

The Nursery News

The Nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows

September 8, 2009

The Nursery is Open-The Road to Completion

After attending three planning board hearings to receive a change of usage variance, six months of renovations, then delays with getting a certificate of occupancy, The Nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows is finally open. The renovations included refinishing walls, changing a bathroom into an infant food prep room, adding a toddler bathroom, installing a sprinkler system, refinishing floors, installing all new appliances, rewiring all of the electricity, installing webcams and a front door security system. We purchased all new furniture and equipment, hired and trained a wonderful staff and met many fami-

lies. We dealt with so many great people including Right One Plumbing, Electrical Services Co., Manny's Masonry, AAA Fire Protection, Rocco's Plumbing, Effective Alarm Co., and many other workers and consultants. Russell Pace and Owen McNany, two parishioners provided their expertise, time and hard work to help make this day a reality. Along the way there were a few bumps in the road but most of the process has been exciting and the end result was well worth the wait.

Today we welcome the children and their

families to the first day at The Nursery. It will be so nice to hear the sounds of children replacing the sounds of construction.

I also want to thank the two women who first had the vision for The Nursery and got the project off the ground, Barbara McCarthy and Clarke McCarthy. Without them none of this would have happened.

Finally I must acknowledge all of the time and energy put into this project by Monsignor Emery. He oversaw the entire project from beginning to end.



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Quotes

- Childhood is a journey not a race ~Anonymous
- While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about. ~Angela Schwandt
- The child must know that he is a miracle, that since the beginning of the world there hasn't been, and until the end of the world there will not be, another child like them ~Pablo Casals

Do We Have All of Your Child's Enrollment Forms?

Paperwork can be overlooked and it is time consuming to fill out all of the forms that are required. The forms in the enrollment packet you received should be completed and handed in by now. If you have misplaced the forms you can get another set from

Bonnie or print them from our website www.thenurseryatols.com Here is a list of the forms that are required:

- Parent Contract
- Developmental History
- Emergency treatment Authorization
- Emergency contacts
- Authorized pick up form

- Universal health form with immunizations
- Allergy Information
- Contact Information Release
- Handbook Signoff
- Sunscreen/Insect Repellent form
- Diaper Cream Authorization

Webcam Information

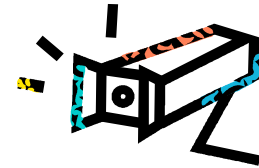
We are very pleased to offer free access to our webcams. Each family can have up to three user accounts for webcam access. Fill out the User Name/Password Form and return to the office. Once your account has been activated, usually within minutes, you may log on from any computer with internet access and watch live or view archives. The video archives are available for seven days.

Here is how you access the webcams:

- Log on to The Nursery's website www.thenurseryatols.com
- On the home page, click on the link for the webcams
- log in using your personal user name and password
- click on *My Cameras*
- click on *Live View*
- Choose the camera you would like to watch
- If you would like to watch an archive, click on the archive button

- Choose the date and then time you would like to watch
- You can fast forward and reverse, using the navigation bar at the bottom of the screen.

If you have any problems you can contact the webcam company at 1-888-622-0948 for technical support.



Check-in/out Computer

The Nursery uses a specialized child care center software called Procure. There is a main computer in the office which tracks attendance, billing, payroll, and all child information including emergency contacts, medical information, immunizations. Procure is the number one child care management system and is in the process of being updated with a new version. We will be updating to the new version as soon as it is

available. In the meantime they have provided us the older version. We planned to use the time clock that is designed to work with this software. The company is not sure

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when the new version will be available and the old time clock will not work with the new version. Since the new version may not be released for another few months, we will have to use a computer for check in in the meantime. We are working on getting this hooked up and should be operating by next week. Until the check in computer is operating we are asking families to sign their children in on the sign in sheets located in the lobby.

Playground Update

This week you will notice, Marvin and Augustine, our facilities people, working hard to get our playground completed. The dirt is already on the playground and will be spread out to cover the exposed roots and level the ground. A plastic barrier will be put down over the dirt. Then the fences will be installed along with land-

scape timbers which will hold the playground mulch to be delivered as soon as they are ready for it.

The play equipment is in the basement and will be assembled and installed when the landscaping and fence are completed. The timeframe for completion is less than two weeks,



weather permitting.

The children will still be able to go outside and play on the Great Lawn behind the Church. The children will play games, with a parachute and maybe even have some picnics.

Working together to “Go Green”

At The Nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows, we are committed to preserving the earth for our children. There are many ways we are working toward this goal. We are asking parents to help us in this effort.

We believe in reusing items that are often thrown in the garbage. To avoid the spread of germs, we place dirty diapers into a plastic bag before disposing of them into a lined trash can. Instead of purchasing these bags, the Caregivers will use the plastic bags we

all get when shopping. There will be a container in the lobby in which you can drop off any bags you wish to contribute to this cause.

In order to cut down on the garbage that “brown bagging” lunches can create, we ask that you pack your child’s lunch in reusable containers and use a lunch box. These items will be sent back home to be washed and then reused. Remember to label your containers and lunch boxes.

With our commitment to parent

partnerships and communications, many notices and newsletters are sent home to our families. You can help us cut down on the paper that is used and discarded by opting to receive these notices and newsletters by email.

By working together we can do our part to help the earth.



Free Commuter Parking

Do you commute by train? Are you on a long waiting list for an expensive parking permit? We have a wonderful solution for you-FREE COMMUTER PARKING! As an enrolled family at The Nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows, you can park in the church’s parking lot and walk the short three blocks to the South Orange train station.

If you would like to take advantage

of this offer, stop by the office and pick up a placard to place in your car window. You must have a placard so that the facilities manager knows that you are a Nursery fam-

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ily. We also need to know your license plate number.

Commuters should park their car in the area of the lot closest to Prospect Street and never past the yellow line. The elementary children use this part of the lot for lunch time recess.

We hope this little extra helps make your life a bit easier.

September Birthdays

We want to wish a Happy Birthday to all of our friends who have a September birthday.

September 6

Miss Cathy (??)

September 11

Bonnie’s son Larry (30)

September 19

Aidan O’Hanlon-Boone (2 yrs)



You are invited to our
Ribbon Cutting, Blessing, and Open House

Saturday September 19th



The Nursery
at Our Lady of Sorrows School

*A new fashioned center with old fashioned values
Serving children 6 weeks to 3 years old*

Join us at The Nursery on Saturday Sept. 19th for this very special event.

Ribbon cutting and Blessing at 9:00
Open House from 9:00 until 1:00

**Free raffle entries
Refreshments**

Contact Bonnie Hughes, at 973-763-4040 or bonnie@thenurseryatols.com
Check out our website for more information:

WWW.THENURSERYATOLS.COM

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