

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 15, 2017

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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.

Parish Office:

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

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



**Congratulations to our Second Grade
Students and Parents on
First Reconciliation**

Joseph Alvarez	Lauren LaMotta
Isabella Belgiovine	Charlotte Lengel
Dylan Bonanno	Devin Malone
Avery Brodsky	Nicholas Malone
Abigail Bucco	Samantha Maney
Eamon Errity	Alexander Millian
Sophia Fuccili	Joseph Paterno
Mason Hennessy	Sophia Rendo
Gianna Ippolito	Agustin Rodriguez
Arianna Kaim	Cristina Tansky
Luke Kosoff	Thomas Walsh

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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



On January 6th, Cardinal Joseph Tobin was installed as our Archbishop of Newark. He gave a wonderful homily, excerpts of which I would like to share with you here:

“At a dinner party, recently, I was asked what is the greatest challenge the Church faces today. I thought a moment and replied: **the chasm between faith and life**. My questioner looked at me quizzically and remarked that she didn’t expect that answer. I imagine that she was ready for any one of the so-called “hot-

button” issues that dominate the discourse, both inside and outside the Church. As noisy and divisive as those questions might be, they don’t worry me as a growing trend that seems to isolate us, convincing us to neatly compartmentalize our life, subtly seducing us to go to Mass on Sunday, and for the rest of the week, do whatever we think we need to do to get by.

During this Christmas Season, God makes every effort to convince us that faith has everything to do with life – **all of life**. The proclamation of the birth of Emmanuel announces *God-with-us*. We do well to listen to that proclamation again and again; to hear over and over again that God is present in the midst of God’s people. This certainty, which we renew each year, is the source of our joy and hope. We just heard in the reading from the First Letter of John:

And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever possesses the Son has life; whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.

The gist of the proclamation of Emmanuel is that eternal life is given in Christ and nowhere else. More important, to possess the Son is not acceptance of a doctrine a moral code, but of a person who lives now and is the source of life – and not just on Sunday morning!”

Jesus lives in the Church

“Jesus Christ lives today in His body, the Church, which is neither an elite club nor static container of truth. The Church is a set of interlocking and dynamic relationships among people and with the Triune God. The Church is the place where believers speak and listen to each other, and it is the community of faith that speaks with and listens to the world. The Church senses a responsibility for the world, not simply as yet another institutional presence or a benevolent NGO, but as a movement of salt, light and leaven for the world's transformation. For this reason, our kindness must be known to all.

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FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED

An appointment to Newark

Through the decision of Pope Francis, the Church has called me to serve the Archdiocese of Newark. It is a daunting proposition, not because of the size, rich history or wonderful diversity of this portion of the Vineyard. Rather, the appointment reminds me that stakes are incredibly high, for if we permit the chasm between faith and life to continue to expand, we risk losing Christ, reducing him simply to an interesting idea or a comforting, nostalgic memory. And, if we lose Christ, then the world has lost the salt, light and leaven that could have transformed it. If we lose Christ, how will anyone find eternal life that is not simply an empty wish that can be dismissed as “pie-in-the-sky,” but the abundant, joyful life that God intends for us even now?

Standing before you in the presence of Emmanuel to whom I must render an account for the service I assume today, I am comforted by the words Paul wrote to his beloved friends in Philippi:

Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again, rejoice! ... Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

...Let's think a moment about the author and addressees of that letter, lest we dismiss it as pure Pollyanna. ...Paul uses the words, “joy” and “rejoice” more times than in any other of his letters. The whole book is shot through with gratitude and confidence.

...So, with the confident belief that my assignment to this Archdiocese is part of the saving plan of God, I can say to my beloved brothers and sisters of this Church: Rejoice in the Lord! Rejoice, because God is with us. Rejoice, because we will grow in unity and humility and, in the process, discover joy and peace in our life together. Rejoice, because our kindness will be known to all: to the searching young and the forgotten elderly, to the stranger and the voiceless, to the powerful and the cynical.

I thank God for summoning me to the Archdiocese of Newark. I am grateful to all of you for your warm welcome”.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Sean". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



Monday

8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am



Wednesday

8:30 am

Thursday

8:30 am



Friday

8:30 am

Saturday

5:30 pm



Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

January 14

Lucia & Cosimo Pitarra

January 15

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ann Pistono

Michael Frabisile

January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

January 17

Sam Gasparovich

January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Maria DiBella

January 19

Sal Vincenzo Luppino

January 20

St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

Marie Curto

January 21

St. Agnes

Bianca & Nicholas Carretta

January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gioacchino (Jack) Randazzo

Columbia LaForgia

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." (Isaiah 49:5)

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,085.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,663.00

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Fifth Annual St. Patrick's

Irish/Italian Dinner Dance

Friday, March 10, 2017



Details to Follow

Tickets ~ \$35 per person ~ 7:00 pm

McCarthy Center ~ Music ~ Dancing
with Gabriel Donohue ~ Irish/Italian Buffet
BYOB

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of January in memory of



Rosemary Lukac

Requested by Andy, Claudia Ann, Andrew, Jr. & Rosary

"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: Dorothy Burke, Colin Burns, Michael Bussanich, Marie Dettan, Rosa Dicapua, Jennifer Hartmann, Thomas Kneesban, Patricia Martin, McKenna Grace, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, 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, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

Wedding Anniversaries

If you are celebrating a wedding anniversary and would like a Papal Blessing please contact Judi in the Parish Office for information on how to do so. If you would like to be acknowledged at Sunday Mass, please let us know in anticipation.

The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Concert!!!



One of our parishioners, Lucia Wehr, will be performing on January 22nd at 3:00 pm at the Pearl River Library, 80 Franklin Ave, Pearl River, NY. She will be singing some Neapolitan Classics, Broadway and Opera Arias. Admission is free!

Lacordaire Academy's Annual Beefsteak & Beer Blast, 6:30 pm, Saturday, January 21, 2017

Bring your friends, family and neighbors to Lacordaire Academy's annual Beefsteak & Beer Blast, 6:30, Saturday, January 21, 155 Lorraine Ave, Upper Montclair, NJ. Must be over 21, \$60 per person, reservations required. The fun-filled evening features all-you-can-eat filet mignon, on-tap award winning Ramstein beer, sangria, salad, fries and dessert along with a hilarious centerpiece competition and prizes. Non-beef/non-meat options available. Visit Special Events at LacordaireAcademy.com or contact advancement@lacordaire.net and 973-744-1156 x33 for more information.

Monday Morning Movie



The film, *A Time For Miracles*, will be shown on January 23rd in the parish center at St. John the Baptist Church, Hillsdale starting at 9:30 am.

The film tells the inspiring story of the life of Elizabeth Bayley Seaton, the first American born canonized saint, who was a wife, mother and foundress of the Sisters of Charity. The film runs 956 minutes. All are welcome. For more information call Janet Benante at (201) 573-0804.

Special Noon Mass

A special Mass and support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, January 21, 2016 at 12:00pm. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly infected with the abuse of alcohol or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call (201) 768-7565.

Respite Care

Our parish would like to begin again an outreach to one another. Are you a caretaker who needs a break? A ride to an appointment? Or errands run? Or a meal delivered to your door? If yes, your fellow parishioners would like to help. Please contact Judi Quinn. (201) 391-2826 or judiolmc@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.



St. John's Academy News!!!

National Blue Ribbon School

The U.S. Department of Education named SJA a "National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence." Criteria included overall excellence as well as test scores. These test scores place SJA students in the top 15% of schools nationwide!

Catholic Schools Week Jan 29-Feb 4, 2017

All are invited to visit and learn more about our school at one of our open houses which will be held on: Sun, Jan 29 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Mon, Jan 30 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and Tues, Jan 31 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Please join us at our Catholic School's Week Liturgy on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 1:00 pm at the St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale.



Bake Sale

Our Lady's Guild will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of February 11 & 12 after all Masses. Proceeds will be split between the Food Pantry and the Sr. Rita Educational Fund. SAVE THE DATE!!!

Soup Kitchen

Thank You Bakers, servers and casserole makers! Mark your calendars for 2017: March 4th, June 3rd and Dec 2nd. Please contact Deacon Stan for [casseroles stanfedison@aol.com](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan patkeenaghan@yahoo.com to help cook, bake or serve. *"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

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for January, February and March

Wed, Jan 18	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Wed, Jan 25	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>
Wed, Feb 1	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Brigid</i>
Wed, Feb 8	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Josephine Bakhita</i>
Wed, Feb 15	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Valentine</i>
Wed, Feb 22	No Class
Wed, March 1	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Sat, March 4	10:00 am to 12:30 pm <i>From Ashes to Easter for Children</i>

Prayers for Cardinal Tobin as Our New Archbishop!

Faith Formation students sent a very large card to welcome Cardinal Tobin, our new Archbishop of Newark. The card was a SPIRITUAL BOUQUET with a promise of prayers: 328 Our Fathers; 326 Hail Marys 179 Rosaries, 79 Masses and 31 Holy Communions. In the card we also sent him a road map atlas of New Jersey! Please feel join in prayer for our new Archbishop so our promise is good!

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: *What is the Liturgical Church season between Christmas and Lent called?*

Congratulations to **Mia Hennessy** from our LOF program for her correct answer! Prior week's answer: Usually the Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season. To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to faithformationlmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday Jan. 4 or when you come to class. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**

From Ashes to Easter for Children ~ Save the Date!!

A special Saturday morning of LENT activities for children ages 4 through 10 is planned for March 4th from 9:30 to 12:30. It will include: pancakes! Living Stations of the Cross! Crafts, games, workshops! Please consider volunteering to assist with teaching, etc. Registration \$10 per child, maximum \$25 per family. Forms are in the lobby in the bulletin rack. You can leave them in the parish office, the sacristy or Faith Formation office door.

Travelling Prayer Cross

Our Travelling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! It will be given out each week at the end of class. This is a way to foster family prayer and praying for one another as a family.



Pope Francis Says: *"Say no to hate and violence and yes to brotherhood and reconciliation." New Year's Address 1/1/17.*