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### FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As you read this week's column, I will be in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, with Archbishop Myers, as he dedicates the new church. Yesterday, he dedicated the new Chapel on South Caicos (Island).

January 1, 1999, the Archbishop of Newark (then, Archbishop McCarrick) became the Ecclesiastical Superior of the *Missio Sui Iuris* (Mission in Its Own Right), Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies, because the Diocese of Nassau informed the Holy See they could no longer care for the spiritual needs of the population. Two priests from Newark had already been serving on the Islands since the previous July 1<sup>st</sup>. With that, a journey of faith began that has brought us to this happy moment.

I remember my first trip to the Islands, in the fall of 1998. The main road that ran the length of the Island was one lane in each direction and part of it was still a dirt road. The church in Provo (Providenciales) could hold 75 people. There had been a priest on the Islands for only six months of the year and when he was there he traveled between Provo and Grand Turk, the Island capital and site of the other parish, Holy Cross. Water had to be collected from rainfall and stored in a cistern, or delivered by truck from the desalination plant.

Much has happened in these thirteen years. A third priest was added, then a fourth, now a fifth. A school was opened. Many more resorts opened and are flourishing. The two-lane (dirt) road has become a four-lane highway. Water pipes were laid. The church was expanded to seat 180 people, instead of the original 75 and even that became too small and today the Archbishop dedicates a church that seats 500. On Grand Turk a rectory was built next to the church, instead of the house that was two miles away. A new chapel, the Chapel of St. Lucy, was built on South Caicos so the Catholic population didn't have to worship in the Anglican Church anymore. This Chapel, which seats 40 but can be expanded to seat 100 was dedicated yesterday.

This weekend is a milestone in the life of this local church which gives thanks to God for the many graces and blessings He has showered upon it. Among them are the graces of good priests, like Fr. Peter, and good friends, like the people of Mount Carmel. As you pray for them in this happy moment, I pray for you for your generosity in their support.

Before I close, I put in a word for the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**, for those who missed last weekend. The rest of the Archdiocese is doing Pledge Sunday this weekend. We did it last weekend because I was to be away this weekend. Pledge envelopes are still in the pews. I appeal to every family/household to join the parish family in caring for our larger family, those in need in the counties that comprise the Archdiocese of Newark. As you can see from the above, the Church of Newark does its share in caring for others (Turks and Caicos), so, please, let's help them help our own. Just fill out a pledge envelope and place it in the boxes at the doors of the church before you leave today.

Lastly, before I left I got a surprise on January 31<sup>st</sup>. **ParishPay** sent me a statement of my donations to the parish for the year. Automatically, via email. Another reason to sign up for **ParishPay** as the best way to support the parish.

Blessings from the sunny Islands,  
Fr. Ron

PS. Two issues have been in the headlines recently which should be of concern to all Catholics. One is the assault on the freedom of conscience of Catholics by this Administration in which Catholic institutions will be forced to provide health care coverage that includes drugs and procedures which the Church opposes on moral grounds. To learn more about this dangerous precedent and what you can do about it, go to [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).

The second issue is the consideration, once again, by the State Legislature, of the meaning of marriage. The Bishops of New Jersey have issued a statement reaffirming the Church's understanding of marriage. As **World Marriage Sunday** (Feb. 12) approaches, may I suggest you go to the Archdiocesan website for the full text of the Statement [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org). In addition, the New Jersey Catholic Conference provides a simple and easy way to contact your legislators to let them know your opposition to any change in the present understanding of marriage. That site is [www.capwiz.com/njcathconf/issues/alert/?alertid=60482501](http://www.capwiz.com/njcathconf/issues/alert/?alertid=60482501).

**STEWARDSHIP**

“All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.” Paul’s words in today’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading remind us of why a Christian Steward does what he/she does. Why use my **Time, Talent and Treasure** for building the Kingdom? So that, both here and in the world to come, I may have a share in that Kingdom, because of my faithfulness as a Steward of His graces.

The parish Stewardship of Treasure in the in-pew collection last week was \$24162. Today’s collection is already dedicated. No tithe is taken. Below is the monthly Stewardship of Treasure for the month of January, including the e-giving of \$3455. You will also find the tithes for the month for **Sharing Our Gifts**.

1/1	\$23283.
1/8	\$25538.
1/15	\$24813.
1/22	\$20802.
1/29	\$27617.

**TITHES**

1/1	\$2328, for <i>New Hope</i>
1/8	\$2553, <i>H2OLMC Water Project</i>
1/15	no tithe, already a dedicated collection
1/22	\$2080, <i>PEACE</i>
1/29	\$2761, <i>Mary Therese Rose Fund</i>

Let us pray for the men and women in Iraq or Afghanistan, especially those from Ridgewood: Art Cody, Ian Duke, Alyssa Fetkowitz, Pamela Goodman, Elias Ibay, Michael Kerns, James McNally, Matthew Minor, Thomas Roth, Michael J. Syvertson, Michael A. Vera and all their families.

Please let us know the names of additional Ridgewood residents, who are serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

**Holy Lives, Holy Marriages Retreat Series**

The Catholic Center for Family Spirituality is proud to bring its marriage enrichment retreat series, *Holy Lives, Holy Marriages* to parishes in Jersey City. The series will focus on the marital spirituality of married saints and holy couples in scripture and throughout history.

- **March 10, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - noon:** Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. St. Monica – the mother of St. Augustine, Blessed Louis Martin and Blessed Maria Azelia Guerin – the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Speakers: Rev. Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D and Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.)
- **April 14, 2012, 9:30 a.m. - noon:** St. Aloysius Church, Jersey City. Elizabeth Ann Seton and William Magee Seton, Thomas More and Jane Colt. Speakers: Justin Anderson, Ph.D. and Jeffrey Morrow, Ph.D.

Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. R.S.V.P. at least one week prior to the retreat date to Kristine Hudak at 973.761.9633 or [Kristine.hudak@shu.edu](mailto:Kristine.hudak@shu.edu). Cost: Free will donation. Light refreshments included. For more information or questions please contact Deacon Andy Saunders at 973.313.6335 or [Andrew.saunders2@shu.edu](mailto:Andrew.saunders2@shu.edu).

**MOMs (Ministry of Motherhood)  
Save the Date: Pot Luck Meatless Dinner  
Wednesday, Feb.22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please join us following the Ash Wednesday Prayer service at **5:30 pm** in the Parish Center. \$5/person or \$20max/family-RSVP to Rebecca at: [kingston23@verizon.net](mailto:kingston23@verizon.net) or 201.612.7881. Proceeds to benefit The Nurturing Place in Jersey City.

**NEW WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY  
Parish Center Meeting Room  
February 9 – April 12, 2012, 9:30 – 11AM**

The Little Rock Scripture Study is a popular method for Catholics to enter into Bible study. It is meant for both beginners and those who are very familiar with the Bible and everyone in between. There are chapters to read each week and questions to be answered on the material. The time spent together will include gathering prayer, discussion and sharing of the answers to the questions and a follow-up video lecture by scripture scholars. This semester we will be studying the Gospel of John. Written in a poetic and symbolic style, this gospel prayerfully reflects on Jesus and his eternal relationship to the Creator. The study invites you to meditate on God’s overwhelming love. New participants more than welcome.

Please use the tear off below to sign up by coming to the rectory main desk to pick up the materials needed. Make checks out to OLMC. Cost is \$15.

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**BIBLE STUDY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



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**REGISTRATION DATES FOR 2012-13**

- Mon. 2/6 For siblings of parishioner students
- Wed 2/8 For all new parishioner students
- Thu. 2/9 For non-parishioner siblings of current students
- Fri. 2/10 OPEN REGISTRATION for all grades

**OLMC PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY  
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

OLMC Health Ministry will offer free blood pressure screening in the Parish Center from **11:45 AM to 1:45 PM on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**FEBRUARY HEART MONTH**

Heart attacks claim the lives of nearly 500,000 Americans each year. Knowing about your heart health can reduce your chances of becoming one of them.

The Centers for Women's and Men's Heart Health at Valley Hospital offer a FREE HEART RISK ASSESSMENT. This includes blood pressure screening, lung auscultation, pulse assessment and glucose monitoring. For an appointment, women call 201.447.8125 and men call 201.447.8207.

**INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE**

For nurses and caregivers to family members:

That the Lord will increase their patience, gentleness, and strength to continue witnessing to the dignity of each person in their care;

We pray to the Lord.....

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Religious Education Office hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday to Wednesday and 1pm to 4pm on Thursday.

**COME, FOLLOW ME!**

A Catholic Men's Conference **on Saturday, March 10** at Seton Hall University in So. Orange. Prayerful, spirit-filled, life changing! The day begins at 8:00AM and ending around 4:00PM. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Archbishop John J. Myers along with our local Bishops and Priest concelebrating. A dynamic line-up of speakers is scheduled for this day!

Ticket price is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and senior citizens, priests & religious free, including breakfast and lunch. For registration, please contact our Parish Conference Leader, Tom Strahle at [t.strahle@att.net](mailto:t.strahle@att.net) or 914.474.9339.

**BEREAVEMENT FACILITATORS – WE NEED YOU!**

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.'

The intent of our nine-week bereavement group is to support one another during the beginning stages of the grief process. Only those people who are presently going through grief or have experienced loss can relate. Being a part of a grief group is a way of helping others, which can contribute to our own healing. In this group, we stress confidentiality and mutual support. There are no "shoulds" in grief. We let others who have gone through the grief process help us understand and deal with our grief. We learn suggestions for helping ourselves move through grief. We learn to be patient and gentle with ourselves by not rushing the process. Our body, mind and heart need energy to mend. We learn to ask for and accept help. So much hurt and pain goes unheeded during grief because we do not want to bother others with our problems. We learn to lean into our pain. It cannot be outrun. We cannot go around it, over it, or under it. We need to go through it; we need to be good to ourselves, putting balance into our lives through prayer, reading, resting, relaxation and work. Grief takes time. Unrealistic expectations undermine the healing process. Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is part of a three-parish program in our deanery along with St. Catharine in Glen Rock and St. Gabriel in Saddle River. Teams of facilitators work together, rotating among the parishes, to support those in need.

If you are interested in training to co-facilitate a bereavement group within our deanery, please contact Annette Gallagher at 201.612.4660 or [parishfamilylife@stcatharinechurch.org](mailto:parishfamilylife@stcatharinechurch.org). An eight-week training session is required which will take place beginning in late March at either the Archdiocesan Center in Newark (Tuesdays-daytime) or at St. Thomas in Bloomfield (Thursdays-evenings).

**A NON-DENOMINATIONAL  
DIVORCE AND SEPARATION WORKSHOP**

Parting ways? Dealing with mental and emotional abuse? Having a difficult time managing the feelings of anger, stress, self worth, guilt, and the most difficult...forgiveness?? Questioning whether you are a victim of mental abuse?

If so, then this 12-week divorce and separation workshop is for you! Run solely by people who have experienced it all and who have not only managed to...

**SURVIVE but in fact...HAVE THRIVED!**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012**

**7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School across from Rectory.**

\$10 - one time only snack and beverage fee

For more information, call Mary at 201.280.4940 or Larry at 201.925.8148. To pre-register, e-mail us at

[Takeastandforrespect@gmail.com](mailto:Takeastandforrespect@gmail.com)

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)**

Where man connects with God 24/7

Chapel is open 24/7- Children are welcome!

Everyone is invited to participate in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Stop by the chapel at anytime or better yet, sign up for a regular one-hour once a week every week to help keep the door open to anyone seeking peace, seeking God. PEA brings about abundant blessings to the faithful, his/her loved ones and to the parish community.

If you sign up as a Scheduled Adorer, you may not be able to make your hour due to a vacation or something else. Please try to get your own substitute or call or email your coordinator a day or two in advance so we can help find a substitute. This way, we never leave Jesus alone at the chapel.

**Scheduled Adorers needed: Monday:** 6-7PM, **Fridays:** 12Noon-1PM, **Sat:** 1-2PM, **Sun:** 11AM-12Noon

**Hour Coordinators Needed:** 1-2AM, 2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 7-8PM, 8-9PM

**Division Leader needed:** Midnight, Evening

For more information, please call Cynthia at 201.447.3150

[cynthiaborres@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthiaborres@yahoo.com)

Para informacion en espanol, llamar a Patricia Engel 201.652.6280

[Camuscat2@yahoo.com](mailto:Camuscat2@yahoo.com)

To order PEA cards, please call Noreen Walsh at 201.447.9455

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

This is a support group for those who have lost persons in their life through death and who are seeking support from others. Your loss does not have to have been recent, if you are still trying to deal with a grieving issue come and join us. This is a six week program that will meet every Thursday beginning **Feb. 16 through March 22 from 7:00-8:30PM**. The group will be co-facilitated by nurses from the parish who are certified bereavement support group facilitators and are members of the Parish Nursing Ministry at St. Anne's Church. The sessions will take place in the Youth/Faculty Room in the school. Please contact St. Anne's Church Office 201.791.1616 to register for the Bereavement Group by Feb 13.

Everyone is welcome. If you know an individual who is dealing with grief, please pass this information on to them.

**"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD" (PSALM 46:10)**

Learn to be still with scripture and learn to be still with prayer

To help prepare for Lent (and life), come learn more about Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina. Take home materials will also be provided. The presentation will be on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 7:30 – 9:00** at St. Catharine Church, 905 So. Maple Avenue, Glen Rock. Therese Saulnier and Neal Giacomelli will give the presentation and have hands-on work.

Therese has practiced Centering Prayer for 24 years and has been teaching it and other contemplative prayer practices for 20 years. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Theology from Fordham University with a concentration in Spirituality. Neil has practiced Centering Prayer for 14 years and has been teaching it for eight. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Theology from the College of St. Elizabeth.

*The week ahead*

- Sun. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:30AM** Liturgy of the Word for Children(PC)
  - 10:30AM** Rel. Ed. (Sch./Aud.)
  - 10:30AM** WFG (D) (PC)
  - 11:00AM** RCIA (MR)
  - 1:00PM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 4:00PM** Hispanic Social (PC1A)
  - 7:30PM** Youth Group (YC)
- Mon. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5:30PM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 6:30PM** WFG (A) (PC1A)
  - 6:30PM** WFG (Gr. 7 & 8) (MR)
  - 7:00PM** STEPs (Con.)
  - 7:30PM** WCST Team 13 (SLL A)
- Tues. Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:30AM** Bereavement Group (Lib.)
  - 4:00PM** Rel. Ed. (Sch./Aud.)
  - 4:00PM** Junior Choir (Gr. 3-5) (CR)
  - 5:30PM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 6:00PM** Junior Choir (Gr. 6-8) (CR)
  - 7:00PM** WCST Team 12 (SLL A)
  - 7:30PM** Adult Choir (CR)
  - 8:00PM** Neo Catechumenal Way (MR)
- Wed. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - 4:00PM** Rel. Ed. (Sch./Aud.)
  - 5:30PM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 7:30PM** Youth Group (YC)
  - 8:00PM** Neo Catechumenal Way (PC/MR)
- Thur. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:30AM** Bible Study (MR)
  - 4:00PM** Jr. High Rel. Ed. (PC)
  - 5:30PM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 7:00PM** RCIA for Children (Con.)
  - 7:00PM** Jr. High Rel. Ed. (MR)
  - 7:00PM** STEPs (Con.)
- Fri. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>**
  - 5:30PM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 6:45PM** Spanish Choir (CR)
  - 7:30PM** Neo Catechumenal Way (PC)
- Sat. Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - 9:00AM** CYO Basketball (Aud.)
  - 9:00AM** Men's Basketball (Gym)
  - 9:30AM** First Eucharist Retreat (PC1A/1B)
  - 8:00PM** Neo Catechumenal Way (PC/MR)

**Please pray for the ill members of our parish**

Peter Colgan, Anne Christopher, Paul Crann, Luciano Dinnella, Jim Dwyer, Donna Franco, Thomas Franco, James E. Hough, Carl King, Anna Lobascio, Tristan Morris, Christopher Roddy, Carlos Ronda, Peter Schreck, Luke Schwendeman, Helen Soel, Mark Steppe, Susan Sullivan, Brian Taylor.

Please call the Rectory with the name of any family member who is sick so we can include them in our prayer list.

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

The Respect Life Ministry would like to thank all those who journeyed to Washington DC last week for the March for Life. We joined with hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in peaceful protest of the Supreme Court's 1973 decision legalizing abortion. It was quite uplifting to see such a large number of young people in the ranks.

We are grateful to our fellow parishioners who prayed for the safety of our pilgrims. Please continue to pray for the end to abortion- on-demand in America and around the world.

*Mass Intentions*

- Monday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> *Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs***  
 + 6:30AM Peter Grasek  
 req The McCarthy Family  
 + 8:30AM Robert Merena  
 req The Merena Family  
 +12:00NN Martin Fogarty  
 req The Finan Family
- Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**  
 + 6:30AM Vince Fiasconaro (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 req Maureen Fiasconaro  
 + 8:30AM Frances & Jacques Hakim  
 req Their Family  
 +12:00NN Miguel Esguerra  
 req The Lozada Family
- Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> *Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin***  
 + 6:30AM Josephine Dailey  
 req Elaine St. Denis & Rita Indovino  
 + 8:30AM Regina & William Brunhuber  
 req Their Family  
 +12:00NN Winifred Novak  
 req Doris & Ray Novak
- Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 + 6:30AM Arturo Veloso  
 req The Veloso Family  
 + 8:30AM Vincent Charo  
 req Marie Charo  
 +12:00NN Mario DiModugno  
 req The DiModugno Family
- Friday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> *Saint Scholastica, Virgin***  
 + 6:30AM John Riley  
 req His Family  
 + 8:30AM Louis Cornicelli  
 req Maureen & Thomas Cornicelli  
 +12:00NN Margarita Usategui  
 req The Bustillo Family
- Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
 + 8:30AM Anna Rigolio  
 req The Spalckhaver Family  
 + 5:30PM James J. O'Toole  
 req Doris Phillips & Family
- Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
 8:00AM People of the Parish  
 + 9:30AM Stella Sawula  
 req Her Sons, Stephen & Paul Andrew  
 +11:00AM Janet Hughes  
 req Her Family  
 + 12:30PM Roberto Hroncich  
 req Michael & Marija Picinic-Lizzi  
 3:00PM Special Intention of Luis Enrique Castro  
 & Javier Salguero  
 req Mariela Salguero  
 + 6:30PM Marie Pallone  
 req Jay Pallone

TODAY'S READINGS

- Job 7: 1-4, 6-7**  
 Job exhibits weariness with life. His sufferings and losses weigh heavily upon him. He is miserable and despondent, and feels God has turned against him. Once having thought of himself as a friend of God, he now thinks of himself as nothing more than a slave. He waits for token relief, a little shade, a little rest, a little pay, but none comes. Believing his days are numbered, he waits for the end, without hope of happiness again.
- 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-25**  
 In today's excerpted passage, Paul defends his right and authority to preach the gospel. Having been called directly by God (by Jesus, Himself, on the road to Damascus), Paul is obliged to respond. And he willingly obeys God's call and he finds his reward, not in monetary recompense (which he refuses to accept) but in the joy he experiences in helping so many to come to salvation. Even if he were unwilling, Paul would still be required to be a good steward of God's gifts.
- Mark 1: 28-39**  
 In Mark, miracles are understood as works of power. But when he displays this power in His healings, it is always accompanied by an admonition to the healed or to the demons (who have caused the illness) to be silent. Miracle working will not be the key to understanding who Jesus is. Only later will it be disclosed that the key will be His suffering, death and resurrection. In today's excerpted passage, describing the healing of Peter's mother-in-law, restoration for service offers a key insight into discipleship. All will be healed in order to serve.

Reflections for the Week

- Job describes his days as "without hope." Agree or disagree?
- Paul describes his call as an "obligation." What obligations do you see for yourself as a disciple?
- By His own admission, Jesus has come to preach. What is His message to you in your life at this moment?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS

(always subject to change)

Sat. 2/11	5:30 PM	Fr. Tom
Sun. 2/12	8:00 AM	Fr. Tom
	9:30 AM	Fr. Tom
	11:00 AM	Fr. Mert
	12:30 PM	Fr. Kevin
	3:00 PM	Fr. Kevin
	6:30 PM	Fr. Kevin

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