



Parish Mission Statement

“Recognizing that we are the body of Christ, the Catholic Community of Our Lady of the Mountain is called to live the Gospel. We desire to express our commitment to this call through praise-filled celebration, which culminates in our being sent into the community to actively reach out to others.

Thus, we seek to grow in Christian love.”

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SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode, Pastor
 Rev. Abuchi Nwosu, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Edward Davey, Weekend Assistant
 Rev. Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky, Weekend Assistant
 Rev. Msgr. Brendan P. Madden, Weekend Assistant
 Rev. Msgr. Peter McHugh, Weekend Assistant
 Rev. Msgr. Stan Schinski, Weekend Assistant

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday ~ Friday, 9:00AM – 3:00PM

SERVED BY

Deacon Thomas P. Gibbons
 Deacon Robert C. Head
 Deacon E.B. "Pat" Van Orman

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September ~ April. Grades K-8. Call Maryanne Peluso at 876-4003. For emergencies please call 973-580-7650.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

9th and 10th Graders meet alternating Monday evenings, September ~ April. Call KellyAnn Routhier at 876-5024.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00PM and 7:00PM
 Sunday 7:45AM, 9:15AM, 10:45AM, 12:15PM
 2nd Sunday of the month October ~ March
 5:30PM Teen Mass

WEEKDAYS 9:30AM Monday ~ Friday

HOLYDAYS Vigil 7:30PM
 Holy Day 9:30AM and 7:30PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(PENANCE): Saturday 4:15PM or by appointment

BAPTISM: Call the Parish Office in advance to schedule a Baptism and/or Baptismal class.

MARRIAGE: One of the parties must be a bona fide member of the parish for at least one year prior to making arrangements. Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Please notify the Parish Office when a member of the family is in the hospital or homebound due to illness.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Meetings are held the first Tuesday, September ~ May.

MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY 5:00PM	December 3, 2011 Deacon John Bernero Brian Treacy Patrick Webster
7:00PM	Kristen Collinson
SUNDAY 7:45AM 9:15AM	December 4, 2011 Gregory Schmidl Joseph Grosch, Sr. Anna Vojtek
10:45AM	Kristen Collinson Joseph Salaman
12:15PM	Francesco & Lucia D'Amico Dana Marie Fallick
MONDAY 9:30AM	December 5, 2011 OLM Parishioners
TUESDAY 9:30AM	December 6, 2011 OLM Parishioners
WEDNESDAY 9:30AM 7:30PM	December 7, 2011 Rose Maffei Peter Stanzone
THURSDAY 9:30AM 7:30PM	December 8, 2011 Cornelius & Gertrude Shea John Sheppard OLM Parishioners
FRIDAY 9:30AM	December 9, 2011 OLM Parishioners
SATURDAY 5:00PM 7:00PM	December 10, 2011 John & Connie Notte George Wyker III Joseph Grosch Sr.
SUNDAY 7:45AM 9:15AM 10:45AM	December 11, 2011 Joy Vogt George Vojtek Skip Dickson
12:15PM 5:30PM	Michael Rubinstein-1 st Anniversary Marilyn Uccardi OLM Youth

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the sick of our parish community who have requested our prayers.

COOKIE SALE

The Long Valley Columbiettes will be holding a cookie sale after all Masses in the Gathering Room the weekend of December 17-18.

CONTACT INFORMATION FATHER JOE AND FATHER ABUCHI

OLM Parish Office: 908-876-4395
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Father Joe Cell/Text: 973-945-4045
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To receive email updates of OLM news and events, please email Father Joe to be added to his address list.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS

Weekly Collection 11/20/11	\$10,257.00
Food for the Hungry	\$ 4,408.00
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 1,591.00
Weekly Collection 11/27/11	\$ 9,505.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

REMINDER: If you attend Mass at either St. Luke's or St. Mark's, you can drop your Our Lady of the Mountain envelope in the collection basket and it will be credited as your donation to Our Lady of the Mountain.

NEXT WEEKEND'S MASS CELEBRANTS

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN

Saturday, December 10

5:00PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
7:00PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu

Sunday, December 11

7:45AM Msgr. Peter McHugh
9:15AM Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky
10:45AM Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky
12:15PM Rev. Abuchi Nwosu
5:30PM Msgr. Joseph J. Goode

ST. MARK'S

Saturday, December 10

5:30PM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode

Sunday, December 11

8:00AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode
9:30AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode
11:00AM Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Goode

ST. LUKE'S WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 7:45AM, 9:30AM, 11:15AM

DECEMBER 4, 2011 ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent challenges us to be peaceful of heart in the midst of the anxieties that surround us, no matter what their source. Advent is meant to be a time of preparation and expectation. The scriptures for the first two weeks of Advent call us to focus on the long range view and see that God was faithful to His promises of the past by sending Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, and that He will again come at the end of time to claim all that are His. We are to reflect upon what the presence of Jesus in the world means for all human kind. We are to prepare to meet the Lord again.

In the third week, our attention shifts to the celebration of the remembrance of the Christmas event. During my recent trip to the Holy Land, one of the biggest crowds we encountered was in the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem. People of many different nations came to pay homage in this church that remembers the birth of Jesus. The little town of Bethlehem is a lot bigger and noisier today, but among the quiet crowds in the Basilica that commemorates the place where Jesus was born there was a respectfulness that seems to say that something important happened there.

During the coming week, think about where you find your moments with God. Some find them in the quiet of the church, others find them on peaceful walks, and still others seek them in the service extended to others. Wherever you find God most often in your life, Advent is a good time to go there frequently so that you can stay focused on the events which we are preparing to celebrate and not get overwhelmed with all the busyness that surrounds us this time of year. It is not easy but it is worth it.

Father Joe

ISRAEL (PART 3 of 6) 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (FATHER JOE'S REFLECTIONS)

After spending four days in the northern part of Israel in Nazareth and along the Sea of Galilee, we made our way southwest along the road that parallels the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, an ancient Roman seaport that had been an archeological find. It was here that Peter preached and that Paul gave testimony before a Roman representative. Caesarea is a fabulous place to see as much of the original Roman works still exist in great detail. We saw the great amphitheater, an oval track for chariot races and of course the views of the blue Mediterranean Sea were just spectacular. There was also a preserved stone slab that noted "*Pontius Pilate, Governor of Judea.*"

We continued that day to the southeast and continued south of Jerusalem to the site of Emmaus (a church/shrine). This site commemorates the appearance of Jesus to two disciples on Easter night. He walked with them and at supper they recognized Him in the breaking of the bread. We celebrated Mass there late in the afternoon and then made our way to Jerusalem with its old city walls prominently displayed with light.

Jerusalem is a big modern city, but it is the OLD CITY that captures the attention. This old city (not big in area compared to the new modern city) is divided into four quarters - Christian, Armenian, Arab and Jewish - and is surrounded by great walls. Within these walls the great faiths of the world honor significant events. The Jewish people pray at the Wailing Wall (remains of the temple); the Moslems pray at the Dome of the Rock, a spot believed to be where Mohammad appeared; and the Christians honor the Via Dolorosa (the way of the Cross), which ends at the great Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher, which is built over the hill of Calvary and contains the tomb of Jesus. It is here that Christians, for centuries, have come to re-affirm their faith in Jesus' resurrection.

We did not enter the old city the next day, but actually traveled six miles south to the town of Bethlehem and visited the Basilica of the Nativity, and then to a chapel near an area called "Shepherd's field." You do not have to use your imagination too much to envision the shepherds on the fields with their flocks because you can still see shepherds and their flocks today roaming the hillside. Then on our return to Jerusalem, we went to the Mount of Olives across the valley from Jerusalem and visited the chapel of the Pater Noster - "Our Father." All around the grounds you find the *Our Father* prayer on wall plaques in a great number of languages of the world. We then visited the chapel of the Ascension that commemorates Jesus' ascension to Heaven. The day ended with Mass at a chapel on the hill side of the Mount of Olives called "Dominus flevit" or "Jesus wept," which reminds us of the time Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem for its failure to acknowledge the presence of God in their midst. From the window behind the altar one can see the great "Old City" of Jerusalem and can wonder how Jesus felt as he saw the city in His own time.

Father Joe

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (K-8) NEWS

Classes resume today for Grades K-6. The next class for Grades 7 & 8 will be next Sunday, December 11th beginning at 5:30PM with the Teen Mass. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the Teen Mass with their children.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Classes meet in the lower level of the Parish Center at 7:30-9:00PM
confirmationolm@comcast.net

CPI (9th Grade)

Monday, December 5 Invitation 5

CPII (10th Grade)

Monday, December 12 Pam Stenzel 2

NO CLASSES DECEMBER 26 & JANUARY 2!

Information and Service Hours:

KellyAnn Routhier, 908-876-5024.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Meet in Teen Center (basement parish office)
Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00PM
youtholm@comcast.net

Attention all High School Juniors and Seniors -

If you are interested in joining Peer Ministry, please contact Mrs. Gartley.

Next Teen Mass: December 11th at 5:30PM. If you are interested in participating as an altar server, greeter, lector, usher or helping out with the skit, please contact Mrs. Gartley.

Information: Caroline Gartley, 908-876-5024

ADVENT READINGS-SECOND WEEK

Spend a little time with the Lord this Advent season as we await the birth of Jesus. The following are the readings that can be used for reflection this week:

Sunday, December 4	Psalm 10:1-2
Monday, December 5	Jeremiah 2:508
Tuesday, December 6	Psalm 27:7-9
Wednesday, December 7	Isaiah 64:7-9
Thursday, December 8	Psalm 13:1-3
Friday, December 9	Daniel 2:20-23
Saturday, December 10	Psalm 44:23-26

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, December 7th at 7:30PM.

Mass, December 8th at 9:30AM & 7:30PM.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Lady of the Mountain will be holding its Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 12th at 7:30PM. St. Mark's will be holding its Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:30PM.

GIVING TREE/GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Once again, the season of Christmas and giving has arrived. As we count our blessings, it is easy to see there are so many people less fortunate than ourselves. It is our tradition and custom to be generous to them. Once again, Our Lady of the Mountain's Giving Tree will brighten the Christmas of many underprivileged families. We would like to have all gifts returned by Sunday, December 11, 2011. We will have grocery gift cards for sale in the Gathering Room the weekend of December 10-11 for your convenience. Thank you for sharing in the spirit of Christmas. For more information, please call Kim Smith at 908-876-4395.

2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST IN EVERYONE

Please take advantage of the remaining weeks of 2011 to make a year-end gift to our Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your pledge is essential so that the Church of Paterson can continue to help tens of thousands of people throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex County each year. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's Appeal goal are returned to the parish for their own needs. By contributing to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are also helping your local faith community. May God bless you for your generous support!

50+ LUNCH GROUP

The Christmas Luncheon for the 50+ lunch group for parishioners of Our Lady of the Mountain and St. Mark's is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14th at *Mama's Café Baci*, Mountain Avenue in Hackettstown at 12:00 Noon. RSVP to Mary Scarda at 908-852-9089 by December 11th if you plan to attend. Please bring a \$15 gift for swapping if you want to participate.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

As is customary at OLM, in honor of our Blessed Mother, all women of the Parish are invited to participate in the recitation of the Rosary, followed by Mass and Novena on Tuesday, December 6th 7:15PM. A Christmas party with refreshments will follow in the Parish Center. All members are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert, their grab bag gift and their gifts to Birth Haven. Gerry Grogan is donating December flowers for the Blessed Mother.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE – THE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Tickets are still available for *Friday Night Live, The Christmas Special*. Come share the sounds of the season at 8:00PM on Friday evening, December 9th, 2011 in the Parish Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Advanced tickets are available after all Masses in the OLM Gift Shop, and Monday - Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM at the Parish Office. For further information, please call Jim and Cindy Jones at 908-684-0661.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS, USHERS ALTAR SERVERS

Signup sheets are in the sacristy for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers. Ushers signup sheets are on the shelf outside of the Gift Shop. Please sign up!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes are on the usher's tables for Flower Donations in honor or in memory of your loved ones this Christmas season. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24th

4:00PM ~ Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00PM ~ Children's Liturgy and Pageant

10:00PM ~ Christmas Vigil Mass, featuring the "Our Lady of the Mountain Choir" performing a musical ensemble. Caroling begins at 9:30PM with Mass starting at 10:00PM.

Christmas Day ~ Sunday, December 25th

7:45AM ~ Nativity of the Lord Mass

9:15AM ~ Nativity of the Lord Mass

10:45AM ~ Nativity of the Lord Mass

12:15PM ~ Nativity of the Lord Mass

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS

Our Lady of the Mountain will be holding its annual Christmas Pageant this year at the 6:00PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Signups will be held on Tuesday, December 6th beginning at 4:30PM to 6:00PM in the Gathering Room. We are limiting the number of participants, so parts will be given on a "first come, first serve" basis. **Attendance at both rehearsals is mandatory in order to participate.** For more information, please call KellyAnn at the Parish Office at 908-876-4395.

GREETERS

Become a greeter to welcome your fellow parishioners at a Mass of your choice once a month. A great way for Confirmation Candidates to earn service hours! Cindy Jones will be in the Gathering Room after all Masses if you are interested in volunteering. You may also contact her at olmcj@comcast.net if you would like more information.

SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

The Washington Township Senior Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 9th at 11:00AM at St. Mark's Church, 59 Spring Lane. The cost is \$9.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents. To register, please send a check made payable to Washington Township Recreation located at 50 Rock Road, Long Valley 07853 before December 7th.

OUR LADY'S CUPBOARD

Our food pantry is in need of coffee, tea, soup, can goods, condiments, and paper goods. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ADVENT RETREAT

Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University is proud to present their Advent retreat, *Carrying Divine Life and Love: An Interior Journey from Bethlehem to Our Homes*. The retreat will be held on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 9:00AM and concluding at 3:00PM in Lewis Hall at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue in South Orange. The cost of the retreat is \$10 per person, including continental breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required by November 30th to Kristine Hudak at 973-761-9633 or at kristine.hudak@shu.edu.

ST. MARK'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Marks will be hosting its annual Invitational Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 4:00PM. All are welcome! Admission will be a freewill offering. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 850-0652.

THANK YOU!!!

Our glove, scarf and mitten drive was a huge success thanks to your kindness and generosity! Thank you to all who participated, especially the Long Valley Columbiettes for their 72 hand-crocheted scarves. Thanks to all of you, there will be many warm people this winter!