Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Milltown, New Jersey

One hundred years with Jesus and Mary
1921-2021.

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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

EPHIFANY OF THE LORD
January 3, 2021 • Matthew 2:1-12

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When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10
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.olchurchnj.org for Calendar and parish events.

Mass Intentions For The Week

MONDAY, Jan. 4
7:00 pm Frank & Letty Lynch req Mary & Bob Lynch

TUESDAY, Jan. 5
7:00 am

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6
7:00 am

THURSDAY, Jan. 7
7:00 am
7:30 am

FRIDAY, Jan. 8
7:00 am
7:30 am

SATURDAY, Jan. 9
7:00 am
5:00 pm Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY, Jan. 10
7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12 Noon

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12
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“After Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem of Judea during the reign of King Herod, astrologers from the east arrived one day in Jerusalem inquiring: ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’... they were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother.”

The visitors were looking for Jesus. They brought gifts portraying His role as priest, prophet and king. They depended on a star to lead them to their Savior.

The Magi event is so familiar, found in scripture, filled with traditions. Their search ended with a great discovery and blessing. In the gospels the question is asked, ‘what are you looking for?’ or ‘who is it that you seek?’

We are like the wise men, looking for the Lord. Where can we find Him? Right here, right now. Jesus makes Himself known to us, if we bring the gift of ourselves, if we wish to pay Him homage. It requires humility, honesty and sincerity as we recognize Him as savior of all humankind.
SCHEDULE FOR 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

CELEBRANT

SAT. Jan. 9
5:00 P.M.            FR. CRUMMY

SUN. Jan. 10
7:30 A.M.           FR. KELLY                  10:30 A.M.      FR. ED
9:00 A.M.           FR. KELLY                  12 NOON         FR. ED

Additional daily mass has been added for Tuesday evening through Thursday evening at 7:30pm.
All are welcome to attend

Please mark your 2021 calendars:
The mass to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Lourdes Church will take place in November 2021. Further details will be coming.
A Gala to celebrate OLOL's 100th Anniversary will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021 at the Pines Manor, in Edison, from 6pm-10pm. Further details will be coming.
OLOL 100th Anniversary Book - The committee planning OLOL's 100th wants to print a commemorative book. This book will contain OLOL' history, photos, parish groups, Anniversary events, and congratulatory ads. The committee is in the process of identifying publishing companies, but we need assistance. We are seeking volunteers who may have experience in graphic design or printing.

Please call Fr. Ed at 732-828-00-11 x13 or Bernadette Olson at 732-828-6726 if you can volunteer.

JOURNEY THROUGH 100 YEARS WITH OUR LADY OF LOURDES MILLTOWN

Early Catholic communities were few and far between in the mid eighteen hundreds. In Milltown, the Methodist Parish was established in 1844. The German immigrants, members of the German Reformed Church established St. Paul's German Reformed Church (now St. Paul's United Church of Christ) in 1872. The few Catholics who lived in Milltown were transported by mule drawn wagons to New Brunswick. As the number of German Catholics increased, St John the Baptist Parish on Neilson St. New Brunswick was established. These Milltown families became part of the early Our Lady of Lourdes founders.

In 1907, Milltown saw unprecedented growth with the arrival of the Michelin Tire Company. The Michelin brought many of their French Catholic workers with them. In 1912, the Catholic Mission in Milltown was created by the Bishop A. McFaul of Trenton, and Fr. Devine from Sacred Heart Parish New Brunswick (now part of Holy Family). Early family Masses were said in buildings owned by the Michelin Company. The first Mass was said in the French School House that was located on the property where the Milltown Pharmacy now stands.

From Fr. Ed
Even though this was an extraordinary Christmas, I thank you deeply for your support of the parish Christmas collection. Your generosity is always deeply appreciated. Also, the priests and I thank you for your many personal Christmas gifts to us. May God bless us, everyone.

A note from Evey Lukach
After 45 years working at OLOL, I decided with all that's going on with the COVID virus and my age, it is time to retire. I sincerely thank the family of OLOL, it has been my pleasure to work with you all. I have found many good friends and acquaintances during those 45 years, especially since I only agreed to help Fr. Thul for 2 weeks. I was lucky to have great pastors and associates who became like family to me. I worked with many nice coworkers and wish them well. May 2021 bring us all the best our Lord has to offer.

Last week's Offertory collection
$2,798.00

Christmas collection
$43,148.00 including online
**Gospel Today**

The Epiphany of the Lord | Matthew 2:1-12

The 3 are called **wise men**, kings, or magi - they saw and understood that the baby Jesus was truly God. They took a different route home and did not go back to Herod.

The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates God’s revealing Himself to us in the baby Jesus.

**CELEBRATE WITH A KING CAKE!**

King Cake season goes from the Feast of the Epiphany through Shrove Tuesday (Mardi Gras). This round “crown” cake, represents the journey of the 3 kings, and is decorated in purple (justice), green (faith) and gold (power) icing or sugar. Some cakes have a hidden bean or tiny plastic baby hidden inside and the one who finds it is “crowned”, or responsible for the next cake.

**- INGREDIENTS -**

- 1 cup milk *(scalded)*
  - 1/3 cup butter *(melted in milk)*
  - small bowl

- 1/4 cup warm water
  - 1 package yeast
  - 1 tsp. sugar
  - small bowl

- 2 eggs beaten
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - pinch salt
  - small bowl

- Let all ingredients sit about 15 minutes, add to flour - mix well
- 4 cups flour
  - large bowl

**- DIRECTIONS -**

Knead on floured surface, 10 minutes *(add more flour if needed)*. Rub dough ball with vegetable oil and place in covered oiled bowl in warm place to rise, 1 hour or double in size. Roll flat into rectangle and brush on oil or melted butter, sprinkle with sugar cinnamon. Roll into log starting on long edge. Form into ring (crown), pinch edges together and let rise on baking tray. Bake 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown.

**Colored sugar:** In a jar add 1/2 cup sugar, 1-2 drops food color... green or yellow or red/blue *(purple)* and shake well. Decorate with green, purple & yellow *(gold)* cake icing and colored sugar. **This cake does not include a bean or baby, as in some traditions, due to choking hazard.**