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MARRIAGES:
Couples are encouraged to contact the parish office to begin the Marriage Preparation Program. It is recommended that engaged couples begin this process a year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

INFANT BAPTISMS:
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month after the 11:30 am Mass (except during Lent). Families must be registered in the Parish and attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Please contact the parish office for additional information.

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:
Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Blessed Sacrament to members of the parish who are homebound. Please contact the parish office to have Holy Communion brought to those who can not attend Mass or to request the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Confession.

Parish Office hours:
Monday-Friday (8:30 am-4:00 pm)

All are encouraged to visit and spend time in prayer and meditation in the church and in our Meditation Garden.

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sundays: 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m. (Misa en Español)
3:30 p.m. (Chinese Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)
Weekdays: 7:00 a.m. (M, W, F);
12:00 noon (Tues, Th)
Holy Days: 7:00 p.m. Vigil Mass, 7:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

ADORATION: 1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays of the month 7:30 a.m.—12:00 noon
and the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00—8:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Sunday from 1:00 to 1:25 p.m. (in Spanish)

The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020
SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

MON. Jan. 13  First Week in Ordinary Time
7:00 A.M. *OLMV Parishioners

TUES. Jan. 14  Weekday
12:00 P.M. +Anthony Kruzel r/o Dolores Schaaf

WED. Jan. 15  Weekday
7:00 A.M. +Salvatrice LaMicela r/o Tripoli Family

THURS. Jan. 16  Weekday
12:00 P.M. +Lucille Sproules r/o Tony & Rita Coco

FRI. Jan. 17  St. Anthony Abbot
7:00 A.M. *OLMV Parishioners
7:30 A.M. Eucharistic Adoration

SAT. Jan. 18  Weekday
8:00 A.M. +Dorothy “Sister” Keane r/o Manny, Stacy, Matthew & Samantha Garcia
5:00 P.M. +Lucille Sproules r/o Terry & Larry Cohen

SUN. Jan. 19  Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. +Marion Scholz r/o Friend
10:00 A.M. +Richard Zakashefski r/o Family
11:30 A.M. +Emidio Griguoli r/o Wife, Dolores Maldonado
1:30 P.M. +Berta Martinez r/o Fiorella Maldonado

+Deceased
*Living

Eucharistic Adoration:
Friday, January 17, 7:30 am—12:00 Noon.

In your charity, you are asked to pray for the repose of the souls Dolores M. Zakashefski and Josephine Cirelli.

PRAY FOR THE SICK . . . In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish.

The Baptism of the Lord
And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3:17

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING

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Thank you for your support

Opportunities to support your Parish

In addition to Mass intentions for your loved ones you may remember them through the following memorial opportunities:

- Sanctuary Flowers
- Altar or Tabernacle Candles, or Sanctuary Lamp
- Meditation Garden Remembrance Bricks
- A gift of cash, securities, or other assets to OLMV.

Second Collection
January 18/19

Foundation for Catholic Education Collection is scheduled for the weekend of January 18/19, 2020. The entire proceeds benefit financial aid to students attending diocesan and parochial elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Metuchen.
From the Desk of Father Lou

Peace and blessings as we conclude the Christmas Season with the Baptism of the Lord. As stated in the January 2020 *Magnificat:*

“Jesus joins the people going out to John the Baptist in the gesture of repentance, not because there is sin in him, but to make it possible for us to share in his relationship with the Father, announced from the heavens. He goes to the Baptist as a beggar because he takes upon himself our misery. The Lord Jesus lowers himself in his baptism and acknowledges his Father so that we will never hesitate to do the same. In baptism, Jesus gives us an efficacious approach to the Father. The Father knows us as his beloved sons and daughters.”

The Baptism of the Lord Jesus is the first Luminous Mystery of the Rosary. The other four are: The Wedding Feast at Cana; The Proclamation of the Kingdom; The Transfiguration of the Lord and The Institution of the Holy Eucharist.

With his baptism at the River Jordan, Jesus begins his public ministry. A ministry that brings salvation to the world through his ultimate Passion, Death and Resurrection.

Perhaps by divine providence, I begin a new military assignment this weekend of the Baptism of the Lord. After serving 7 years as an Air Force Individual Mobilization Augmentee Reserve Chaplain at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware and 2 years at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, I’ve been assigned as the Wing Chaplain for the 514th Air Mobility Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey (JBMDL).

Serving now as a traditional reservist, please know I’ll be away from the parish one weekend per month, leaving Friday early afternoon and returning Sunday evening to serve what is called a Unit Training Assembly (UTA). In addition, there will be 15 days each year when I will be away for active duty training. The following dates are the UTAs at JBMDL and this year’s Air Force Reserve Command Chaplain Training Conference that all Reserve Chaplains are required to attend: 11-12 Jan; 8-9 Feb; 21-22 Mar; 4-5 Apr; 27-30 Apr (Air Force Reserve Command Chaplain Training Conference); 2-3 May; 6-7 Jun; 11-12 Jul; 1-2 Aug; 12-13 Sep

Since the US Department of Defense Fiscal Year is from Oct 1-Sep 30, once I have the Fiscal Year 2021 UTA dates, I’ll provide those to the parish.

I’m grateful to both Bishop Checchio and Fr. David for their support in allowing me the opportunity to begin serving the men and women in uniform at JBMDL.

I ask your prayers for all who serve our country in the US Armed Forces and for military chaplains who ensure service members and their dependents have opportunities to exercise their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion.

Blessed Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Be assured of my prayers for your intentions when I celebrate Mass at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ this weekend.

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The Religious Education Office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-3:00 PM and on Tuesdays from 1:30-9:00PM.

All Religious Education students, please remember to attend Mass weekly. Grades 2, 7 and 8 are required to hand in signed bulletins to class each week.
ARS will host a tricky tray WINTERFEST on Thursday January 16 open to all. The event will be at 6:00 pm at Alphie's Restaurant, 101 Town Center Drive, Warren NJ

The cost of this event is $35 for ARS members and $42 for non ARS members. Please send a check to Lu Ann Smith 1005 Beechwood Ave. Middlesex, NJ 08846

NAOMI TEA ...
SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020
12:30 - 2:00 PM in PETRA HOUSE

We welcome ALL widows to join us as we gather to share prayer, conversation, and refreshments. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and make friends and discover others who have suffered the same loss. No need to register, just come and bring a friend or someone who might need a ride or a personal invitation. Small bite-sized desserts to share are also appreciated!

OLMV Adult Faith Formation
Morning OR Evening Sessions

Morning Sessions:
(Nouwin’s The Spiritual Life followed by Ten Prayers God always says YES to)
Meetings begin on January 22 (8 sessions)
10:00 am—12:00 noon
Petra House Meeting Room
New members should register as soon as possible in the parish office.

Evening Sessions:
The Seven Last Words of Christ
A Bible Study of Jesus’ Passion
by Rich Cleveland
Eight Wednesdays 7-9 pm
Convent Meeting Room
Classes begin February 5, 2020
$15.00 payable first day of class
Register before January 15, 2020
in the parish office

CASINO NIGHT
Saturday, February 8 is the Eighth Annual Casino Night, hosted by St. John the Evangelist Church in Dunellen. This popular event includes roulette, craps, blackjack, and a 50/50 raffle. Admission is $35 and includes a $70 chip voucher, hors d’oeuvres, soft drinks and coffee, and desserts. Must be at least 21 years old to play. For more information visit http://www.stjohnsdunellen.org/fundraisers.html

Food Collection for Fish January 18-19.

HOLY HOUR FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN
There will be a Holy Hour in the church on the evening of January 22, the anniversary of the Roe v Wade decision legalizing abortion, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Please join with us to pray for the victims of abortion.

Ministry to those who Experience Same Sex Attraction:
The Diocese-Sponsored support groups of Courage and Encourage meet on a regular basis. The Courage group meets weekly for those who experience same sex attraction. The EnEncourage group helps their family members and friends and meets monthly. The next EnEncourage meeting is Saturday, January 18 at 7:00 pm. Please call 732-562-2476 for further information.
PARISH REGISTRATION:

In order to be considered a registered parishioner, an adult (persons 21 years of age or older) must submit a completed registration form. These forms can be picked up at the parish office. Completed forms must be brought to the parish in person. Please remind young adults (family and friends) that they must be separately registered with the parish. Ordinarily, for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation or Matrimony, or to receive a sponsorship eligibility certificate, a person must be a registered and active member of OLMV.

ELIGIBILITY LETTERS FOR GODPARENTS AND SPONSORS:

A person seeking a “sponsor letter” from OLMV to serve as a godparent for the Sacrament of Baptism or a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation must be a registered parishioner of OLMV for at least 6 months and must have received all three Sacraments of Initiation and be a Confirmed Catholic who is active in the parish and, if married, be in a valid, Catholic marriage. An “active” Catholic is understood to be a person who attends Mass regularly and whose lifestyle is in keeping with the Catholic faith. He or she should ensure that his or her own school age children are attending Mass, are enrolled in religious education, and have received their sacraments.
**Boletín en Español**
**Domingo 12 de enero del 2020**
**El Bautismo del Señor**

**Boletín en Español: Actividades y Anuncios**

- **Confesiones:** Domingos antes de la Misa a la 1:00 —1:25 pm, o llamando a la oficina parroquial para solicitar una cita para la confesió.

- **Si desean llevar a la Virgen a sus hogares,** se pueden anotar en el libro que está en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia por la puerta hacia el parqueo, o llamando a la Oficina Parroquial.

- **Misas:** Todo parroquiano que desee pedir la Intención de la Misa para cualquier domingo deberá venir a la Oficina Parroquial durante horas de trabajo. De lunes a jueves entre 8:30 am—2:00 pm. Si usted habla Inglés puede venir durante el siguiente horario: De lunes a viernes entre 8:30—4:00 pm. Las Misas se pueden reservar personalmente únicamente. No podemos reservar Misas por teléfono. La donación por una Misa es $10.

- **Café Social:** Nuevos miembros que deseen ayudar durante el Café son bienvenidos. Para anotarse a ayudar hablar con Eduardo y Lady Miranda después de Misa.

- **Clases de Inglés:** Todos los miércoles de 6:00 a 8:00 PM. Todos son bienvenidos.

- **Ayuda a tu parroquia como Lector, Ministros Extraordinarios de la Santa Comunión, Monaguillos. Necesitamos tu colaboración!!**

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**Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento**

La Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento son el 1er, 3er y 5to viernes de cada mes a las 7:30 AM hasta las 12:00 del mediodía, y el 2do y 4to jueves de cada mes a 7:00 PM hasta las 8:00 PM. Todos son bienvenidos a venir a pasar un rato a solas y en oración con Jesús.

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**BAUTISOS EN ESPAÑOL**

LAS CLASES PRE BAUTISMALES SERÁN EL PRIMER JUEVES DE CADA MES A LAS 7:45 P.M. EN EL CENTRO PARROQUIANO (450 DRAVE AVE, MIDDLESEX, NJ)

El próximo curso Pre-Bautismal será: el 6 de febrero, 2020.

POR FAVOR NOTAR QUE LOS BAUTISMOS SON EL ÚLTIMO DOMINGO DE CADA MES A LAS 12:30 P.M.

**NOTA:** El próximo Bautismo disponible será el 26 de enero, 2020.

Para más Información y registración, por favor llamar a la oficina parroquial al 732-356-2149.

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**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA LOS ADULTOS**

Si usted ó alguien que usted conoce, le gustaría escuchar más acerca de Jesús y su Iglesia, le invitamos a unirse a nosotros en una Sesión de Información del programa RICA. Si usted desea ser bautizado en la Iglesia Católica, o si ya está bautizado y desea recibir los otros sacramentos de iniciación, o viene a nosotros de otra fe y desea ser plenamente iniciado como miembro de la Iglesia Católica, entonces le invitamos a unirse a RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos).

RICA es el proceso que le llevará al Bautismo (por los no bautizados), Eucaristía y Confirmación. Caminemos juntos en un camino de fe.

Para más información comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (732-356-2149) ó con el Diácono Edgar Chaves: echaves@olmv.net

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**Atención Comunidad Hispana!!**

Toda persona que necesite asesoría espiritual, o tenga preguntas sobre Sacramentos, pueden hablar con el Padre David, Padre Louis y el Diacono Edgar Chaves.
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