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****** FROM THE PASTOR ******

The gospel quotes the disciples as saying to Jesus, "everyone is looking for you." But Jesus isn't sitting around waiting, He has work to do. As He says, "it is for this purpose that I have come."

To this day, everyone is looking for Jesus. They don't necessarily realize its Jesus they seek, but they are seeking Him nonetheless.

Our primary purpose, our reason for being, is to find Jesus, and through Him, to know and love God. To ultimately become one with God for all eternity. As the old Baltimore Catechism explained it, "Why did God create me? To know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in Heaven."

Our secondary purpose is to help others fulfill their purpose. In helping others to know and love God, we inevitably help ourselves to know and love God more fully as well.

Collectively, helper and helpee, we are the Church. Anything we do to help the Church, is in fact, helping ourselves.

That's my segue into the Archbishops Annual Appeal!

The Annual Appeal reminds us that we are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and as such, as St. Paul words it, we are all obliged to play a role in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel, the good news of Christ, to the world. Our support of the Archdiocese does just that. It provides for those in need. It helps to feed the physical needs, the emotional needs, the psychological needs and most importantly the spiritual needs of others.

Through the Archdiocese we can bring hope and help to those living in the darkness of fear, of loneliness and poverty.

I want to personally thank those of you who made a pledge last year. Thanks to you, we met and even slightly exceeded our goal. And I want to thank each and every one of you for your on-going support of this parish. You are a blessing!

And you will be blessed! As St. Paul said in today's second reading, your efforts to spread Christ's gospel of love, insures that you will have a share in it."

God Bless you,
Fr. Ray

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please keep in prayer the following children of the parish who have prepared to celebrate First Reconciliation this Saturday and will be moving on to learn about and receive First Holy Communion. May they have continued support along the way and grow closer to Jesus through this experience.

Emma Jane Andriulli
Savannah Dani Dalessio
David Robert DeOliveira
Brady Dowd
Chase Godwin
Karris Elizabeth Grossman
Alexa Lekaj
Marcella Juliet Mastellone

William McAuliffe
Ryan McCorry
Gabriella Revilla
Anthony Stephen Riccardi
Hailey Paige Sardina
Matteo Scalia
Rose Skuches
Austin Nicholas Young

PARISH NEWS

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION - There is still a great need for donations of non-perishable food, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. The suggested donations are **Soup, Rice and Canned Fruit**. We thank you in advance for helping those who are less fortunate than most of us. Donations may be placed in the basket at the back of the church.



SAVE THE DATE - Feb. 10th Saturday morning following the 8:45 Mass. My brothers and sisters, as Lent quickly approaches the OLGC Men's group would like to invite you to join us for a short video presentation from the "Chosen" series. This series is a wonderful way during Lent to reflect on the life of Christ from the disciples' perspective and our own. There will be time for table sharing with light refreshments after the video. We will be meeting in the Rackley Room. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you there. If you are considering attending, please let Pat know at the rectory. 201-664-6624.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION - Join us for a Lenten Parish Mission on Monday, February 19th - February 21st, featuring Msgr. Paul Bochicchio and Fr. Paul Houllis. Each night will begin at 7:00 pm in the church.

CASINO NIGHT - Mark your calendars, Casino Night 2024 will be held **Saturday, April 6th** in the newly renovated Marian Center. Plans are already in motion with our team of volunteers. We are always looking for new members to join our crew. Please consider adding your gifts of time, talent and treasure to this exciting parish night. Without volunteers we will have to scale back on some of things we have offered in the past. Your commitment is usual only 2 or 3 meetings and the evening of Casino Night. Additionally, we are looking for our usual donations of prizes to make the evening so much more fun. Giftcards, scratch-off lottery tickets, unwanted **new** gifts and bottles of wine or liquor are some suggestions. Your donations can be dropped off in the confessional in the back of the church or at the rectory. Please mark them "FOR CASINO NIGHT". Thank you in advance for your help. Any questions call John Brunelli (201-248-0558) or Claudia Carroll (201-741-1042)

BAKE SALE sponsored by the OLGC Women's Group will be held on Sunday, February 11th, after the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Funds raised will be used for a public speaker.

CONGRATULATIONS CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS
Last week's winners were: January 26 - Lucille Scudieri, January 27 - J. Licini, January 28 - Gail Lilgeberg, January 29 - Betty Frasca, January 30 - Evelyn Moran, January 31 - Ron Caffrey. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to all who participated. We raised \$13,072.00 towards a new parking lot. A special thanks to Beth Holmes, Liz Marcinek and Cathy Russo who helped get the mailing out.

PALMS - Your old palm from last year may be placed in the basket at the back of the church. This palm is burned and used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

CLASS OF '74 FIFTIETH REUNION - Did you attend OLGC grammar school with the Class of 1974 or know someone who did? If you're a member of the OLGC Class of 1974 and have not yet been contacted about our upcoming 50th reunion on April 27th and would like to be, please contact Mary (Ayrovainen) Selman at mselman@comcast.net.

OUR NEW GYM has been available for pickleball and our group is growing. We've had regular open play for all levels from 7:00-9:00 pm on Wednesdays, and the courts are also available Saturday evenings beginning at 5:00 pm and Sunday mornings from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm based on demand. All levels of play are welcome and informal instruction is provided to anyone who needs it. The game is fun and easy to learn, and enjoyable at any level, even if you have never played a racquet sport. If you are interested in joining us, call/text/email Patti Modica at 201-615-4399 or pattimod@gmail.com. Information forms are also locate at the back of the church, fill one out and leave it, and we'll get you on the contact list.

HELP NEEDED - Donna OShea is looking for a kidney donation. To learn more about her story, find out about kidney donation or be tested as a potential donor please visit her website: www.nkr.org/GAA448.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 4TH

Our prayer intention for this week and the next few weeks will be for the success of the Annual Appeal

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

ANCIENT GREECE & EPHEBUS - Fr. Stephen Toth will be leading a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to Ancient Greece and Ephesus including a 4 day cruise on the Aegean Sea to the Greek Isles from April 29th to May 10th, 2024. For more information call Syversen Touring at 1-800-334-5425.

HANDBAG BINGO AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, Woodcliff Lake - Handbag Bingo with Tricky Tray, 50/50 and Raffles on Wednesday, March 13th, Doors open at 6:00 pm, First game will be called at 7:00 pm in the McCarthy Center (Gym). BYOB and appetizers. Water, coffee and light desserts will be served. Guest must be 18 or older.

K OF C SPELLING BEE will be held on Wednesday, February 21st at the K of C Hall at 79 Pascack Road and will be open to all Twp. of Washington and Westwood students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The event begins promptly at 7:00 pm with student sign-up beginning at 6:30 pm. All students should pre-register by sending an email to mfusco1227@aol.com include your full name, grade level and the town you live in. A reply email will be sent to confirm your attendance. 586

THIS WEEK AT OLGC

SUNDAY:	12:30 pm	Baptism Prep. Session
MONDAY:		
TUESDAY:	7:00 pm	Casino Committee
WEDNESDAY:	7:00 pm	Youth Group
THURSDAY:		
FRIDAY:	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
SATURDAY:	9:15 am	Men's Group Video - Mercy and Forgiveness
SUNDAY:		Bake Sale After 8:00 & 11:00 am Masses
	9:30-10:45 am	Pre-K-8 Rel. Ed. Classes
	11:00 am	Mass with First Grade Participation
	12:30 pm	Baptisms

REMINDER

SUNDAY COMMITTEE - Next Sunday, February 11th, Group A under the direction of Patricia Holland is scheduled for duty at the rectory.

ARCHDIOCESAN CRISIS PREGNANCY HELPLINE - 1-888-4 OPTIONS.

WEBSITE - Our website is www.olgcwt.org. You can find our bulletin on it, schedules and Religious Education news, parish activities and Parish Giving. Check us out.

THE SUNDAY MASS - WCTV broadcasts the Sunday Mass from OLGC on Optimum channel 77 or Fios channel 24 every Sunday at 8:00 am and 12:00 noon. Every Sunday the televised Mass produced by the Passionist Community is available in the New York Metropolitan area. (WLNY at 9:00 am; WNYW at 5:30 am.) Mass is also available on EWTN at 8:00 am and noon. Check your newspaper or television listing for the channel number. Closed Captioning is also available.

MISA EN ESPANOL, DOMINGO 2:00 pm - St. Andrew's Church, Washington Avenue in Westwood, 201-669-3900. Please note new time and phone number.

CATHOLIC RADIO - "Relevant Radio" is a Catholic program with music and interesting information located at 1430 AM. In addition to the general audience, this might be appealing to the home-bound and/or visually impaired.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

of February 4, 2024

SATURDAY:	5:00 pm	Aurora Miclat
SUNDAY:	8:00 am	Alfred Pacicco
	11:00 am	John Patrick Keane & John Robert Keane
MONDAY:	8:45 am	Law and Mc Glone Family
TUESDAY:	8:45 am	Marianne Samaritano
WEDNESDAY:	8:45 am	Deceased Members of Graber Family
THURSDAY:	8:45 am	Vincy Quarantillo
FRIDAY:	8:45 am	Francesco Fulco
SATURDAY:	8:45 am	People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Calvin M. Peters
SUNDAY:	8:00 am	John Cerneka
	11:00 am	Sera Armantano

SCRIPTURE READING

SUNDAY:	Jb7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39
MONDAY:	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Mk 6:53-56
TUESDAY:	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Mk 7:1-13
WEDNESDAY:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
THURSDAY:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
FRIDAY:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
SATURDAY:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
SUNDAY:	Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection - 1/27 & 28, 2024	\$4,043.00
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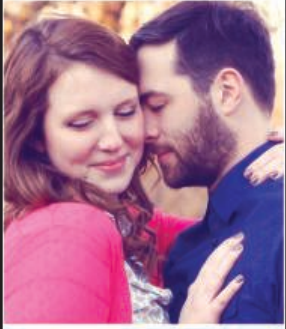
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