Meditation:

I have been waiting to share My suffering with you, for who can understand My suffering better than My spouse? (Diary, 348).

My child, just a few more drops in your chalice; it won't be long now (Diary, 694).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, help me to understand Your sufferings with my mind and heart. Help me not to waste the sufferings that I do have - but to offer them to You - because they are precious to You for the salvation of souls.

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

1. What did the master give his three servants before he went on a journey?

2. What did the first two servants do with the money the master gave them?

3. What did the servant who received only one talent do with it?

4. What nice words did the master say to the two servants who used their talents well?

5. What does Jesus want us to learn from this story?

Answers:
1. He gave them talents (bags of money) - five to one, two to another, and one to the third - each according to his ability. 2. They traded and worked with it, and each one doubled the money (five became ten, two became four). 3. He dug a hole in the ground and buried it because he was afraid. 4. "Well done, my good and faithful servant… Come, share your master's joy." 5. God gives each of us special gifts (talents, time, kindness, etc.). He wants us to use them to help others and grow closer to Him, not hide them away.

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.

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!



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!**





A Little Humor…

Fr. Sullivan's Sunday sermon was "Forgive Your Enemies." He asked how many of the congregation have forgiven their enemies? About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. Now about 80% held up their hands. He then repeated his question once more. All responded, except one elderly lady. "Mrs. O'Malley, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any." "Mrs. O'Malley, that is very unusual. Please tell the congregation how a person cannot have a single enemy in the world?" Mrs. O'Malley replied, "I'm 93 years-old and I outlived every one of those witches."

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 this weekend 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.



St. Carlo Acutis Comes to Nutley

This November 15th - 17th, the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Nutley, NJ, will welcome a first-class relic of the heart of St. Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, for three days of public veneration. All are welcome. Because space at the parish is limited, they are asking visitors to register and inform them of when they expect to attend. Please visit their website or scan the QR Code to the right to register for your visit!

Our Lady Mother of the Church
invites you to
Bambinelli Sunday 2026



Saturday, December 12, 2026
5:30 PM
Sunday, December 13, 2026
8:30 AM + 10:30 AM

In the tradition established by Pope John Paul II, we invite you to bring your Baby Jesus from your manger to one of the Masses shown above for a special Bambinelli Sunday blessing.



What to do:
Simply bring your Baby Jesus to Mass.

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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!

Respect Life Corner

The Dignity of Human Life and IVF

Every human life is a sacred gift from God, created in His image and likeness from the very moment of conception. While the desire for a child is beautiful and natural, the process of In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) detaches the creation of life from the sacred, loving embrace of marital union. More tragically, IVF involves a deeply inhumane reality: the routine creation, freezing, and destruction of countless innocent human embryos. In the laboratory, these tiny human beings are often treated as commodities - graded for quality, discarded if they do not meet standards, or left frozen indefinitely. As a people of life, we are called to defend the most vulnerable. Let us pray for couples facing infertility, support ethical medical alternatives that respect God's design, and always witness to the truth that every child is a person to be received, never a product to be manufactured.

For married couples considering adoption, may the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition His holy will, We pray to the Lord.