

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 21, 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  
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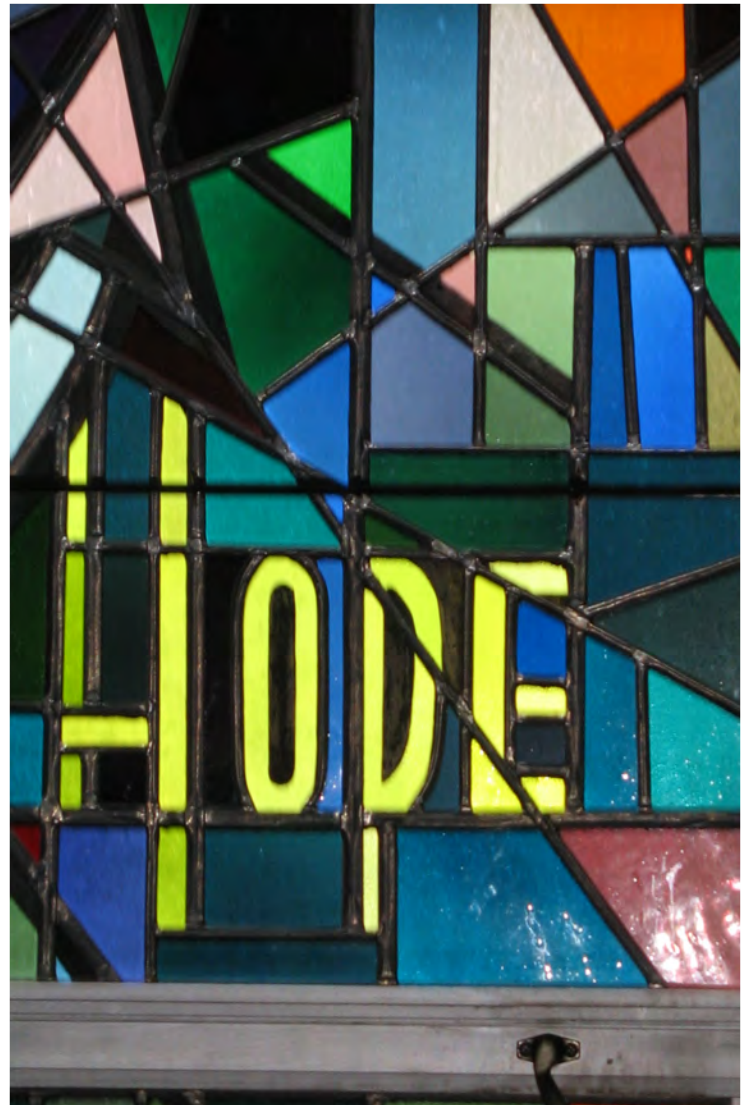
### Faith Formation Office

**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



Although we would probably deny it, there is something of the control freak lurking in all of us. The desire to dominate and to have power over others, can disguise itself in all kinds of ways.

The need for power is at the root of every form of abuse; emotional, physical, sexual, even spiritual.

The determination to impose our will, to have our own way, to insist that things are done as we want, can play havoc with the lives of the people we live and work with. And havoc with our own lives too.

Friendships are ruined. Communities break up, groups collapse, families are divided, and marriages can be destroyed, when we do not allow other people the freedom and space to be themselves.

All of us need space and enough room to be ourselves; space to be different from others. Some need more emotional space; or religious space; or even liturgical space!

Happy indeed, are those people who get it! One such happy person was Saint Thomas Aquinas.

His mother was certainly a control freak. When he was five, she sent him to be educated by the monks of the famous Benedictine Abbey of Monte Cassino, near Naples. She had a plan!

She hoped that little Thomas would grow up and eventually join the community; and that one day he would be elected the Abbot of this rich and prestigious monastery - for God's glory, of course!

But vocations come from the Lord, not from over-ambitious mothers. And the Lord has his own way of dealing with over-ambitious mothers - especially when their ambitions appear so good, and so holy!

Thomas did grow up. But he did not join the Benedictines. He decided to join a new and slightly suspect Order, the Dominicans. The Dominicans were not yet respectable. His mother was appalled. Her plan was thwarted. So she had Thomas kidnapped. For a whole year he was kept prisoner in the family home, not far from Naples.

But she could not break his resolve. Nor could the attractive young girls sent to seduce him. Thomas joined the Dominicans. He was sent to study in Paris, and was ordained to the priesthood.

It soon became clear that he was a genius. He began teaching and writing theology. His out-put was prodigious. He could dictate to four secretaries at the same time.

Through lack of physical exercise, Thomas developed an enormous paunch, a huge belly! He grew so fat that his brethren had to cut away a semi-circular piece of the refectory table so that he could sit down to meals with them on the same bench! Yes, they made room for him, literally!

Making room for others is not always easy. Because it often means the loss of some of our own space. Do you make room for others? Do others make room for you?

There is one place where we can find all the room we need, and all the space we long for.

Where is it? It is at the HEART of the Church. But only at the heart. Other parts of the Church can be crowded, cramped, very restricting, suffocating even. As some people have discovered.

Do you feel that there is not enough room for you in the Church? Not enough believing room? Not enough doubting room, thinking room, moral room....not enough room for you to be YOU?

If that is how you feel, it may mean that you are too far away from the HEART of the Church. Journey to the heart. Make your way to the space at the centre. Join Thomas and all the saints, enjoying the space and the freedom that is called LOVE. There is plenty of room for you!

We celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas this January 28<sup>th</sup>. Why not come and journey to the heart of the church at Sunday Mass that day?

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**January 20**

*St. Fabian; St. Sebastian*  
Francesca & Gregorio Tambone

**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am



**January 21**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Francis J. Dwyer  
John J. Dunderman

**Monday**

8:30 am

**January 22**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
Francesca Calabro

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**January 23**

*St. Vincent*  
Giovanna Altadonna

**Wednesday**

8:30 am



**January 24**

*St. Francis de Sales*  
Lucilla Meirinho

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**January 25**

*The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*  
Francesca Calabro



**Friday**

8:30 am

**January 26**

*Ss. Timothy & Titus*  
Francesca Calabro

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**January 27**

*St. Angela Merici*  
Miss Kate Kettler

**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am

**January 28**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Vincenzina Mazza Greco  
Dante Giurici

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)*

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$7,089.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,624.00

Boiler Donations.....\$1,900.00

**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

Tickets on Sale Next Weekend!!

*"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.**

**"This is the Moment" - Dinner Buffet/Concert**

January 27, 2018, 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm—\$35 pp

OLMC Music Director, Domenick Panfile, along with Peter Greco will be performing at the St. John Council #1345 Knights of Columbus at 61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ. Proceeds to benefit Catholic scholarships. RSVP is required. Call or text Ken at (516) 220-9333 or email kofc1345reservations@gmail.com.

The Bread and Wine will be offered

for the Month of January

in memory of

**Lucilla P. Meirinho**

Requested by Marcia and Marly



# JANUARY 21, 2018

## Hot Air Fund

The extremely generous response to our Hot Air Fund, to offset expenditure in replacing the church and McCarthy Centre boiler, raised \$21,900.00. 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

## 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.

## St. Joseph Regional High School Presents "Curtains"

St. Joseph Regional HS Presents "Curtains", the whodunit musical comedy from the creators of "Cabaret" and "Chicago", on the stage of the Inserra Theater at SHRHS, 40 Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, NJ. Performance dates are Friday, Jan 26 7:00 pm, Sat, Jan 27 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm, Fri, Feb 2 7:00 pm and Sat, Feb 3 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$23 and \$19 each. Senior Citizen Preview performance is Wednesday, January 24 at 3:00 pm with unreserved seating and tickets will be sold at the door (\$5 each for seniors) for this performance. Students may purchase tickets online to the Thursday performance at \$15 with a student ID. Groups of 10 or more are eligible for a Group Discount of \$15 per ticket contact sjrtickets.com. For more information contact sjrtheater.com or call (201) 391-7422.



## 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](mailto: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.



Our Lady's Guild will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of February 10 and 11 after all Masses in McCarthy Center. Proceeds benefit the Sister Rita Scholarship and Food Pantry. Please consider baking your Valentine sweets! Thank you!

## The Guild of Our Lady

Each year, at their Christmas Dinner the members of the Lady's Guild collectively donate winter clothing for the men, women and children of Newark who are in need of these items. This year their donations were delivered to Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen. 86 gloves, scarves and hats were delivered. On that special day, not only were their bodies fed but they were clothed as well. This is just another example of the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Guild members as they continue to devote their time, talent and treasure in service to God's people. Deacon Stan

# FAITH FORMATION



## Faith Formation Calendar

### Prayer of the Month: Apostle's Creed

#### Prayer of the Month: Prayer to the Guardian Angel

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 20-21 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 Thomas Bussanich 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](mailto: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 Lucast Kaim and his 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](mailto: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 Hayley Marson and her 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to reserve for your family.



**Pope Francis Says:** *"We must not wait to be perfect before responding to the Lord who calls us, but rather open our hearts to His voice." Jan. 13, 2018*

*Our Holy Father asks for our prayers for his trip to Chile this week.*

## 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](mailto: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



Archdiocese of Newark

Entering the  
Third Millennium  
proclaiming in faith and love  
the mission of  
Jesus the Redeemer

January 11, 2018

Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish  
Very Reverend Sean A. Manson, V.F.  
209 Woodcliff Avenue  
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

Dear Father Manson,

It brings me great joy to write to you today congratulating you and your entire parish community on reaching your 2017 Annual Appeal goal. On behalf of the entire Archdiocese of Newark, I am grateful for your efforts in achieving this year's goal. Thank you for *Sharing God's Blessings*.

As you know well, we often find true freedom when we share the blessings which God has given to us. Your parish truly exemplifies a spirit of generosity and concern for your neighbor.

Through support of you parishioners' generosity towards the Annual Appeal, many lives have and will continue to be touched. While we may not have the opportunity to know each and every person impacted by the Annual Appeal, we do have the wonderful opportunity to join in prayer for those who support and those who are supported by this important cause.

Please be assured of my prayers and utmost gratitude for your efforts. May God continue to bless you and your entire parish community.

Sincerely,

Carla L. Repollet  
Vice Chancellor/Executive Director  
Office of Development and Stewardship

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## 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](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto: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



A few weeks ago, Lauren Costabile made an appeal for help with Baby Priscilla's operation. Here is a note of thanks from Lauren, who is pictured below with Priscilla: I am overwhelmed with gratitude! THANK YOU SO MUCH to each and every one of you who donated for

little Priscilla to get her heart surgery in Uganda. Not only did we raise the \$5,000 for her, but between the go fund me page and private donations, we DOUBLED that and raised \$10,000. That means that we will also be able to fund open heart surgery for another little baby girl that I met this past summer named Elizabeth. I am so blown away by your generosity and willingness to help! I could have never done this without all of you. There is still much to be done as far as scheduling surgeries and both these babies need lots of prayers, but I will continue to fight for these precious little ones.

