

# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*Hail Mary, full  
of grace. Our Lord  
is with thee. Blessed  
art thou among  
women, and blessed  
is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us  
sinners, now  
and at the hour  
of our death.*

*Amen.*

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Milltown, New Jersey

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1921-2021.*

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**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30

**Weekdays**  
Monday: 7:00 PM Mass with  
Miraculous Medal Novena  
Tuesday through Saturday: 7:00 AM  
Monday through Friday: 12:10 PM

**Confession**  
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30  
Saturday: After 5:00 PM Mass

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025 • Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.





## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

**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

#### MONDAY, Sept. 8

7:00pm John F. O'Grady Jr. req Pat Laudino

#### TUESDAY, Sept. 9

7:00am Pattie Caropreso req Lucy Kraemer

#### WEDNESDAY, Sept. 10

7:00am Connie Applegate req Marie & Tom Macor

#### THURSDAY, Sept. 11

7:00am Mary Lynch req Loving Husband

#### FRIDAY, Sept. 12

7:00am Anthony Nartowicz req Ed Nartowicz

#### SATURDAY, Sept. 13

7:00am Peggy Gerling req Dea. Bob & JoAnn Gerling

5:00pm Intention of Parishioners

#### SUNDAY, Sept. 14

8:00am Bob Kraemer req Wife

11:30am Domenica Piazza req Tom & Bernadette Olson



### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

#### Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

#### Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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#### Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

#### Monday

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

#### Tuesday

Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19

#### Wednesday

Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26

#### Thursday

Col 3:12-17; Lk 6:27-38

#### Friday

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42

#### Saturday

1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49

**SCHEDULE FOR 2nd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH****EUCCHARISTIC MIN****LECTOR****SAT. Sept. 13**

5pm

Hanson

**Sun. Sept. 14**

8am

Anton

Demetor

11:30am

Aponte

Palacios

**Bulletin for Sept. 6-7, 2025 - The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****LOLO Does it Again!**

The people of Life Choices in Metuchen thank us for our OUTSTANDING Baby Bottle collection, which brought in \$11,937.15! Our parish is among the smallest in the Diocese, but this is one of their LARGEST donations! Our Lady of Lourdes stands up for Life!

**Bazaar News**

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6, 2025, for Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Christmas Bazaar! As you are shopping, please think about the Basket Raffle and Magic Tree (items valued at \$10 to \$25) donations which will be collected on Saturday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Our frequent basket themes (new items only) include baby baskets, family entertainment, game night, children's toys, women's accessories, pet items and others. Business donations are appreciated, and donation letters are available. Watch future bulletins for more information. If you are interested in getting involved in the Bazaar, please call Bernadette Olson at (732)991-6359.

**Healing Mass**

Our Lady of Peace Annual Healing Mass with Rev. John Canpoli, I.V. Dei, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for a wonderful mass and celebration of God's healing love. Following the mass there is an opportunity for individual prayer. All are welcome. This Mass is sponsored by the Columbiettes. OLOP Church 1730 Route 130. North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

For more information, please visit [www.hisloveministries.com](http://www.hisloveministries.com)

**Parish Registration**

If you are 21 or older, you should be registered as a parishioner independently from your parents. If you are not a registered member, you are not eligible for letters of Sponsorship. To receive a Sponsorship letter to be a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor, you would need to be an active member. If you receive envelopes, please use them. This is how we know of your attendance at Mass, which is a prerequisite for being a Sponsor or Godparent. Use of the envelopes helps us to verify your Mass attendance.

**Last week's Offertory collection – \$3,237.00      Online- \$1,456.00**

**1st weekend counters – John Reardon, Leonida Ruiz, Hubert Ruiz**

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025 will be Saturday, Dec. 6!**

### **Our Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR needs your help!**

All donations should be dropped off on Saturday, October 11th between 9am – noon on the front apron of the school auditorium under the roof. ***Thank you for all your support!***

**RAFFLE BASKET BOOTH** – Below is a list of possible theme baskets for our popular Raffle Basket Booth with suggested donations of new items that we will use to “build” the baskets. We appreciate your generous donations to enhance the presentation and value of the basket raffles. Please mark your donations “Basket Raffle booth.”

**Girl and Boy Baskets (2)** ages 6 to 12 – books, board/card games, puzzles, craft/art supplies, Legos, princess/superhero dolls, Melissa & Doug toys (5 Below gift card)

**Men’s Basket** – hand tools, work gloves, car cleaning products, grooming kits, fishing gear (Home Depot/Lowe’s gift cards)

**Baby Boy and Baby Girl Baskets (2)** – crib/bath toys, feeding/drinking utensils, lotions, onesies, bibs, receiving blankets, small books, stuffed animals

**Baking/Cooking Baskets** – small appliances, salt/pepper shakers, measuring cups, baking pans, grill pan, potholders/mitts, dish towels (Grocery store gift card)

**Family Entertainment Basket(s)** – card/board games, boxed snacks (theater-size), microwave popcorn/bowl, word searches, puzzles

**Teen Girls/Ladies Basket(s)** – makeup brushes, body lotions, moisturizers, nail grooming, bath pouf (Ulta gift card)

**Coffee/Tea Basket(s)** – assorted teas/coffees, biscuits, mugs, dessert dishes, serving tray, coffee pot/maker, teapot

**Entertainment supplies** – cheeseboard, chip/dip bowls, serving bowls

**Other Themes Items** used to create baskets are toy cars/trucks/sports balls, toddler toys, character comforters/pillows, books, crafts, handheld games, puzzles, dolls/accessories, pet items, etc.

**For Raffle Basket questions, please call Geri Figueroa at (732)433-2010.**

**MAGIC TREE** – all new items - valued from \$10 to \$25, “regifts” are acceptable. Toys, boxed games, household items, small appliances, wallets, photo frames, tote bags, bath & body products, craft kits, sports items, etc. Please mark these donations as “Magic Tree” items.

*We will also accept “nearly” new Toys, Religious Articles, Costume Jewelry(seeking vintage Christmas pins), “New to You” Christmas décor. And gift cards for the Gift Card Tree Raffle.*

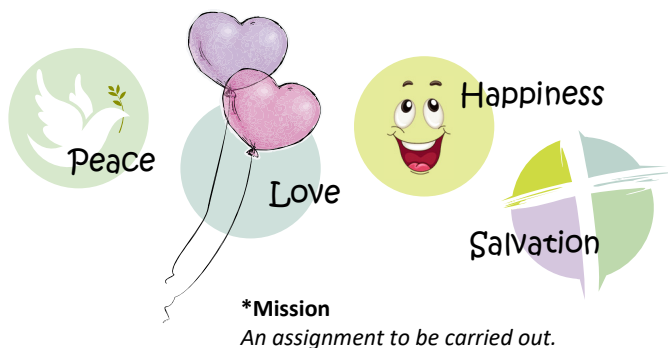
We very much **need additional volunteers!** From set up, selling, to breakdown we need volunteers! Please call if you can volunteer or have any questions.

**Bernadette Olson (732)991-6359 or Ann Marie Simons (732)745-4694**

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 14:25-33

As disciples of Christ our mission\* is total dedication to God. Nothing should be a distraction—not family, possessions or hardships. Then, be prepared for peace, love, happiness and salvation, the rewards of discipleship.

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—LUKE 14:27

# BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

Jesus Addressed	A	D	D	R	E	S	S	E	D	C	R	O	S	S	Y
Great Crowds	C	T	D	E	D	I	C	A	T	I	O	N	N	A	F
Traveling With Them	C	H	T	W	D	I	O	V	A	R	T	C	O	L	S
Saying Discipleship	E	E	H	A	P	P	I	N	E	S	S	A	I	V	S
Requires Total	P	M	O	R	C	J	E	W	R	A	U	R	T	A	N
Dedication Avoid	T	E	T	D	A	H	E	O	G	Y	M	R	C	T	O
Distractions Attachments	I	E	J	S	O	V	M	S	S	I	N	Y	A	I	I
Family Possessions	N	R	E	Q	U	I	R	E	S	N	O	W	R	O	S
Must Carry Own	G	A	S	D	W	O	R	C	N	G	I	I	T	N	S
Cross Accepting	H	P	U	D	S	L	A	T	O	T	S	T	S	N	E
Hardships Prepare	I	E	S	G	O	D	H	A	R	D	S	H	I	P	S
Rewards Peace Love	T	R	A	V	E	L	I	N	G	T	I	O	D	S	S
Happiness Salvation	S	P	E	A	C	E	U	Q	F	A	M	I	L	Y	O
Mission God	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	H	I	P	E	R	P





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