



OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome, Worship, Witness

167 MOUNT BETHEL RD | WARREN, NJ | 908.647.1075



*"Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the
world." - John 1:29*

January 15, 2017

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

9:30AM - 4:30PM

Friday

9:30-Noon

Closed Daily for Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

Baptisms

Please contact the parish office to schedule and register for the required baptismal preparation for parents.

Marriage

Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of desired date to begin preparation.

**Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than 10 AM on the Friday prior to our Wednesday publication deadline to cstpierre@olmwarren.org. Thanks!*

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Vigil - 5:00PM Church

Sun. - 8:00, 10:00, 11:30AM Church

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Sat. 9:00AM Chapel

HOLY DAY MASSES

9:00AM & 7:30PM Church

**Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday.*

We Invite You _____

Starting Thursday, February 2

Discovering Christ

A life-changing series of seven weekly meetings

• Dinner • Video Teaching • Discussion • Fellowship •

Prayer

A great way to grow in your faith together with your fellow OLM parishioners and friends



Parish Offertory

December 25th Weekly Offering	\$11,549.00
Christmas Collection To Date	\$85,802.15
January 1st Weekly Offering	\$10,813.97
Solemnity of Mary	\$2,787.00
January 8th Weekly Offering	\$7,401.78

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Join Us For Mass

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15 *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Ted Kasperovich r/o John & Bernadette Truglio

10:00 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Albert Tarantula r/o Art & Peggy Folli

Monday, January 16 *Martin Luther King, Jr*

9:00 AM Norman LaValle r/o Len & Lorraine Visotski

Tuesday, January 17 *St. Anthony*

9:00 AM Lynn Tybursey r/o The Family

Paul Gaglioti r/o Susan and Bob Logiudice

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 AM Vincenzo Pennino r/o Antonietta DiBartolomeo

Thursday, January 19

9:00 AM Halina Bugla r/o The Pommer Family

Julius D. Trombino r/o Karen Rockoff

Friday, January 20 *Sts. Fabian & Sebastian*

9:00 AM Lois Dalton r/o Linda Montelione

Saturday, January 21 *St. Agnes*

9:00 AM Julia Importico r/o Donna Importico

5:00 PM Evangeline DeMarco r/o The Family

Sunday, January 22 *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM Michael Maresca r/o Jack & Eileen Tierney

10:00 AM Vinny Newman r/o Alison Morrison

11:30 AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

Dedication of the Church

Bishop Checchio will be here on February 26, 2017 at the 11:30 AM Mass for the Dedication of the Church. A light reception will follow in Shepherds Hall. Please join us as we give Glory to God for our beautiful Church. Our parish family has much to be grateful for.



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

*While we are blessed to have several EMs who regularly serve our parish, the ministry has incurred recent losses - some temporary and some permanent - which has put a strain on those who currently serve. The demands are particularly high on those in our Homebound ministry. **Are you hearing the call to serve?** Please contact Linda Montelione at 908-380-0163 if you are interested in either of these ministries.*

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.

MINISTERS OF THE WEEK | JANUARY 22, 2017

5:00 PM
Church

Celebrant:
Fr. Sean

Reader:
Stephen Dutko

Altar Servers:
Robby Battiste
Davis Perry

8:00 AM
Church

Celebrant:
Msgr. Capik

Reader:
John Dalessio

Altar Servers:
Matt Nuzzi
Ian Zohn

10:00 AM
Church

Celebrant:
Msgr. Capik

Reader:
Mike Cantone

Altar Servers:
Julianna Soriano
Brayden Stultz

11:30 AM
Church

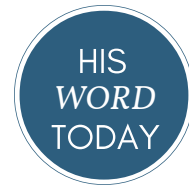
Celebrant:
Fr. Sean

Reader:
Neha Saju

Altar Servers:
Megan Camp
Cordelia Lucid

A fresh perspective on the Sunday readings

by Pope Francis *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



With the feast of the Baptism of the Lord we have entered into the liturgical time that we call “ordinary.” On this second Sunday, the Gospel presents to us the scene of the meeting between Jesus and John the Baptist at the Jordan River. The narrator is the eye witness, John the Evangelist, who, before he was a disciple of Jesus was a disciple of the Baptist, together with his brother James, with Simon and Andrew, all are from Galilee, all are fisherman. So, John the Baptist sees Jesus, who steps forward from the crowd and, inspired from above, sees in Jesus the one sent by God. For this reason he points him out with these words: “Behold the lamb of God, he who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29).

The word that is translated with “take away” literally means “to relieve,” “to take upon oneself.” Jesus has come into the world with a precise mission: to free it from the slavery of sin, taking humanity’s faults upon himself. In what way? By loving. There is no other way to defeat evil and sin than with the love that moves one to give the gift of his life for others. In the testimony of John the Baptist, Jesus is given the traits of the Servant of the Lord, who “has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows” (Isaiah 53:4), to the point of dying on the cross. He is the true Passover lamb, who immerses himself in the river of our sin, to purify us.

The Baptist sees before him a man who gets in line with sinners to be baptized even though he does not need to. He is the man who God sent into the world as the sacrificial lamb. The word “lamb” appears several times in the New Testament and always in reference to Jesus. This image of the lamb might surprise us: an animal that is certainly not characterized by its strength and hardiness takes upon himself such an oppressive weight. The enormous mass of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, who is a symbol of obedience, docility and defenseless love, who goes to the point of sacrificing himself. The lamb is not an oppressor but is docile; he is not aggressive but peaceful; he does not show his claws or teeth in the face of an attack, but endures it and is submissive. And this is how Jesus is! This is how Jesus is! He is like a lamb.

What does it mean for the Church, for us, today to be disciples of Jesus the Lamb of God? It means putting innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. It is good work! We Christians must do this: put innocence in the place of malice, love in the place of force, humility in the place of pride, service in the place of prestige. Being disciples of the Lamb means that we must not live like a “city under siege,” but like a city on a hill, open, welcoming, solidary. It means not having an attitude of closedness, but proposing the Gospel to everyone, testifying with our life that following Jesus makes us more free and more joyful.

Readings for the week *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sunday
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Monday
Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday
Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday
Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday
Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

Preparing for next Sunday *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3
The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17
Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23
Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”



Catechists Needed
Wednesday 4th
& Thursday 5th
Grades. Please
call the Office of
Faith Formation
at 908-647-1075 x
112 or 113



Confirmation

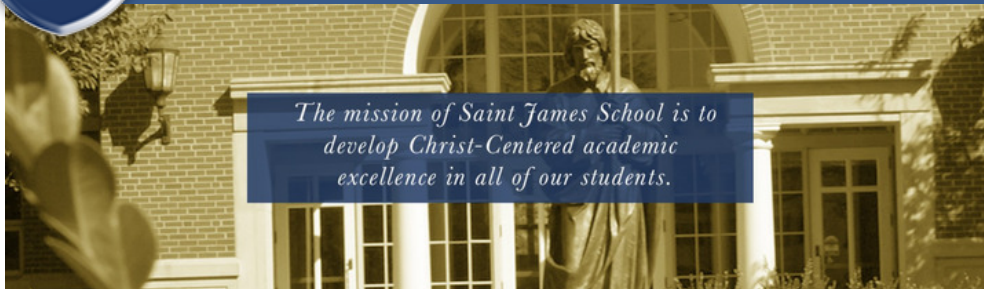
Are you an adult seeking to be Confirmed in the Catholic Faith?
Confirmation preparation sessions are now available for Catholics 18 years of age and older who have already received the sacraments of Baptism & First Communion. Please contact Laura Sepesi in the parish office at 908-647-1075 x103 or by email: lsepesi@olmwarren.org, if you are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of the Mount.



If you would like to find out more about the Knights of Columbus or to become a member, please contact Andrew Smart (908)235-1980 or andrewgerardsmart@gmail.com



SJS Alumni Parent-Child Basketball Game & School Open House
1/29/2017, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



The mission of Saint James School is to develop Christ-Centered academic excellence in all of our students.



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 14-15, 2017

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have embarked on a new year filled with exciting possibilities and bold, new ideas. With faith, we look ahead with hope and high expectations, and of all of our hopes and expectations, few are higher than those we have for our children and grandchildren, nieces or nephews, especially when it comes to their education.

That is because education is so important to our communities, our country and our world, and the reasons why it is so important underscore why a Catholic school education, in particular, is so valuable. Our schools teach more than civic responsibility – they teach daily what it takes to become Disciples of Christ. From our Youth Ministry programs, where high school students learn to live their faith, to the culture of service infused at all grade levels, to adding their voice to public discourse on policy matters such as abortion and physician assisted suicide, our students are actively engaged in the tenets of their faith.

Our test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors. Our teachers are dedicated educators, and I can attest to the fact that our schools are a place where every child is loved and nurtured in an environment that is accepting and empowering.

Next Sunday our parishes will offer a special collection that supports the Foundation for Catholic Education's annual scholarship program, which offers need-based grants to children attending a Catholic elementary or high school in our Diocese. These scholarships, in combination with parish and school aid, make a Catholic school education possible for many children each year. Whether you have family in Catholic school or not, it is a great way to form the next generation of our Church.

I hope each of you will give consideration to our call for support of this critically important ministry of the Catholic Church, and I thank you for your faith and commitment to the good works of your parish community and our diocese.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, J.C.D., M.B.A.
Bishop of Metuchen

Join us for our Open House
Pre-K through Grade 8
Immaculate Conception School
where faith meets academic excellence



- Faith
- Academics
- Community
- Service

The road to success begins
Sunday, January 29, 2017
1:30am Doors Open

Tuesday, January 31, 2017
9:00am - 1:00pm School Tours

Immaculate Conception School

41 Mountain Avenue, Somerville
908-725-6516
<http://www.icsschool.org>



Academic/STEM Enrichments • Project Based Learning

calendar

Monday, January 16 *Parish Offices Closed*

9:00AM Mass Chapel
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Fr. Peter

Tuesday, January 17

8:45AM Our Lady of the Miraculous Chapel
9:00AM Mass Chapel
9:30AM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel
7:30 PM Good Samaritan Ministry Classroom

Wednesday, January 18

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel
9:00AM Mass Chapel
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:30 PM Bible Study Fr. Peter
7:30 PM Cornerstone St. Michael

Thursday, January 19

8:30AM Holy Rosary Chapel
9:00AM Mass Chapel
10:00 AM Bible Study Fr. Russell

Friday, January 20

9:00AM Mass Chapel
9:30AM Adoration Chapel
9:30AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel
3:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chapel
5:00 PM Evening Prayer Chapel
7:00 PM Benediction Chapel

Saturday, January 21

9:00 AM Mass Chapel
4:15 PM Confessions Church
5:00PM Vigil Mass Church
Blood Drive Sign Up Foyer
8:00PM AA Fr. Russell Room

Sunday, January 22

Blood Drive Sign Up Foyer
8:00 AM Mass Church
10:00 AM Mass Church
11:30 AM Mass Church
5:00 PM Confirmation Mass Church

upcoming events

Monday, January 16-March 13

Bereavement Ministry
Holy Trinity Parish, Bridgewater
7:30-9:00 PM John Phalen @ (908) 725-0828

Monday, January 23

Rally for Life • Trenton, NJ
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625
amarshall@diometuchen.org

Friday, January 27

March for Life • Washington, DC
visit MARCHFORLIFE.ORG/MFL-2017

Sunday, January 29

OLM Blood Drive & BP Screenings
Shepherds Hall

Wednesdays, February 15 - May 10

Support Group for the Divorced and Separated
Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights
The program features video presentations from The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide followed by discussion. Some of the topics covered are: Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, and Relearning How to Date. The group is open to all denominations.
divorceministry.lf@gmail.com | 908-464-1585
Registration is required.

FEBRUARY 15-24

Come experience the Holy Land!
Sister Margaret Tierney and Fr. Garry Koch will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If interested contact Kristine Smart (800) 842-4842 or kristine@select-intl.com.

Our Lady of the Mount RC Church WINTER BLOOD DRIVE



Give the Gift that
Keeps on Living!

Sunday, January 29th

Shepherds Hall
167 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren

Online appointments & more information:

www.tinyurl.com/LadyoftheMtBloodDrives

16 year olds must bring signed NJBS Parental Consent Form

Please remember to eat, drink, & bring ID!

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1-800-933-2566 | www.nybloodcenter.org

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