

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

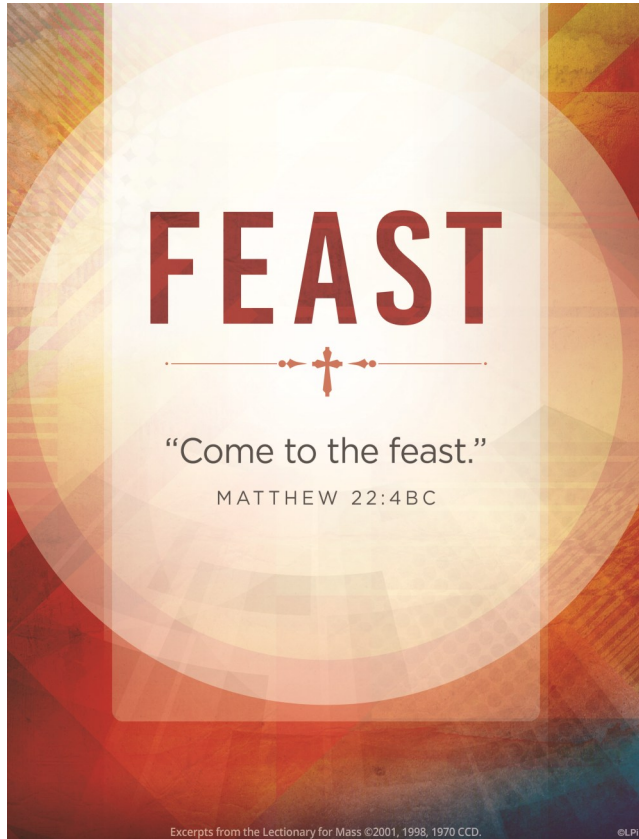
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www.motherofthechurch.org

Our Mission

To be a Parish Community where the Signs of Faith are given so that, seeing them, all can be led to Eternal Life.



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 11, 2026

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Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Closed Friday

Parish Pastoral Council:

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Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 5:30 pm,

8:00 pm (Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist)

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Holy Days

See bulletin for schedule of Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday

(Sign up using link on parish website)

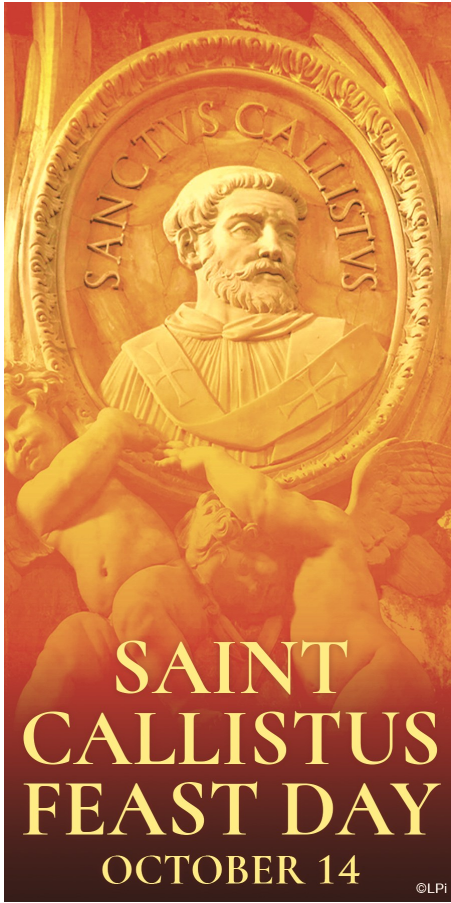
12:30 pm to 2:00 pm (Opus Dei Priest)

and

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm (OLMC Parish Priest)

(No sign up required. First come, first served.)

FROM FR. JASON



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Wednesday, October 14, the Church remembers St. Callistus I, a man whom the Lord raised from the lowest place to the Chair of Peter. He was a slave. He failed. He was put in prison. He knew the weight of his own weakness. And yet God chose him to be the shepherd of His Church.

Callistus is remembered above all for one thing: **mercy**.

In a time when many wanted a pure Church of the “strong,” Callistus opened the doors wide to those who had fallen - adulterers, apostates, the weak. **He said that the Church is not a museum of saints, but a hospital for sinners.** He knew, from his own life, that the Lord does not tire of forgiving. He does not grow weary of lifting up the one who falls.

This is the same mercy we can receive.

We too have heard the kerygma: “Christ died for our sins... and He is risen!” We too have discovered that our sins are not an obstacle for God, but the very place where His love is revealed. Like Callistus, we have learned that the Christian community is the place where the Lord continues to wash our feet, to forgive seventy times seven, to give us a new beginning.

Callistus paid for this mercy with his life. He was martyred. The world does not understand a Church that forgives. The world prefers judgment, purity, and exclusion. But the Lord has chosen the weak to shame the strong. He has chosen the merciful to reveal His own Heart.

Today the Word invites us:

Do not be afraid of your weakness.

Do not be afraid of the weakness of your brothers and sisters.

The Church is the place where the Father runs to meet the prodigal son.

The Eucharist is the banquet prepared for those who know they need mercy.

May St. Callistus intercede for our community, so that we may never close the door on anyone whom the Lord wants to save. May we be a people who, like him, proclaim with our lives:

God is rich in mercy.

Peace,

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am

Friday

8:30 am

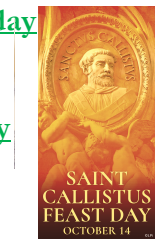
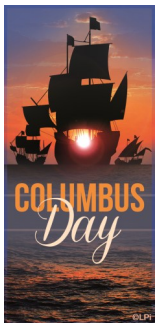
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October 10

Jeremiah Mullins

October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

Inga Kayner

October 12

Columbus Day

Pedro & Maria Reina

October 13

George & Peter Lutz

October 14

St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

Domenica Tarabocchia

October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Mary Tarabocchia

October 16

St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque, Virgin

Anthony Picinic

October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

James Donovan

October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

Yolanda & Anthony Bucich

People of the Parish

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

-Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$6,945.00

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

-Qoh 3:11

"A time to be healed."

Parish sick list: Marie Barrett, Dino Caparoso, Rev. Bob Connor, Mary Cummings, Arlene Desposito, Ethel Dubrowski, Ed Evans, Trevor Giesberg, Ann Goodwin, Kathy Hedley, Pablo Ibarrola, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Julia Geraghty, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, John Mandile, Joyce Merlino, John Mullins, Carol Myack, David Plummer, James Ranaazzo, Danielle Rendon, Gail Roberts, Carol Schmidt, Jean Sember, Bro. Kevin Smith, John Vallely, Eric Vanderleif, Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn."

Recently past: Patrick Ranaazzo

"A time for war and a time for peace."

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan, Seamus Ryan
Amen.



Electronic donations?

Please scan the QR code to use our 'Parish Giving' service.



St. John's Academy

Job Opportunity



St. John's Academy, a pre-k 3 through 8th grade Catholic school in Hillsdale is currently seeking a Part-Time Special Education Teacher. Qualified applicants should hold a Teacher of Students with Disabilities certification. The position is 5 days per week; approximately 25 hours per week. The annual salary is \$28,000 - \$30,000. Part-time employees are eligible to participate in the 403b Savings Plan.

Qualified candidates should send their cover letter, resume, and credentials to: Mrs. Annie Mitchell at:

amitchell@sja-hillsdale.org



Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power

of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Save the Date!

A Joyful Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Duo Pianos, Professional Singers, and a Choir
Sing-Along!

Mingle with wine and cheese afterwards!

Tickets on sale starting Nov. 7/8 after Mass and in
the parish office!

Pain is never permanent.

-St. Teresa of Jesus



Rooted in Kindness

A tree-mendous thank you to Downes Tree Service Inc. for donating their services to help us with our tree care needs! We are so grateful to them for helping keep our property safe, healthy, and looking its best. They recently removed many dead or dying trees on the church property and also performed the stump grinding. Have a tree concern or planning a project? Reach out anytime - they would love to help.

Downes Tree Service Inc.

973.238.9800 / info@downes.pro

CHRIST THE KING AND OUR LADY OF SORROWS INVITES
ALL SURROUNDING FAITH COMMUNITIES TO A

Interfaith CANDLE Light Vigil

6:00pm

768 OCEAN AVENUE
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07304

SUNDAY

11th
OCTOBER

Celebrating World
Mental Health
Day 2026

MENTAL
HEALTH

Lighting the way with Healing and Hope



Divine Mercy Daily

Daily Reflections from the
Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Meditation:

Then I heard the following words spoken thus: **I want you to be My spouse.** Fear pierced my soul, but I calmly continued to reflect on what sort of an espousal this could be. However, each time fear would invade my soul, a power from on high would give it peace (Diary, 912).

The Lord said to me, **I want to give Myself to souls and to fill them with My love, but few there are who want to accept all the graces My love has intended for them. My grace is not lost; if the soul for whom it was intended does not accept it, another soul takes it** (Diary, 1017).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, You want to give Yourself to souls and fill them with Your love and mercy. But so many souls refuse Your love. Change my heart, Lord, to desire You alone. And fill me with Your love and mercy.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

Share Divine Mercy Daily with your friends and family:
TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup

Kid's Corner



1. What special party did the king prepare for his son?
2. When the first people who were invited said "no," what did the king tell his servants to do?
3. Why is it important to come to God's "party" ready (with a "wedding garment")?
4. Our Lord chose St. Margaret Mary Alacoque to spread devotion to _____?
5. Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to Confession how often?

1. A big wedding feast (banquet) with lots of good food ready for everyone to enjoy. 2. Go out into the streets and invite anyone they could find — good people and people who still needed to learn — so the hall would be full. 3. Because God invites everyone, but He wants us to come with hearts ready to love Him and follow Jesus — that is how we show we truly want to be His guests. 4. Our Lord's Sacred Heart. 5. A minimum of once a month.

Answers:

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High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in the Fall of 2027! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026. Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. The deadline to register for the Cooperative Admissions HSPT is October 23, 2026. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, see www.catholicchoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.



Parish Registration

A Parishioner is one who belongs to our parish community. As such, they are registered and actively participate in the life of the parish community by regularly attending Mass, joining ministries, and financially supporting the parish.

To obtain Sponsor Certificates / Letters of Good Standing for Baptism and Confirmation, please call the parish office. The person requesting such must be registered and be an active member of our Parish community. We request that you register so that we can serve you better.



Communion Project

Mission & Vision

Our mission is to heal the sin of toxic polarization in the US Catholic Church so the Church can be a more joyful witness of the Gospel in our divided country.

We envision a U.S. Catholic Church that transcends political and ideological divisions so the Church can be a joyful witness to the Gospel in a divided world. (John 17:21).



FIND FREEDOM

Catholic in Recovery is a worldwide community of individuals seeking a solution to **addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments** by integrating the Catholic faith into 12-step recovery.

JOIN a virtual meeting to begin your journey or strengthen your recovery. Resources also include CIR's Pathway to Recovery to support and guide you through the first 90 days of recovery.



www.catholicinrecovery.com



A Little Humor...

The Sunday School teacher was describing that when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Little Bobby interrupted. "My mommy looked back once while she was driving," he announced, "and she turned into a telephone pole."



A Concert for Peace!

The Social Justice & Peace Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Park Ridge will present an outdoor Benefit Concert for Peace on **Sunday, October 11th at 3 PM.**

Performing will be acoustic duo Gordo & Darby, presenting a delightful variety of musical selections and styles including songs highlighting the themes of peace and social justice. All are welcome for an afternoon of uplifting music and community!

OLM Church Courtyard, 2 Fremont Ave Park Ridge

Rain location: OLMA

Bring lawn chairs/blankets

Light refreshments provided. Free will donations or ShopRite gift cards will be accepted for the Triboro Food Pantry, the OLM Serenity Fund & the Delaney Hall facility in Newark for visiting families. For more info, email us at:

sjpm@urolm.org.

Always think of yourself as everyone's servant; look for Christ Our Lord in everyone and you will then have respect and reverence for them all.

-St. Teresa of Jesus



Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9 AM – 2 PM

Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 3

St. Andrew Church

120 Washington Avenue,

Westwood, NJ 07675

This retreat is open to all women. The retreat includes Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing, and prayers for healing. Our very special guest speaker, Mrs. Gayle Scirocco, will share her "Continuing Journey of Faith and Healing." Registration is required no later than Tuesday, Oct. 13, through our website, www.cwoz.org. A donation of \$25 payable at the door includes a box lunch. To register by telephone, call 201-370-2577. Please leave your name and telephone number and indicate which lunch you would prefer: 1) Turkey/Provolone, 2) Ham/Swiss, 3) Grilled Chicken/Roasted Peppers, or 4) Grilled Veggies.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

Our Lady Mother of the Church has received \$37,344.00 in pledges for this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal from 66 donors and has achieved 109% of our Base Goal! Thank you to those parishioners who have made their gift to the 2026 Annual Appeal! Please be sure to honor your pledges. This year's time period for the Stretch Goal incentive built into the appeal has passed as of June 30, 2026.



If you would like to make a gift to the Annual Appeal, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or scan the QR code. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.



Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 1, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Every year, our parish remembers all those parishioners who have gone home to the Lord during the past year at a Memorial Mass on the Feast of All Souls. Individual invitations are mailed to the family members of all those who have been buried from Our Lady Mother of the Church.

Any parishioner who has suffered the loss of a relative, since November 2025, who was not buried from this church, can still have that loved one remembered at this Mass. If you would like them to be included and you will be attending the Mass, please contact the parish office at (201) 391-2826 or office@motherofthechurch.org with their name and date of death before Wednesday, October 28.

During the remembrance rite, a representative of each family is invited to place a symbol of life, a flower, in a vase located in the sanctuary. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass.



Memorials on October 16

St. Hedwig (1174-1243): Hedwig was the aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, and was married at an early age to Henry, Duke of Silesia. After their six children had been born, they both strove to advance in sanctity and to enrich Silesia and Poland with monasteries, hospitals, and leper asylums. When Henry died in 1238, Hedwig took the habit of the Cistercian nuns at Trebnitz (where one of her daughters was the abbess), but retained the administration of her property so that she could give personal relief to the suffering.

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Heritage Fund

The Our Lady Mother of the Church Heritage Fund is a **restricted fund** created to complete projects and improvements in the parish. It is **restricted**, meaning that all donations will remain in the parish and cannot be used for any other purpose except for the named project donated to. Proposed projects are named below and as they are completed, it will be communicated here.

Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
Church Shingled Roof	\$150,000.00

Current Funding: \$76,857.19.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make checks payable to 'Our Lady Mother of the Church' with 'Heritage Fund - New Church Roof' in the memo line. Thank you for your support! May God give you 100-fold! Remember, He is never outdone in generosity!

Update 7/12/26: You might have noticed that the shingled roof replacement has been finished! See above to learn how to support this project!

Memorials on October 16

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St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690): After a girlhood marked by painful illness and even more painful family discord, Margaret Mary entered the Visitation convent of Paray-le-Monial, France, at the age of 22. She was ignorant, sickly, and clumsy, but she had great charity and humility. Our Lord chose her to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart, at a time when rebellion without (Protestantism) and heresy within (Jansenism) were doing their best to separate Catholics from their faith and their God.

Respect Life Corner



"When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the *mother of life*. Mary's acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, *Respect Life Reflection: "Mary: Mother of Life"*