

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 7, 2018

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.

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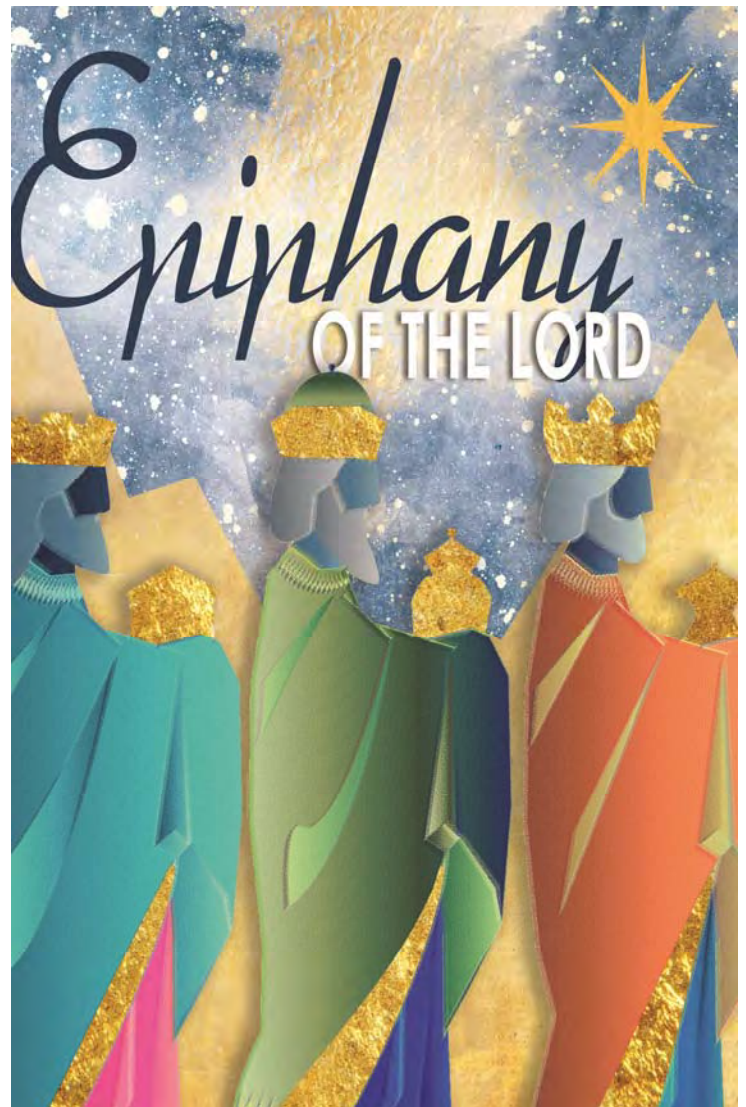
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



Mission Statement: Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming environment, enthusiastically gather and worship to praise God, and strive to imitate the life of Jesus as we reach out beyond our own faith community.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Have you ever noticed that our church faces east?

The sanctuary is oriented, such that when you come to Mass you look east.

When God created the earth he ‘planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned.’ (Genesis 2, 8)

The first pages of the Bible reveal God’s plan for us, namely that we be oriented, a people who face east. The east means Paradise, communion with God and with others.

Geographically the east witnesses the rising of the sun at daybreak. It is from the east that light appears, light which dispels darkness.

Spiritually the east also witnesses the light of God’s love. This light is Christ: ‘what has come into being in him was life, life that was the light of men; and light shines in darkness’ (John 1, 4-5)

It is only after the Fall, the sin of Adam and Eve, that humanity finds itself ‘expelled from the from the garden of Eden’ (Gen 3, 23). Spiritually we were no longer able to face east; we were banished, not by God, but through our own doing: ‘he was in the world that had come into being through him, and the world did not recognize him. He came to his own and his own people did not accept him.’ (John, 1, 10-11)

Today’s feast of the Epiphany witnesses ‘some wise men who came to Jerusalem from the east asking, ‘Where is the infant king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.’ (Matthew 2, 1-2)

In the Mass of Christmas Eve we heard the words from the Prophet Isaiah: ‘*The* people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.’ Pope Francis reflected on these words:

“This prophecy of Isaiah is not simply an emotional or sentimental matter. It moves us because it states the deep reality of what we are: a people who walk, and all around us – and within us as well – there is darkness and light. On Christmas night, as the spirit of darkness enfolds the world, there takes place anew the event which always amazes and surprises us: the people who walk see a great light.

“God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all” (1 Jn 1:5). Yet on the part of the people there are times of both light and darkness, fidelity and infidelity, obedience, and rebellion; times of being a pilgrim people and times of being a people adrift.

In our personal history too, there are both bright and dark moments, lights and shadows. If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light; but if our heart is closed, if we are dominated by pride, deceit, self-seeking, then darkness falls within us and around us. “Whoever hates his brother – writes the Apostle John – is in the darkness; he walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 Jn 2:11).

On this night, like a burst of brilliant light, there rings out the proclamation of the Apostle: ‘God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race’ (Tit 2:11)”.

We are a people who are walking, travelling, like the wise men. Our life is a journey, with a beginning and an end, and we as travelers now have the possibility to spiritually follow the light of Christ, to face east. Without this light there is disorientation. May the light of Christ accompany us on this Great Feast of the Epiphany, and remain with us during our journey in this year, 2018. Happy Epiphany! Happy New Year!

Fr. Sean

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday

5:30 pm



January 6

St. Andre Bessette
Lucia & Cosimo Pitarra

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

Charlotte Cieszko
Special Intention

Monday

8:30 am



January 8

The Baptism of the Lord
Leonard Nicolosi

Tuesday

8:30 am

January 9

Vida Glaser

Wednesday

8:30 am

January 10

Marie Dettan

Thursday

8:30 am

January 11

Florence Leonard

Friday

8:30 am

January 12

Vincenzina Mazza Greco

Saturday

5:30 pm

January 13

St. Hillary
Charlie DeBrock

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Robert Witte
Michael Frabisile

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"...they fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their treasures and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh..." (Matthew 2:11)

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share.

Receipts From 12/24.....	\$4,587.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$37,502.00
Receipts From Last Week.....	\$5,428.00
Christmas Flowers to Date.....	\$1,800.00
Furnace Donations.....	\$17,676.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$1,410.00

Celebrating Baptism



14th Annual Baptism Reunion Mass

Sunday, January 14, 2018

10:30 am Family Liturgy

We invite all families of children baptized at our parish during the past year to attend! Please call Judi in the Parish Office at (201) 391-2826 or at judiolmc@yahoo.com if you have any questions. There will be a reception after Mass in McCarthy Center. All parishioners welcome!

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A time to be healed"

Parish sick list: Colin Burns, Michael Bussanich, Earle Connolly, Francesca DeMarco, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Thomas Kneesham, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Richard Neuman, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Parron, Patrick Randażo, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokia, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lt. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

Thank You All Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Thank you Bakers, Servers and Casserole Makers! for your help December 2 at St. John's Newark. **Dates for 2018 March 3, June 2, Dec 1 at St. John's Newark.** Contact Deacon Stan for casseroles stanfedison@aol.com or Pat Keenaghan patkeenaghan@yahoo.com to help bake or serve. Thank you for your support! *"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;"* Matthew 25:35



The Bread and Wine will be offered for the Month of January in memory of

Lucilla P. Meirinho

Requested by Marcia and Marly

Our Lady's Guild Happenings!!!

Join us for **LUNCH! Thursday, January 11 at 12:00 pm.** Bring your own lunch, share desserts and fellowship in McCarthy Center.

Our Lady's Guild Meeting January 15th at 7 PM: We will have a guest speaker on "Our Hearts are Burning" whose format will be a dialogue on living our faith. **ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Book Club: Come and join us at our next meeting which will be on Thursday Jan. 11 at 10:30 AM in the Sister Frances Library on the stage. We will discuss *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans.

Yes, it's cold outside! What to do? Snuggle up with a book from the Sister Frances Memorial Library Come, browse and sign out a book at your convenience. Please return all borrowed books when finished. Thank you!



Saint John's Academy News

Congratulations!

Congratulations to award winners Mary Costabile and Lucas Masotti! Mary and Lucas were presented with the William Mendhenk Award at SJA's Christmas Concert. The William Mundhenk Award is presented on a yearly basis to a student who is kind, a good friend to all and who exemplifies the true spirit of SJA.

Fashion Show

The 8th Grade Fashion Show will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at Seasons in Washington Township.

Save the Date!!!

Catholic Schools Week begins January 28th!!

Hot Air Fund

The extremely generous response to our Hot Air Fund, to offset expenditure in replacing the church and McCarthy Centre boiler, raised nearly \$20,000.00. This was an extraordinary response from all who contributed, especially given that the money was raised just a few weeks before Christmas. I thank all who so generously donated. I will have the bill for the new boiler within the next week or so, and expect it to run between \$25 to \$30,000. There is still time to contribute if you wish.
Fr. Sean

Heart Surgery for 2-year-old Priscilla

We thank parishioner Lauren Costabile for speaking at the Masses last weekend, and making us aware of the situation of 2-year-old Priscilla who lives in Uganda East Africa. Priscilla has Down Syndrome and has three holes in her heart, she is in need of heart surgery. We raised \$1687.00 in the after-Mass collections. Lauren has reached her goal of raising \$5000 to pay for the surgery. The money will be wired via the organization Operation Imprint. Thank you to all who responded to this call.

Laying Our Gifts at the Feet of the King

The three wise men gave Jesus gifts worthy of a king. We can also present him with our own royal gifts. While our may not be actual gold, frankincense and myrrh, we can still give to him the best we have.

Gold: The gift of kings, the "gold" we can offer the King of Kings is our talents and abilities. Like gold, our talents do the most good when given to others.

Frankincense: Frankincense was used as incense during worship and symbolized the prayers offered up to God. In the times of Jesus, frankincense was used by priests whose job it was to intercede for the people. Our priestly ministry can be praying daily for those who need it, especially anyone we know who is struggling and particularly in need of strength and comfort.

Myrrh: A spice used to ease suffering, myrrh was a valuable gift. Mother Teresa once said, "I serve because I love Jesus." Our kindness can be our "myrrh" offered to God-a valuable gift.



Our Lady Mother of the Church 50th Anniversary Cookbook!

Be a part of this commemorative publication! Please consider submitting recipes to Our Lady's Guild by e-mail to patkeen-aghan@yahoo.com or pick up the form in lobby. These can be returned to the Parish Office. Entries are due by March 15. The book will go on sale after Easter as a lovely Mother's Day gift.

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for January & February

*We extend our wishes to you and your family
or a very Happy and Healthy New Year
blessed with faith, hope and love as we
celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through the Christ-
mas Season!*

Prayer of the Month: Apostle's Creed

Prayer of the Month: Prayer to the Guardian Angel

- Wed, Jan 10 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Agatha**
- Wed, Jan 17 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Anthony the Abbot**
- Wed, Jan 24 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Francis de Sales**
- Wed, Jan 31 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St John Bosco**

Prayer of the Month: Act of Contrition

- Wed, Feb 4 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Grade 2 Parent/Child Reconciliation Workshop**
- Sat, Feb 10 10:00 am Grade 2 First Reconciliation
- Wed, Feb 14 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 & LOF, Ash Wednesday Service at 4:00 pm**
- Wed, Feb 21 No Class-Winter Recess
- Wed, Feb 28 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Hillary**

Faith Formation News

Grade 2 is preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which they will receive on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10 AM. On the weekend of Jan 13th -14th please take a Lamb card from the basket in the lobby to pray for our second graders as they prepare for their First Reconciliation, a sacrament filled with the Healing Love of Christ.

Respect Life Month Collection in January

Faith Formation will be collecting PRAYERS AND PAMPERS for NEW HOPE during the month of January. Respect Life is held each year to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with supporting the dignity of the human person, and therefore the gift of every person's life. Please consider taking a promise of prayer and donating diapers or wipes to the crib in the lobby.

Question of the Week? Win a Gift card to DAIRY QUEEN! Everyone can enter!

This week's question: *When does the Christmas season end?*
Prior week's answer: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is celebrated Jan. 1, a holyday of obligation. To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to faithformationolmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday Jan. 3. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**

Traveling Prayer Cross-Pray with and For Your Family

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! **God bless the Brodsky Family who hosted the cross this week!** You can foster family prayer and pray for one another as a family. **This is available to all families in the parish. Please consider reserving the Cross for your family by e-mail: faithformationolmc@gmail.com.**

Traveling Chalice-Pray For Vocations!

We encourage all to pray for vocations. Fr. Sean has donated a chalice to take home to pray for Vocations this week. **God bless the LaMotta Family for hosting the chalice last week.** Please use this opportunity to foster family prayer and pray for vocations. **This is available to all families in the parish. Please contact by e-mail: faithformationolmc@gmail.com to reserve for your family.**



Pope Francis Says: *"In the simplicity of the nativity scene we encounter and contemplate the tenderness of God which reveals itself in the Baby Jesus."* Jan. 2, 2018

Liturgy of the Word for Children

OLMC is offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during select 10:30AM Masses from October through April. We need parent/youth volunteers! You will only need to teach about 15 minutes and experience is not required. If you are interested in engaging with the children of the parish in this very meaningful way, a few times this coming school year. Please contact Pat Keenaghan at faithformationolmc@gmail.com. Volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment Policy.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

<i>Eleanor & Frank Antonini</i>	<i>Gertrude & Louis Eichenlaub</i>	<i>Beverly Menze</i>	<i>Mary Tripaldi</i>
<i>Connie Aprea</i>	<i>Sr. Mary Therese Eichenlaub</i>	<i>Ellen Milito</i>	<i>John Trombetta</i>
<i>Dot & Fritz Arndt</i>	<i>Patricia Eichenlaub</i>	<i>Bernic & Henry Miller</i>	<i>Angela & John Uram</i>
<i>Fred F. Balbo</i>	<i>Mary Ellen</i>	<i>Alexandria & Thomas Morrissey</i>	<i>The Vetrano Family</i>
<i>Mary & Pasquale Bellantoni</i>	<i>Vincent Falanga</i>	<i>The Murphy Family</i>	<i>Joseph Welsh</i>
<i>Elizabeth Bigge</i>	<i>Felicia & Eugene Finno</i>	<i>Francine Murphy</i>	<i>Josephine Welsh</i>
<i>Vernon Bigge</i>	<i>Michael Flynn</i>	<i>Anthony Napolitano</i>	<i>Rita & Harold Whitney</i>
<i>Carole & Robert Blackton</i>	<i>Salvatore Franco</i>	<i>Peggy & Noel Neary</i>	<i>James Whitney</i>
<i>The Boyle Family</i>	<i>Laura & Frank Gatto</i>	<i>Laura Neufeld</i>	<i>Anna & Edward Zank</i>
<i>Peter & John Brennan</i>	<i>Victoria Glaser</i>	<i>The Nobile Family</i>	<i>Edward Zega</i>
<i>William M. Brown</i>	<i>Vida Glaser</i>	<i>Molly Offer</i>	<i>Natalia Zega</i>
<i>The Carriero Family</i>	<i>Anna & Casey Greech</i>	<i>Antoni Orlowski</i>	<i>Lena Zuccaro</i>
<i>Eileen Catherwood</i>	<i>Emelia & Henry Grus</i>	<i>Katarzyna Orlowski</i>	
<i>Mae Catherwood</i>	<i>Peggy Hess</i>	<i>Marie & Joseph Panella</i>	
<i>Ken Chazotte</i>	<i>Sarah Hess</i>	<i>Anthony Parente</i>	
<i>Laura Christen</i>	<i>Julia & George Hicks</i>	<i>Catherine Parente</i>	
<i>Paul Comunale, Jr.</i>	<i>Gene Holtz</i>	<i>Mary Parente</i>	
<i>Rose Comunale</i>	<i>Alice & George Junior</i>	<i>Peter Parente</i>	
<i>Richard Cummings</i>	<i>The Kearney Family</i>	<i>Rocco Parente</i>	
<i>Adele Dattoli</i>	<i>Mr. Alex Keen</i>	<i>The Perrulli Family</i>	
<i>Paul Dattoli</i>	<i>Anne Keoskey</i>	<i>Joseph R. Pigot</i>	
<i>Joseph Dattoli</i>	<i>Helen & Fred Kobli</i>	<i>Michael Pisano</i>	
<i>Michael A. DeJoseph</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. E. Latrenta</i>	<i>Emilia Randażzo</i>	
<i>Michael A. DeJoseph, Jr.</i>	<i>Eugene "Butchy" Latrenta</i>	<i>Kevin Rew</i>	
<i>Rose & Michael DeJoseph</i>	<i>Melissa Latrenta</i>	<i>The Sansevere Family</i>	
<i>Anna DeRosa</i>	<i>John Lavelle</i>	<i>Pauline Santo</i>	
<i>Frank DeRosa</i>	<i>Florence & John Leonard</i>	<i>Rose & Joseph Scanapico</i>	
<i>Maria & Joseph DiBella</i>	<i>June Lilienthal</i>	<i>Edward Schlesinger</i>	
<i>Christina, Dolores & Marielle DiBella</i>	<i>Frances & Anthony Lombardi</i>	<i>Jean & Fred Sciarra</i>	
<i>Rose Dispoto</i>	<i>The Manganello Family</i>	<i>Sheila & Pat Sharkey</i>	
<i>Dot Downes</i>	<i>Carmela & Paul d. Marino</i>	<i>The Stagnitta Family</i>	
<i>Victoria Downes</i>	<i>The Mazurek Family</i>	<i>Henry Sucorowski</i>	
<i>Kathleen Drury</i>	<i>Joan & Brendan McLaughlin</i>	<i>Josephine Sucorowski</i>	
<i>Michael Eastman</i>	<i>Marge & Frank Meredith</i>	<i>Robert Swanberg</i>	
	<i>August Menze</i>		