

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 4, 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



*'Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them'.*

Nowhere in the Gospels is Simon Peter's wife mentioned. The fact that he had a mother in law means he must have had a wife. But why is she not mentioned? Because she had already died. Simon Peter was a widower, thus he had a mother in law, but no wife.

In southern Italy it is common to see widows dressed in black. You cannot enter the house of a widow without seeing a photograph of the deceased husband, with flowers and a votive candle lit. Widows have experienced death, and because of this they can be witnesses of the Resurrection.

The chrism of widows was very important in the Early Church, and remains so today.

The prophetess Anna was a widow, she was married only seven years before losing her husband, after which she never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She was eighty four years old when she finally saw the Christ child.

It was only the widow Anna, and the widower Simeon, who recognized Jesus when he was presented in the Temple. Nobody else knew who the child was, but the widows did. Anna, on seeing Jesus, began to praise God, and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

The widow has a capacity for prayer and for charity that is essential in the life of the Church. Widows have perception, discernment and a prophetic word. The presence and the witness of widows is essential in any faith community. They make present the fact that death, grief and mourning are not the last word. There is one in our midst who has conquered death itself, and who allows us to participate in His Paschal Mystery. May we always value, esteem, and honor the widows in our families and in our Parish community.

Fr. Sean

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Saturday

5:30 pm



## February 3

*St. Blaise; St. Ansgar*

Jose Lopes

## Sunday

8:30 am



## February 4

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life*

Yon Hwa Park

10:30 am

John Fierro

## Monday

8:30 am



## February 5

*St. Agatha*

Vida Glaser

## Tuesday

8:30 am



## February 6

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

8:30 am

Theresa Toeppe

## Wednesday

8:30 am

## February 7

Dorothy Downes

## Thursday

8:30 am

## February 8

*St. Josephine Bakhita; St. Jerome*

People of the Parish

## Friday

8:30 am

## February 9

Debbie Prutzman

## Saturday

5:30 pm

## February 10

*St. Scholastica*

Michael Tambone

## Sunday

8:30 am



## February 11

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;*

*World Marriage Day*

10:30 am

Robert Witte

Hildegard Kaufmann

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come.'"* (Mark 1:35-38)

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes-healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,800.00**

## 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 Di-capua, 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 and Bryce Werner

### "A time to mourn"

**Deceased of the Parish:** Flora Zangoglia

### "A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. 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 [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.

## 2018 Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

We are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2018. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 29, 2018	3:00 pm	5 years and 25 years
May 6, 2018	3:00 pm	50 years

If you would like to attend any of these liturgies please call Judi in the Parish Office to register. There is no fee.



## Saint John's Academy News

### Immigrants

Our 8th Grade students have been busy studying the influx of immigrants during the early 1900's through Ellis Island.

### Welcome Wednesdays at SJA!!

Stop in for a personalized tour! Tours are offered every Wednesday from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Call (201) 664-6364

Now enrolling for 2018-2019

**New for the school year the return of our fabulous PreK-3 program! We offer flexible schedules and tuition! We look forward to meeting you!**



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!

**OUR LADY'S GUILD LUNCH BUNCH** will meet Thursday Feb. 8 at 12 Noon in McCarthy Center. All are welcome to come, meet, share and eat! BYOL= (Bring your own lunch).

### OLMC 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.



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

**Jose S. Lopes**

Requested by Marcia and Marly

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

**The Horris and Yoli Families**

## 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!

# FAITH FORMATION



## Faith Formation Calendar

### 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*

### March Prayer of the Month: Stations of the Cross

Sat, March 3 10 am to 12:30 pm **Ashes to Easter Festival**

Wed, March 7 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. John of God*

Wed, March 14 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Lent Reconciliation for Grades 3-6 and LOF

Wed, March 21 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Enda*

Wed, March 28 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Stations of the Cross Grades 1-6 and LOF

## Faith Formation News

Grade 2 is preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which they will receive on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10 AM. Please continue to pray for our students as they prepare. You can take a Lamb Card from the basket in the lobby.

## Respect Life Month Collection in January

Thank you! Your generosity has made the PRAYERS AND PAMPERS Collection for NEW HOPE a wonderful success!



**Pope Francis Says:** "Through prayer we can enter into a stable relationship with God, the source of true joy." Jan. 29, 2018

## 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)

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

This week's question: *What saint devoted his life to working with youth and founded the Salesian order? (Hint: There is a school in our area that is named after him).* Congratulations to Michael Cevetillo 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) by 3pm. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**

## Traveling Prayer Cross

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! God bless Gabby Ruocco 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 Olivia Juliano 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.

## Thank You From Edna Mahan Facility!

*"Dear Members of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Thank you very much for the donations and continued support for the women at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility. Without organizations like yours we would not be able to do what we do! We look forward to working with you again."*

*Dept. of Social Services*

Please see the lovely notes we received which are on display in the lobby.

## FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE PASSION OF OUR LORD



We are often reminded by our Holy Father Pope Francis and Sacred Scripture that in order to love one another we must share the blessings which God has provided to us.

In Acts, Chapter 4, we learn that the early church shared all possessions with one another so that the Apostles and early Christian communities could fully proclaim “the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them.”

We are called to similarly share what is granted to us by God and return it to Him so that not one of our brothers and sisters goes without: without the gift of faith; without the essential human needs; and without a personal relationship with Our Lord. We are called to Share God’s Blessings, and when we do, we find freedom and joy in proclaiming the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, just as the Apostles did over 2,000 years ago!

Will you join your brothers and sisters in Sharing God’s Blessings?

**We will do the in-pew appeal at all  
Masses this weekend!  
May God bless you for your generosity!**