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SUNDAY OF

## Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Milltown, New Jersey

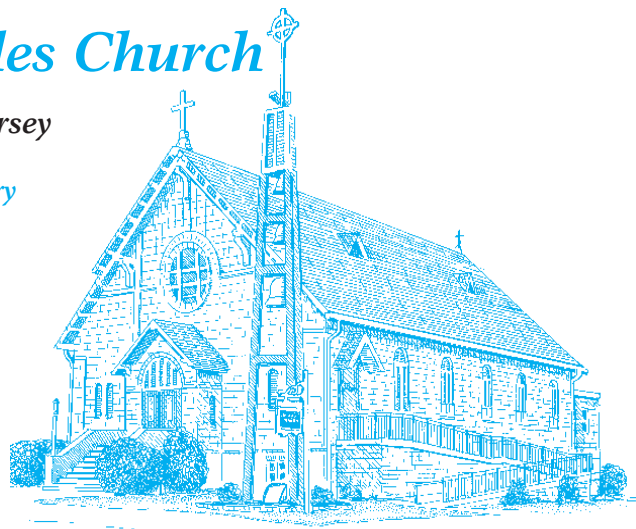
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### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

### Weekdays

Monday: 7:00 PM Mass with  
Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday through Saturday: 7:00 AM

### Confession

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12 Noon

Saturday: After 5:00 PM Mass

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2024 • John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

**The hour has come for the  
Son of Man to be glorified.**

JOHN 12:23



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ✠ MARCH 17, 2024

**Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated on Sundays.  
Please call the parish office to schedule.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Please call the parish office when you or a loved one is sick at home or in the hospital for visitation with the Eucharist and for the Anointing of the Sick.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the parish office at least one year before the potential wedding date. **New**

**Parishioners:** Should register as soon as possible.  
Please contact the parish office

**Religious Education (CCD):** Please log-on to [www.ololchurchnj.org](http://www.ololchurchnj.org) for calendar and parish events.

### Mass Offerings

#### SUNDAY, Mar. 17

7:30 am Michael Schiavone req Knights of Columbus  
9:00 am Dennis O'Malley req The Welsh Family  
10:30 am Deceased Coakley & O'Grady Families  
req Pat Laudino  
12 Noon Dolores Goska req Paul & Barbara Gallo

#### MONDAY, Mar. 18

7:00pm

#### TUESDAY, Mar. 19

7:00am Frank Laudino req by Family

#### WEDNESDAY, Mar. 20

7:00am Cammie Sullivan req Ed Nartowicz & Family

#### THURSDAY, Mar. 21

7:00am

#### FRIDAY, Mar. 22

7:00am JoAnn Rush req Laverne & Kaz Gzemski

#### SATURDAY, Mar. 23

7:00am Stella & Stanely Zgurzynski req Kosiarski Family  
5:00pm Intention of Parishioners

#### SUNDAY, Mar. 24

7:30am Joseph Kraemer req Mom  
9:00am Joan Wieczorek req Joyce & Jerry Michalak  
10:30am Anthony Fanelli req Pentz Family  
12 Noon Marge Stetzko req Mavis DaCruz



### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

#### Gospel: John 12:20-33

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#### Sunday

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

#### Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

#### Tuesday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

#### Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

#### Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

#### Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

#### Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**SCHEDULE FOR 4th SUNDAY OF THE MONTH****EUCCHARISTIC MIN****LECTOR****SAT. Mar. 23**

5pm

VonB

M. Abano

**SUN. Mar. 24**

7:30am

S. Abano

Hoban

9:00am

Toth

Toth

10:30am

Anton

Kosiarski

12 noon

DeAmicis

Palacios

**Bulletin for March 16-17, Fifth Sunday of Lent****2024 Bishop's  
Annual Appeal****STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send US on Mission**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Father Ed, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

**Palm Sunday Weekend**

There will be a second collection for **Retirement Collection for the Diocesan Clergy**. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for our retired diocesan priests.

**Good Friday**

We will be collecting for **The Holy Land Collection**. The single beneficiary of this collection is the Commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land

and the Sacred congregation of Oriental Churches.

**Easter Sunday**

There will be a second collection for **Easter Sunday** along with our regular Sunday collection.

**Celebrate Holy Week and Easter with EWTN**

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**Invitation to all Photographers, Writers, Graphic Designers and Artists**

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Communications and Public Relations extends an invitation to all photographers, writers, graphic designers and Artists residing within the Diocese of Metuchen to participate in the upcoming showcase celebration World Communications Day 2024. For more application and submission guidelines are available at [www.dometuchen.org/wcdshowcase](http://www.dometuchen.org/wcdshowcase).

**Last week's Offertory collection - \$4,606.00****Online - \$1,864.00****4th Sunday collection counters - Rose Buttafogo, Jodi Flynn, Linda Cafferty****SOUND SYSTEM**

The public address system that was replaced in the church is now available for sale. A number of speakers and our mixing board as well as other sound equipment are available. If interested, call Fr Ed.



# **OLOL ALTAR ROSARY EASTER FLOWERS**

OLOL's Altar Rosary Society is accepting donations for the flowers for our church for Easter. Your Easter message will be printed in the Bulletin in the weeks following Easter. This is a lovely way to remember a loved one or to spread a special Easter message.

The cost is \$25 per message. Checks are payable to OLOL Altar Rosary. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory at 233 North Main Street, Milltown or place in the collection basket by Monday, March 25, 2024.

Please call Bernadette Olson at (732) 991-6359 if you have any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of messages \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Messages (Please print):

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

## Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

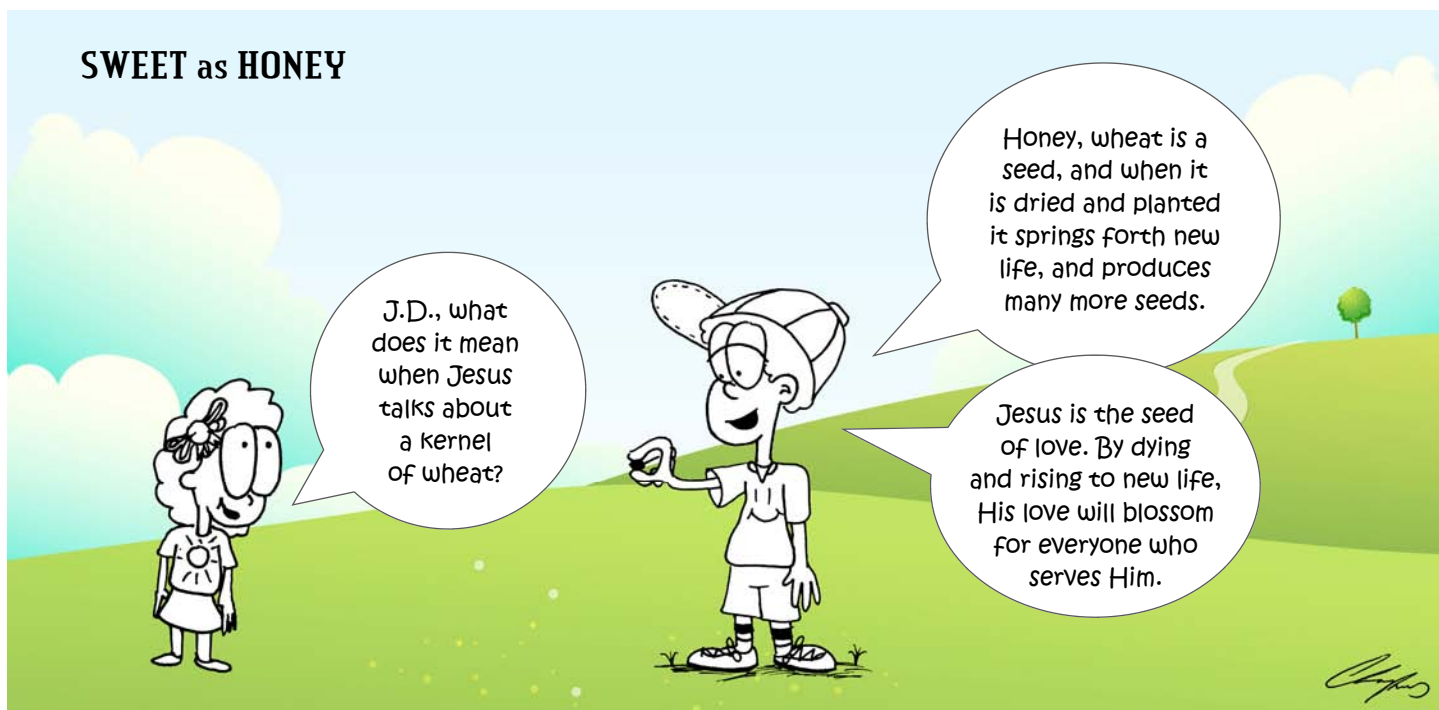
This week I will give up/do without \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will do this act of love/good deed \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sundays optional)*

**Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.**

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