

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

209 Woodcliff Avenue ~ Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 ~ [www.motherofthechurch.org](http://www.motherofthechurch.org)



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Fr. Sean Manson.....*Pastor*  
Email: [seanolmc@gmail.com](mailto:seanolmc@gmail.com)  
Fr. Siffredus Rwechungura.....*Parochial Vicar*  
Mr. Stan Fedison.....*Deacon*  
Mrs. Patricia Keenaghan.....*Director of Rel. Ed.*  
Email: [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)  
Ms. Deborah DiPiazza.....*Faith Formation Aide*  
Mr. Domenick Panfile.....*Director of Music*  
Ms. Judi Quinn.....*Administrative Secretary*  
Email: [judiolmc@yahoo.com](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com)  
Mr. Vito Delzotto.....*Parish Council President*  
Rev. Msgr. Cajetan Salemi.....*Pastor Emeritus*

### 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

**Phone:** 201-391-2826

**Fax:** 201-391-7101

### Parish Email

[info@motherofthechurch.org](mailto:info@motherofthechurch.org)

### Faith Formation Office

**Phone:** 201-391-7400

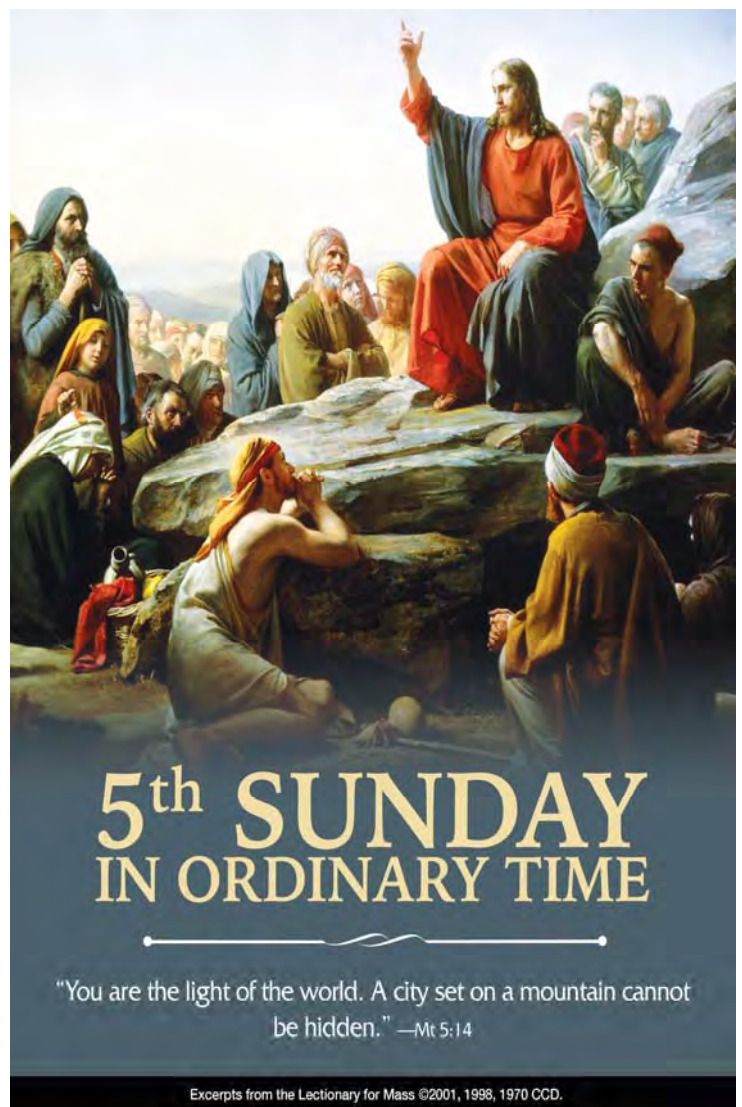
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to  
5:00 pm



**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



Today, February 5<sup>th</sup>, Super Bowl Sunday, is also the World Day for Consecrated Life. We celebrate the Religious who have consecrated themselves to God for the sake of the Kingdom.

The presence of the Kingdom is manifest in two distinct ways: Matrimony and Virginty, or Consecrated Life. One is not better, or more important than the other, but both are necessary, because they each give witness to the presence of the Kingdom in our midst.

The witness of Consecrated Virgins is essential for us as Christians. Consecrated Life gives testimony that God alone is enough, that he is able to satisfy the longing of the human heart.

Marriage makes manifest the great truth that two can become one flesh by the power of God. Marriage is an image of the betrothal of God to his people. Christ, the Bridegroom, is espoused to the Church, his Bride. The love which unites lover and beloved is indissoluble, meaning nothing is able to break. That is why the vows exchanged at Marriage are for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. These vows are not given on the strength or commitment of the couple, but are given with the Sacramental grace of God. The couple, married in the Church, receives a supernatural grace which enables them to fulfill their vows to each other. They have stability, bedrock that enables them to confront and overcome, with sufferings and joys, whatever life may throw at them.

In the world this is impossible, but for those who are in Christ all things is possible.

Today is Super Bowl Sunday. Millions of people, adults and children, will be watching the game, cheering on the heroes on the field.

The Church invites us to watch, and emulate the real heroes, those in Consecrated Life.

When was the last time you visited the Missionaries of Charity, or the Carmel of the Carmelites, or the Friars of the Renewal? Did you ever take you children, or grandchildren, to a cloistered convent, or to an Abbey?

If you want to see people who are full of joy, with radiant smiles, with peace in their eyes, and light coming out of their souls, go to the cloistered convent in Newark, or Morristown, or visit the Friary in the Bronx. You will not be disappointed!

Perhaps your child may never be an NFL quarterback; perhaps she will never play for the US Women's Soccer Team. But, with God's grace, one of your children may begin to discern a call to Religious Life! If so, Congratulations, you have won the jackpot!

Fr. Sean

# FIFTH 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

## February 4

Michael Tambone

## February 5

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

Rosemary Lukac

Yousef Mashini

## February 6

*St. Paul Miki and Companions*

Teresa Toeppe

## February 7

Special Intention

## February 8

*St. Jerome Emiliani;*

*St. Josephine Bakhita*

Yousef Mashini

## February 9

People of the Parish

## February 10

*St. Scholastica*

Richard Valliere

## February 11

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

Joseph Kearney

## February 12

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;*

*World Marriage Day*

Bob Witte

Yousef Mashini

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,809.00  
Restoration Fund.....\$ 35.00

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Fifth Annual St. Patrick's  
Irish/Italian Dinner Dance  
Friday, March 10, 2017



Tickets on Sale This Weekend after all Masses  
Tickets ~ \$35 per person ~ 7:00 pm  
McCarthy Center ~ Music ~ Dancing  
with Gabriel Donohue ~ Irish/Italian Buffet  
BYOB

## 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.

## 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, February 18, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call (201) 768-7565. Save the date; April 22, 2017 for The Fr. Jim McKenna Memorial Fund Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Reverse Raffle.



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

The Horris and Yoli Families

*"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 Kneeshaw, Patricia Martin, McKenna Grace, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, and Bryce Werner

### "A time to mourn"

**Deceased of the Parish:** Vida Glaser

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

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

*Amen.*



## Our Lady's Guild Bake Sale

Our Lady's Guild will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of February 11 & 12 after all Masses. We still need bakers! If you would like to bake a cake, brownies, cookies, etc. make sure to bring the in before the Mass that you attend. Proceeds will be split between the Food Pantry and the Sr. Rita Educational Fund. SAVE THE DATE!!!

## 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](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com). All requests will be kept confidential.

## Soup Kitchen

### Thank You Bakers, servers and casserole makers!

Mark your calendars for 2017: March 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Deacon Stan for [casseroles stanfedison@aol.com](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto: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

## Girls Leadership Programs

**Participate in a fun, engaging workshop, where you and your daughter will build a common language, practice healthy approaches to conflict, and learn authentic communication skills.**

Girls Leadership's Parent & Daughter Workshop *Be Who You Are. Say What You Mean*. Provides an opportunity for girls and their significant role models to build and strengthen their authentic voice to face challenges together. Each workshop is two hours.

This program is for girls in 6th, 7th & 8th grades with 1 adult. Thursdays, February 9, 16, 23 and March 9, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. It is held at the Hillsdale United Methodist Church in Hillsdale. For information please contact Patty Dow at 866-744-9102 ext 703 or [patty@girlsleadership.org](mailto:patty@girlsleadership.org).



## St. John's Academy News!!!

### Lenape Lifeways

"Lenape Lifeways" presented a program about the Lenape Indians to the 4th grade as part of their study of New Jersey. The students examined artifacts of the Lenape and learned interesting facts about the Lenape's culture and lifestyle.

### STREAM: A Work in Progress

Our junior high students have been preparing for their STREAM presentations in February. In conjunction with a United Nations global initiative project, students have been researching the needs of other countries and devising ways to help them, i.e. cleaner water filtration systems; more efficient farming methods; ideas to promote better education. Students are making brochures and prototypes to present at the STREAM Fair in February.

## OLMC Playgroup



We are starting a new Playgroup for moms with small children. This group will meet Friday mornings 9:30 am to 11:00 am in the John Paul II classroom (entrance from parking lot). All moms and caregivers are welcome to join us. We are seeking some storage bins to hold the toys. Contact Adrianna Maniscalco at (201) 281-3521 or [ad.maniscalco@gmail.com](mailto:ad.maniscalco@gmail.com) for more information.



## Needed: New or Used Communion Dresses and Suits!!!

The Archdiocese of Newark will be organizing their fourth annual collection of gently used and new communion outfits. A child's First Communion is a special day for any family and the Archdiocese of Newark is trying to make sure financial hardship does not stand in the way of it being as special as it can be. The collection will be donated to our inner city parishes, the Religious Sisters at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart who know families in need, and any parishioner in need of one for their child. Last year over 400 dresses and 200 suits were distributed. All items can be dropped off at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave, Newark beginning Monday, February 27 through March between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. They will distribute the items in April. Please make sure all outfits are free of stains and cleaned.

# FAITH FORMATION/SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION



## Calendar for February and March

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>

## Lighting our Faith 2017:

Tentative dates June 26 – July 7.

If school closing dates change, our dates will change too. Would you like to be a catechist, recreation aide, art coordinator, music assistant or babysitter? Please consider this exciting opportunity to see FAITH ALIVE and GROWING in our parish. Students from Junior High and High School are encouraged to volunteer. It is a fun way to complete Service Hours for Confirmation Candidates. \* Volunteers must be in 7th Grade or higher. A background check is required for all volunteers 18 years old and older. Contact Pat Keenaghan at [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 who was a martyr during third century Rome has been popularized by social customs and is considered the patron saint of love?* Prior week's answer: The vestments for Ordinary Time are GREEN. Everyone is welcome 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 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Lighting Our Faith and Faith Formation Students

will meet on March 1st in church for Ash Wednesday prayer service at 4:00 pm, all are welcome. On March 22nd grades 3-6 will meet in church for Lenten Reconciliation.

## Respect Life Month Collections

Thank you for your donations! Your generosity was overflowing! Thank you for your outstanding response for New Hope!



**Pope Francis Says:** : *"The family is, forgive me, it is a factory of hope, of life, of resurrection. God was the one who opened that path."* Visit to Cuba 10/28/15.

## Souper Bowl Collection

On Super Bowl weekend, February 4 and 5 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!

# SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL 2017



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 the weekend of February 18/19.  
May God bless you for your generosity!**