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Dear Friends,

As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, there were three big weekends coming up, **The Sunday of the Word of God**, last weekend, the Sunday of the **Annual Appeal**, next weekend, and in between, the beginning of **Catholic School' Week**, obviously this weekend. This is the week throughout the nation when we celebrate the history of, and continuing presence of the Catholic school as part of the American Catholic parish experience. There are a host of activities happening at our school, the Academy of Our Lady, which we support along with St. Catharine's. As in the past, a student from the Academy will speak at the end of the 9:30 and 11:00AM masses to share her experience of the Academy, I know you will be impressed.

Many things have changed in and about the Catholic school over the decades, but one thing remains—the Catholic school is still the place where God and faith come first. This is true not only in religion as a classroom subject, but also in the way our faith permeates the whole atmosphere of the school. It starts at the very beginning of the day, when the school assembles in the church for prayer and carries through every day, most especially in the relationships that are developed, relationships based on Christ's commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." It is the atmosphere of faith that permeates the school that makes it special. To that end, I invite families and parents, especially parents with children of elementary school age, to attend the Open House this Sunday morning at 11:00AM. I will be there to start it off and students will be there to walk you around the school. Or you can tour the school on Walk-In Wednesdays. Please come and experience the vitality of Catholic education.

And still speaking of the school, tickets for the Calendar Raffle will be available at the doors of the church this weekend, January 27 & 28, next weekend, February 3 & 4, and the following weekend, February 10 & 11. You can find information on the Raffle and its prizes elsewhere in this bulletin but basically tickets are drawn every day, from the beginning of March, so there are multiple chances to win on the same ticket. I think I won twice last year. The important thing is that it's a great way to support the continued presence of this vital apostolate—the apostolate of Catholic education and formation.

Next weekend is the **Annual Appeal** for the Archdiocese of Newark, formally called Pledge Sunday. I will write more about it in next week's bulletin and, of course, we will show the video and ask you to consider a gift. You should have received information from the Archdiocese in the mail in the last week or so and I am asking those who have contributed in the past to make a gift this week—and be one step ahead of the game. More to come.

God Bless,
Fr. Ron

See my P.S. on the next page.

PS. Mark your calendars now—Two weeks from today, the 6:30PM Sunday evening Mass becomes the 4:30PM Sunday afternoon Mass, in honor of the Super Bowl.



TAKE NOTE

Sunday, February 11, 2024
The last Sunday Mass
on February 11 will be at 4:30PM

STEWARDSHIP

“Brothers and sisters, I should like you to be free of anxieties.” Paul’s words, in today’s 2nd Reading, remind us that worldly anxieties can distract us from the things of the Lord. How to stay focused? The Christian Steward understands that keeping before his/her eyes the giving of gifts of **Time, Talent and Treasure** help to keep God and His Kingdom in view. Do you sometimes lose sight of the Lord in your life? What can you do to change that?

The parish Stewardship of Treasure last week was \$12,259. God bless all who generously support the work of the Gospel. Online Giving, **WeShare**, is a great help in stabilizing the resources of the parish. Try it. You may like it.



A recurring online gift to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is the best way to sustain the mission of this parish all year long.



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WINTER SEASON SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

THURSDAY MORNINGS
10:30AM-11:45AM

PARISH CENTER SMALL MEETING ROOM

The Thursday morning Scripture sessions have resumed. We hope you will consider joining this committed group of participants to read and ponder the upcoming Sunday Scriptures before attending weekend Mass. The prayerful insights we receive, and faith sharing we offer each other, are well received gifts.

We use the Lectionary workbooks and other resources which will be provided each week. All you need to do is come with an open heart to join any of the Thursday morning sessions in person. Since we will continue through Lent which begins in February, it will prove to be an important religious experience throughout this holy season.

Weekly RSVP to Linda English
is requested for material preparation.
lenglish122@gmail.com, 201.207.5920

ACADEMY OF OUR LADY CALENDAR RAFFLE
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Tickets available at the front entrance of the church this weekend, and...

February 3 & 4 and February 10 & 11.

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A Night of Prayer
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Friday, February 16, 2024
7:30PM-9:00PM



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Lite refreshments will be provided.

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RSVP link available on the website homepage!

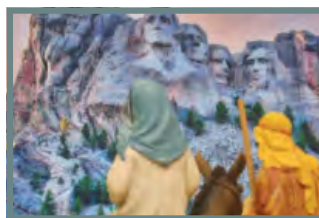
MARY AND JOSEPH... AND ESPECIALLY BO
NEED A VACATION

Mary, Joseph and Bo are wondering if they can join you on vacation this year! They will then share their vacation photos during "*Travels with Mary and Joseph*" over the next two Advent seasons.

During Advent of 2024 they'll share their travels to 24 different states! During Advent of 2025 they'll share their travels to 24 different countries!

So, if you plan to travel to a different state or country this year and would like to take our three travelers with you, please email Glen Mc Call to make "travel arrangements!"

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First Saturday Devotion

THIS COMING SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 3RD
DAILY MASS CHAPEL

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS

Everyone's invited to First Saturday Devotion for the intention of consoling and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come to pray the rosary with us and meditate on the mysteries as Our Lady requested at Fatima.

**Religious Education
When Families Gather**



January Sessions

Every family in the program must attend one session per month.

Sunday, January 28th—1:45PM-2:45PM—Zoom
Virtual Baking Session

Monday, January 29th—7PM-8PM—Zoom
Virtual Baking Session

**Summer Religious Education
Program Parent Meeting**

Wednesday, February 7th | 7:00PM | Parish Center
Thursday, February 8th | 9:30AM | Parish Center

One parent/caregiver **MUST** attend one of the meetings in order for your child/children to participate in this program.

Summer Program Dates—Monday-Friday Only
Friday, June 21st through Friday, June 28th
On Site at OLMC—9:30AM-1:00PM Daily

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**Ministry of Motherhood (MOMs)
Next Monthly Meeting
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH
9:15AM—PARISH CENTER**

February guest speaker: Kisha Edwards-Gandsy

All mothers are invited to join our next MOMs meeting! Kisha Edwards-Gandsy will be sharing her personal story about how gratitude has made a difference in her life. She will prompt us to think about our own lives and ways we can add moments of gratitude. Plus—how can we help our children experience the benefits of gratitude as well? Kisha has various ways we can try at home.

**MOMS OF ALL AGES WELCOME! BRING A FRIEND!
COMPLIMENTARY BABYSITTING!**

SAVE THE DATE!

**SPECIAL MOMs EVENING MEETING!
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH | 7PM | PARISH CENTER**

Can't make morning meetings? No worries! We will be holding a special evening meeting to pray the Stations of the Cross and discuss how it relates to our motherhood journey.

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Catholic Schools Week

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Sunday, January 28th—11AM-1PM

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

By Katharine Clemente, Principal

It's hard to believe that next year will begin my 10th year working at Academy of Our Lady. Sometimes it feels as though I just started yesterday, and some days I feel as though I have never worked anywhere else. Because most days, I simply cannot imagine working anywhere else. A recent prospective family asked me, what it was that I like best about our school. Huh. *Where do I START?* is what I wanted to say, but they were looking for a genuine answer, and after a beat of filtering through the many things that make our school special, and even setting aside my own personal history, I came up with an answer. I like watching our big kids with our little ones. There are many opportunities through the course of the year for us to gather as a school community—Masses and prayer services, assemblies, and field day to name a few. And having everyone together is always one of my favorite experiences, but I have recently taken more notice of how our older students react to and interact with our younger students. It's lovely. In their interactions, the older kids are always somewhat nervous because they clearly recognize the responsibility being placed on them when a little one is in their care. There is a pride, both in themselves and their little ones, when the younger ones behave in church or complete a craft or read a story. They love to help them and they love it when their help is what pushes them toward success. There is also a natural sense of joy that the big kids get from watching the little ones. The older kids' faces light up when they watch the little ones singing, reading at Mass or even just walking in the hallway. And the sense of nostalgia that comes across their faces makes me proud too, because it means we have helped them to make memories. As they watch the younger ones crown Mary, sing in the Christmas pageant, play on the playground, or read at the ambo without *quite* clearing the top of it, they remember being in that same position only a few years ago. And BOY do the younger ones LOVE our older kids. It's possibly the only time in life where the big kids will experience a bit of hero worship—and all they had to do was be older. I see high fives, smiles, and other friendly greetings almost daily. There's never an eye roll or the sense that the big kids feel "too cool" to interact with their younger schoolmates. And basketball games are frequently filled to the rim (pun intended) with fans of all ages, even our alumni, cheering on classmates of all ages too. Our kids all together are the clearest picture I can paint of Christ in Action, of empathy learned and compassion expressed, of memories made, and of a community learning and living together. It is what makes Academy of Our Lady our "home away from home" and I invite everyone to join us for Open House Sunday 1/28 from 11AM-1PM or to come for a tour on our Walk-In Wednesdays to discover for yourself why Academy of Our Lady is a great choice in Catholic education!



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (PEA)

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Please be mindful that inclement weather may require us to close the Adoration Chapel until all ice and snow are cleared. Always check the homepage of our website and our Facebook page for any PEA Chapel Closures.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (PEA) is quiet adoration of Jesus in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel where Jesus is exposed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This is made possible by Scheduled Adorers every hour—even midnight hours. With notice, Substitutes cover an hour if Scheduled Adorers can't make it due to emergency or vacation. This continual prayer provides abundant blessings to the faithful, their loved ones and to the community.



PEA COMMUNION BREAKFAST—OPEN TO ALL! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

All are welcome to join us in the Parish Center for a Communion Breakfast immediately following the 11AM Mass.

**Adults: \$25 Children (5-12 yrs): \$10
Under 5: No Charge**

RSVP: Text/Call Cynthia, 551.574.1063

Make checks payable to OLMC; note PEA Breakfast on the memo line and mail/drop off to the Rectory no later than Tuesday, February 20.

For those who may not be able to come but can offer a donation to defray the cost for others, please send your offering as a token of thankfulness for the blessings received at PEA.

Save the Date!

Spanish Bible Study Beginning April 28th
9:30AM—11:00AM | OLMC Parish Center

Maria: Caminata por la Biblia con la Virgen María

Session Dates:

Saturday, April 28 through Saturday, June 15.

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Stay connected—even when traveling!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun. Jan. 28	1:00PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (PCB) 1:30PM RCIA (MR) 1:45PM WFG Baking Session (Zoom) 2:15PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 4:00PM Spanish Apostolate (PCA) 4:30PM Spanish>English Class (Library) 5:00PM Jr. High 8C (MR) 7:30PM Jr. High 8D (MR)
Mon. Jan. 29	5:00PM J. Jackson Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM WFG Baking Session (Zoom) 7:30PM Finance Council Meeting (MR) 7:30PM Journey Parent Prayer (Chapel)
Tue. Jan. 30	9:15AM MOMs Grace Within (SMR) 3:45PM Jr. High Grade 8 Makeup 4:00PM Religious Education (Gym) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 5:00PM Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:00PM ChristLife (PC) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Wed. Jan.31	5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Spanish Choir Rehearsal (Church) 7:15PM WCST Team 23 (MR) 7:30PM Neocatechumenal Way (NCW)
Thur. Feb. 1	10:30AM Sunday Scripture Reflection (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM NCW-3 (NCW-A) 7:30PM Small Christian Community Intro (MR) 8:00PM Pre-Caná (NCW-A)
Fri. Feb. 2	9:30AM MOMs SALT (SMR) 5:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 7:00PM Inspire Young Adult (NCW)
Sat. Feb. 3	8:30AM Men's Basketball (Gym) 9:00AM AoOL Girls Basketball (Gym) 10:15AM First Communion Retreat (Church) 12:00PM CYO Basketball (Gym) 6:00PM Neocatechumenal Way (CW)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

Joan Donegan Alsá, Gilbert Badillo, Frederick Bruno, Art Carpenter, Kimberly Parsons Daub, Katie Gillen Eidschun, Maura Gillen Eidschun, Marie Evans, Kay & Bill Forster, Joan D'Gerolamo, Kenneth Gershbert, Frank Gillen, Susan Hart-White, Patricia Haug, Joseph Hyon, Marc Johnson, Tom Keleher, Claudia LaFrance, Joseph Letiza, Anna Lobascio, Joel Lustberg, Cambell McArthur, Michael Norman, Margaret Peak, Cathy Ricciuto, Francis Tedaro Ristor, Michael Runz, Don Strittmatter, Larry Switaj, Nickolas John Tedaro, Dennis Tomala, Walter John Zelop, Jr.

Parishioners may call the Rectory with the name of a family member who is sick to have them included in our prayers.

**THURSDAY EVENING ROSARY
OUR LADY'S CHAPEL—7:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



TODAY'S READINGS

Monday, Jan. 29

- + 6:30AM **Ronald L. Forenza**
req Russ & Carole Forenza
- + 8:30AM **Richard & Victoria Mastrodi**
req The Minicus Family
- +12:00NN **Barbara & Eileen Wells**
req The Wells Family

Tuesday, Jan. 30

- + 6:30AM **Julian Meyers**
req The Meyers Family
- + 8:30AM **Jacqueline Cino**
req The Kennedy Family
- +12:00NN **Domenico Galasso**
req The Galasso Family

Wednesday, Jan. 31 *Saint John Bosco, Priest*

- + 6:30AM **Giovanna Piccinish**
req Stefano & Domenica Bussanich
- + 8:30AM **C. J. Sullivan**
req Joanne Archer
- +12:00NN **Ronald Hesar**
req The DePalma Family

Thursday, Feb. 1

- + 6:30AM **Anna Mirkovic**
req Larry & Dencie Morich
- + 8:30AM **Tony Moreira**
req Monica & Ed McCabe
- +12:00NN **Stanislaw Burdzy**
req Liz & Jay Klatsky

Friday, Feb. 2 *The Presentation of the Lord*

- + 6:30AM **Herbie Engel**
req The Engel Family
- + 8:30AM **Dorothy Hallahan**
req Marian Rutherford
- +12:00NN **Preston Stott**
req Thomas Ely

Saturday, Feb. 3 *Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop*

- + 8:30AM **Paul Joseph Alfieri & Jody Whitley**
req Mitch & Judy Santlofer

5:30PM **For the People of the Parish**

Sunday, Feb. 4 *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- + 8:00AM **Barbara Runz**
req Ken & Patrice Pulford
- + 9:30AM **Doris Brock**
req The Baney Family
- +11:00AM **Ophelia Farnsworth**
req Priscilla Farnsworth
- +12:30PM **Isabella Riggi**
req Her Daughter
- 3:00PM **Alicia & Edgar Aguilar**
req Rocio Blacido
- 6:30PM **Felicitas Factura & Anita Dichoso**
req The Factura Family

1. Deuteronomy 18:15-20

It is the consensus of scholars that Deuteronomy is the book of the Law, found in the Temple during the reign of Josiah. This text first served as an authorization of Moses' prophetic authority, as he reminds the Israelites as they are encamped on the east bank of the Jordan River. The reason for such a prophet (as Moses explains), even though the people know they need to be led by God, is that they realize their unworthiness to be so close to the divine presence and they fear to hear God's voice directly. They plead for an intermediary. God agrees and gives them Moses, and promises to continue to raise up others after Moses. If they ignore the prophets, they put their lives in jeopardy.

2. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Because Paul expected to welcome the returning Jesus in his lifetime, he uses his authority to encourage his converts to be ready to welcome Him, as well. In today's excerpt, he advises them against relationships that might distract attention from that focus. Paul is not opposed to marriage and family life, but when it is viewed against the imminent 2nd Coming, all else pales in significance. There is an urgency in this expectation that demands full attention.

3. Mark 1:21-28

While Jesus' contemporaries went to the Temple to offer sacrifice, they went to synagogue to pray and to study the sacred texts. On this Sabbath, Jesus is found teaching in the synagogue and the people find His teaching astonishing. It is in this context that Jesus performs His first miracle, the exorcism of a demon. While attempting to get the upper hand over Jesus, the demon is expelled by Jesus' authority. The expulsion of the demon only adds to the astonishment of the people who see in it an affirmation of the authority with which Jesus has been teaching. But wonder does not necessarily invoke faith.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. What kind of teaching would be authoritative enough to make you listen?
2. Can you name anyone whom you consider to be a prophet today?
3. Paul talks about "distracting anxieties." Are there any in your life?

NEXT WEEKEND'S PRESIDERS (always subject to change)

Sat. 2/3	5:30PM	Fr. Frank
Sun. 2/4	8:00AM	Fr. Ron
	9:30AM	Fr. Ron
	11:00AM	Fr. Jakov
	12:30PM	Fr. Frank
	3:00PM	Fr. Lynx
	6:30PM	Fr. Jakov

Late changes appear on the website after 12:00NN
on the Saturday of that weekend.

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