

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 28, 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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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week at Saint John's Academy

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

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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



This week we enter the month of February. All the priests in recent memory who have served here at Our Lady Mother of the Church have birthdays in February! I don't know if that is a condition for serving here, but it is a fact that our three previous Pastors, Fr. Tom Arminio, Msgr. Tom Salemi, and Fr. Rich Kelly, all have birthdays in February. Fr. Siffredus also is a February baby! I share a birthday with Fr. Tom Arminio, February 2nd. This date is also Groundhog Day – something I never knew existed before coming to the US! This coming Friday, February 2nd is, more importantly than any birthday, a wonderful day in the Church's liturgical calendar: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Forty days after his birth, Jesus was brought to the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. Forty days after Christmas, we celebrate this fact. Jesus was presented in the Temple to be redeemed, meaning to be 'bought back,' or to be offered to God. Joseph and Mary were fulfilling the precept of the Book of Exodus:

"Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me." Ex. 13:2

At the Passover the firstborn of the Egyptians, both man and animal, were killed, but Israel's firstborn sons and animals were spared. Henceforth, the firstborn belonged to God.

There is a great wisdom in this. Our children are not our own, they do not belong to us; their true identity is that of being children of God. A dad once told me how he came to the realization that he had, for many years, done a poor job as a parent because he thought his son was his, and not God's.

A child's greatest freedom and security comes from their knowing that they do indeed belong to God. Mary and Joseph knew this very well, and took their new born to the temple to redeem him, to offer him to God. Being poor they did not have a lamb for the offering, so they instead gave the offering of the poor – two turtledoves.

This Feast day also used to be called the Purification of the Virgin, recalling the ancient tradition whereby mothers were purified after birth.

Why were they purified? Because they had lost blood in the act of giving birth, and blood is holy, is life itself. The act of Purification acknowledged that God is the author of all life, and that all life is sacred. This Purification was once also known amongst Catholics as 'churching,' whereby a mother, having given birth, was welcomed back into the church. The mother would hold a lighted candle, and be led into the church from the vestibule, with prayers of gratitude being said for her safe delivery.

Hence Candlemas Day. Traditionally today was also known as Candlemas Day, and signified the end of the Christmas Season. It was the day in which candles were blessed and distributed for use throughout the year.

In today's world life is increasingly cheapened, and blood is all too easily shed. The current threat in the USA, as reported by the National Terrorism Advisory System, is Elevated. The current threat level for international terrorism in the UK is Severe.

Our major cities are on constant vigilance. Such things were once unheard of, but not anymore. Bloodshed is has also been legalized by abortion laws, and for our youth bloodshed is glorified in video games; it has become a multi-million dollar industry. The Feast of the Presentation redresses this, declaring life for what it is – a gift of God, and to be respected.

Christ is the light of the nations, and he enters today into his Temple. May he be presented in our Temple, in each one of us, as we acknowledge our life as coming from him, and dedicate ourselves to him.

Fr. Sean

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



January 27

St. Angela Merici
Miss Kate Kettler

Sunday



January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

8:30 am

Vincenzina Mazza Greco

10:30 am

Dante Giurici

Monday

8:30 am



January 29

Joan Sakermann

Tuesday

8:30 am



January 30

James T. & Virginia M. Horris

Wednesday

8:30 am



January 31

St. John Bosco
People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am

February 1

Francesca Calabro

Friday

8:30 am



February 2

The Presentation of the Lord;
Groundhog Day

Saturday

5:30 pm



February 3

St. Blaise; St. Ansgar



Sunday

8:30 am

February 4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life

10:30 am

Yon Hwa Park

John Fierro

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." (1 Corinthians 7:32)

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this-use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,963.00

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 now on Sale After all

Masses and in the Parish Office

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, Arlene Desposito, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Thomas Kneeshaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Kathy McGrath, Richard Neuman, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pqrron, Patrick Randazzo, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokia, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, Bryce Werner and Flora Zangoglia

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Albert Burchell

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.



Our Lady Mother of the Church
50th Anniversary Cookbook!

We have a few entries, but need more! 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.

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



Lucilla P. Meirinho

Requested by Marcia and Marly

JANUARY 28, 2018



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in January. It is time again for our February collection which will be held on the weekend of February 3 and 4. **The special needs and requests for this month are: tissues, canned chicken or salmon, spray disinfectant, cleaning products and sugar.** While we are grateful for ALL donations, the food pantry cannot distribute expired food items. **Please make sure you check the expiration dates on all the donated food items.** Any other donations are of course welcome as well. All those concerned at the pantry deeply appreciate your continued generosity. My personal thanks for your assistance to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Deacon Stan



Saint John's Academy News

National Catholic Schools Week

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Exciting News!!
PreK-3 is back with flexible schedules and tuition packages!



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!

Souper Bowl Collection

On Super Bowl weekend, February 3 and 4 we will be conducting our annual "Souper Bowl Collection."

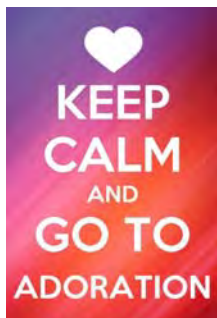


We are inviting you to contribute cans of soup, Ensure and personal products such as tooth paste, shaving cream, disposable razors, soap, body wash, shampoo, etc. which will be donated to The Buddies of New Jersey Pantry in Hackensack. This organization services more than 350 clients and their families dealing with HIV/AIDS.



Coupons for soup and Ensure are acceptable. Cash contributions are also appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support!

Nocturnal Adoration - February 2



You are invited to spend one hour each month in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament where the mind and heart more easily give themselves to communion with Christ. The Nocturnal Adoration Society meets each month on the First Friday evening in The Sacred Heart Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy in Park

Ridge. The next adoration will start after the 8 PM Mass at OLM on Friday, February 2, and continue through the night ending at 8:30AM on Saturday, February 3. All are welcome and encouraged to come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer directed to Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrament is meant to extend the grace of the sacrifice offered in the Mass and deepen the union that we enjoyed with him in Communion. Any questions please call (201) 661-0618.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Calendar

Prayer of the Month: Guardian Angel Prayer

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. 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. **Congratulations to all who participated in the Three Kings Coloring Contest** which is on display in the lobby. Winners were awarded DQ gift cards in Grades 1,2 and 3. Runner up entries received seasonal coloring books.

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.



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.

From Ashes to Easter! Register Now for March 3, 10-12:30!

Lent is almost here! A Saturday morning program for children ages 4 – 10 filled with games, activities, crafts and snacks, ending with a Living Stations of the Cross in Church, an egg hunt and hot pretzels. Children will develop an understanding of Lent and Holy Week while journeying with their peers from 10 AM– 12:30. **TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD or VOLUNTEER**, please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com

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

This week's question: *What saint is the patron saint of Catholic journalism and started the practice of faith formation classes on Sundays?* Prior week's answer: *John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin who prepared the way by baptizing with water.* Congratulations to Gabrielle Ruocco who correctly answered the question! To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to faithformationolmc@gmail.com by 3pm. **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.

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 to reserve for your family.

JANUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



Archdiocese of Newark

Spicing the
Third Millennium
proclaiming an Inalienable
Possession of
Christ the Redeemer

January 11, 2018

Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish
Very Reverend Sean A. Manson, V.F.
209 Woodcliff Avenue
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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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Book Club

Come and join us at our next meeting which will be on Thursday Mar. 8 at 10:30 AM in the Sister Frances Library on the stage. We will discuss *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly.



Sharing God's Blessings

At the Masses next weekend, February 3rd and 4th, we will watch the Sharing God's Blessings video. This is an occasion for each member of the parish to be involved, no matter how much each considers donating. Our parish has done outstandingly well in the past. Please see the attached letter

from Cardinal Tobin thanking us for our response to last year's Appeal.

Mom's and Toddlers Mass

There has been positive feedback to the proposal to begin a monthly Moms and toddlers Mass. Please know that small children and babies are always welcome at any and all of our Liturgies. However, the monthly Moms and toddlers Mass is intended to fulfill the Pastoral need of ministering specifically to this important component of our Parish community. The name 'Moms and toddlers' is, of course, not exclusive of Dads or Grandparents! All are welcome! Thus, the first Moms and Toddlers Mass will be next Saturday, February 3rd, at 4:00pm.