

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 14, 2018

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Mass Schedule

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

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm

Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.

Parish Office:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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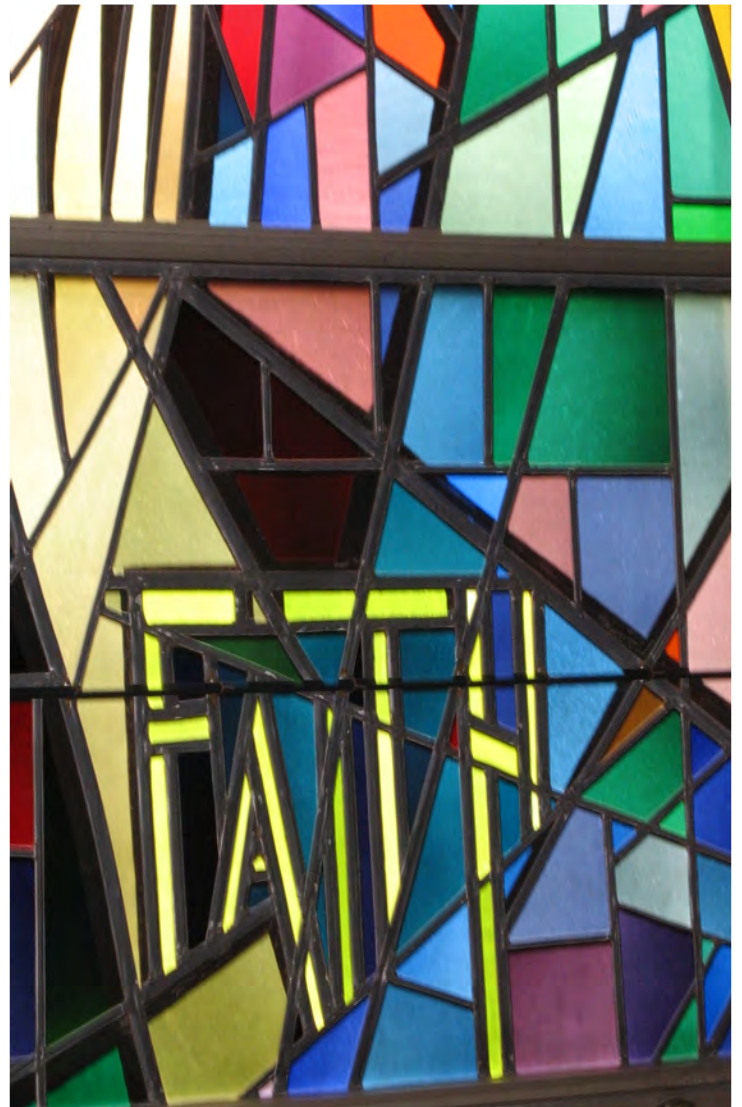
Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400

Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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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



We are already in Ordinary Time! What is Ordinary for the Christian being the Sanctification of the day. Time is sanctified because Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrated at Christmas, who has entered human history, is in our midst. The prayer of Christ is united with the prayer of the Church.

Samuel, the young boy in the First Reading at Mass today, says 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening'. His prayer is a prophecy of the life of Christ, who came into

the world to teach us how to pray and how to listen to the voice of God, to do his will.

In the general introduction to the Divine Office, the daily prayer of the Church, there is a wonderful explanation of the Prayer of Christ and the Prayer of the Church. I share some of those thoughts here;

'The Son of God, who is one with his Father, who entering the world said: 'Here I am, I am coming, O God, to do your will' (Hebrews 10:9), designed to show us how he prayed: before he calls the apostles, when he blesses God at the multiplication of the loaves, when he is transfigured on the mountain, when he heals the deaf mute, when he raises Lazarus from the dead, before he asks Peter's confession of faith, when he teaches his disciples to pray, when the disciples return from their mission, during the agony in the Garden, and on the Cross.

His daily activity was closely bound up with prayer, and may be said to have flowed from it: he went into the desert or hills to pray, he rose early in the morning to pray, and even spent the night in prayer to God, remaining until the fourth watch.

Prayer was what animated his messianic activity and paschal sacrifice. 'During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him from death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard (Hebrews 5:7) and by virtue of his perfect offering on the altar of the cross, has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying (Hebrews 10:14) Now raised from the dead, he is living forever to intercede for us all.

The life of Christ perfects and elevates the personal life of each of the faithful, there is no separation between the prayer of Christ and the personal prayer of the individual.

What Jesus himself did, he also commands us to do. He often said 'Pray', 'Ask', 'Seek', 'in my name'. He instructed us on the necessity of prayer, and told us to be humble, watchful, persevering and confident in the goodness of the Father, pure in intention and worthy of God.' May our Ordinary Time be a listening to the voice of the Father. May we learn, like Samuel, to say 'Speak Lord, your servant is listening' and thus experience union with Jesus Christ in our daily prayer life.

Fr. Sean

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



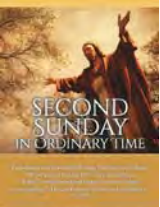
January 13

St. Hillary

Charlie DeBrock

Sunday

8:30 am



January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Robert Witte

10:30 am

Michael Frabasile

Monday

8:30 am

January 15

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:30 am



January 16

Laurie McCarthy

Wednesday

8:30 am

January 17

St. Anthony

Francesca Calabro

Thursday

8:30 am



January 18

January 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Maria DiBella

Friday

8:30 am

January 19

Francesca Calabro

Saturday

5:30 pm



January 20

St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Francesca & Gregorio Tambone

Sunday

8:30 am

January 21

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Francis J. Dwyer

10:30 am

John J. Dunderman

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" (John 1:38)

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what is it that He wants you to do?

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,202.00

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Sixth Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's

Irish/Italian Dinner Dance
Saturday, March 17, 2018

Tickets \$35 per person~7:00 pm

McCarthy Center~Music~ Dancing
With DJ From Premier Entertainment

Irish/Italian Buffet

BYOB



Thank You All Soup Kitchen Volunteers

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

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 Randozzo, 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.



The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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

Lucilla P. Meirinho

Requested by Marcia and Marly

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



Saint John's
Academy News

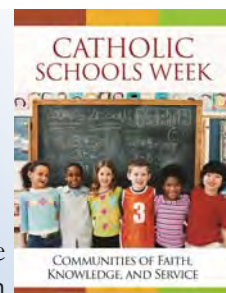
National Catholic
Schools Week

January 28-February 3

All are invited to visit and learn more about our school at one of our open houses which will be held on:

Sunday, January 28 From 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Tuesday, January 30 From 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Please also join us at our Catholic School's Week Liturgy on Thursday, February 1st at 1:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale. Come see what SJA has to offer!



The 2018 Red and White Tricky Tray Gala for SJA will be held on March 21, 2018 at the Rockleigh Country Club. Save the Date!!



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 patkeenaghan@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.

Meals on Wheels North Jersey

MOW needs drivers to deliver meals to people who cannot shop or prepare food for themselves because of age, health or disability. Please consider joining 6 of your fellow parishioners in volunteering with this important community outreach. The commitment would require approximately two hours in the morning for one week-day each month. There are 8 to 10 stops in the Westwood area. Contact Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269 or the Meals on Wheels office at (201) 358-0050 for further information.

IHA Invites All to Hear Speaker

Immaculate Heart Academy cordially invites you to a presentation by a nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Leonard Sax, author of *Girls on Edge*. Dr. Sax will present advice and insight into the issues facing young women today. Please join us at 7:00 pm on January 18th in the school's Performing Arts Center at 500 Van Emburgh Ave, Township of Washington, NJ. Please call IHA for further information at (201) 445-6800.

Fr. John F. Murray memorial Dinner & Concert
Featuring the Vocal and Instrumental Talents of
Domenick Panfile & Peter Greco
Saturday, January 27th from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

At The Knights of Columbus Council 1345
61 Armour Place
Dumont, NJ 07628
\$35 per person

Includes a buffet dinner: salad, bread, beverages, sausage & peppers, Chicken Francaise, Fried Flounder, Eggplant Rollatini, Rice Pilaf, Sautéed Vegetables, Coffee, Tea and Dessert

RSVP Required. Please call or text Ken A at (516) 220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com to RSVP.

Proceeds from this event fund the NJ Fr. Murray Scholarship and our Council Scholarships

FAITH FORMATION



*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!*

Faith Formation Calendar

Prayer of the Month: Apostle's Creed

Prayer of the Month: Prayer to the Guardian Angel

- 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**
- February 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: *Who was Jesus' cousin who prepared the way by baptizing with water?*

Prior week's answer: *The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Congratulations to Christine Diaz who correctly answered the previous week's question! 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 Maniscalco 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: *"With God's grace, be beacons of hope to all those around you." Sept. 20, 2017*

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.

JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Unity. What does "unity" mean? For those of us who claim Christ as our model of living and savior of humanity, it means we are one. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has as its theme the Scripture citation 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The first line contains our mission statement... "For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore all have died." If that is not a mandate for unity, then there is none. We are one in the death of Christ and therefore live in unity with all other Christians.

God, who are unity in three holy persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--
you have called us to live in peace with all people.
You have also called us to work toward unity in purpose to spread the Gospel to all nations.
Graciously give us the courage and strength to work toward unity,
and act toward each other as brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the unity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our Lady's Guild Events

Our Lady's Guild Meeting Monday, 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.**

BAKE SALE! Feb. 10-11 Proceeds benefit the Sister Rita Scholarship and Food Pantry. Please consider baking your Valentine sweets! Thank you!

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.

OLMC Library

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!

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Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

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Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection.

Ordinary time offers us the measured opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. As we experience the season of ordinary time, let us immerse ourselves in the extraordinary task of deepening our relationship with Christ in the ordinary events of life.