

Prayer and Spirituality



- ❖ **February 28: Why all this suffering, Oh Lord?**
- ❖ **Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D., OPA:** Lecturer, author and private counselor, thirty years of experience in education, psychology and theology including a doctorate in Christian Ministry.
- ❖ **March 7: The Eucharist: The Meal that Nourishes, that Unites, that Identifies**
- ❖ **Fr. Robert Laferrera:** Pastor of OLBS, former associate Director of the Office of Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark, former chair of the Archdiocese Liturgical Commission, taught liturgical theology to deacons.
- ❖ **March 14: Living a Vulnerable Life – The Experience of Being Loved That Changes Everything**
- ❖ **Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly:** Rector-Immaculate Conception Seminary, Dean of the School of Theology and member of the Board of Trustees for Seton Hall Univ., Licentiate in Theology from Rome and Ph.D. in Ed. Administration, Fordham University.
- ❖ **March 21: The Gift of Our Stories: Christian Spirituality and Evangelization in Our Social Media World**
- ❖ **Fr. Antonio “Tony” Ricarte:** Parochial Vicar of OLBS. Ordained in 1998, he earned his Licentiate in Missiology from Gregorian University in Rome with special focus on Dialogue and New Evangelization.

Understanding Sacred Scripture



- ❖ **February 28: The Indispensable Roles of the Gospels’ Ordinary Disciples**
- ❖ **Douglas J. Milewski:** Associate professor of undergraduate theology at Seton Hall University. Ordained in 1989, his academic specializations include the Fathers of the Church, and the theology and history of early Christianity as well as a wide range of subjects.
- ❖ **March 7: The Women in Jesus’ Life**
- ❖ **Sr. Honora Werner, O.P.:** A Dominican Sister of Caldwell, NJ, she taught various subjects from elementary to doctoral level and is currently Director of the doctoral program in Preaching at Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, MO.
- ❖ **March 14: St. James, Controlling the Tongue as a Means to Holiness**
- ❖ **Robert Miller, Ph.D.:** Assistant Professor, Philosophy & Religious Studies, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY.
- ❖ **March 21: Reconciliation: Where Did That Sacrament Come From, Anyway?**
- ❖ **Fr. Thomas Dente:** Pastor of Notre Dame and Director of the Worship Office for the Archdiocese of Newark. He was ordained in 1993 (Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall) and earned his Master’s in Liturgical Theology (University of Notre Dame) in 2000.

Faith in Practice



- ❖ **February 28: Climate Change: Our Current Understanding and How it is Taking Shape in the World**
- ❖ **Greg Mattison:** Member of The Climate Reality Project since 2007, Chair of the newly-formed CRP, Northern, NJ Chapter. Also, Chairs William Paterson Univ. Green Team and Adjunct Professor of Global Energy and Sustainability as well as a member of St. Aloysius Parish Green Team.
- ❖ **March 7: Our Invisible Neighbors, Detained Immigrants in NJ (and beyond)**
- ❖ **Ken Boccino:** FIRST FRIENDS Treasurer and Board of Trustees member & presentation and development coordinator. Also, an ordained (2015) Deacon of St George’s Episcopal Church, Maplewood focusing on outreach and healing ministry.
- ❖ **March 14: The Faithful Writer: A Panel Discussion on Faith in Contemporary Literature**
- ❖ **Dr. Mary Ann Miller:** Editor of “Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry.” She holds degrees in English from the University of Dallas in Irving, TX, and English Literature from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She teaches at Caldwell University.
- ❖ **March 21: Mission Trips to El Salvador, Haiti and Jamaica**
- ❖ **Fr. Esterminio Chica (Fr. Mino):** Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Newark.