

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 12, 2017

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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.

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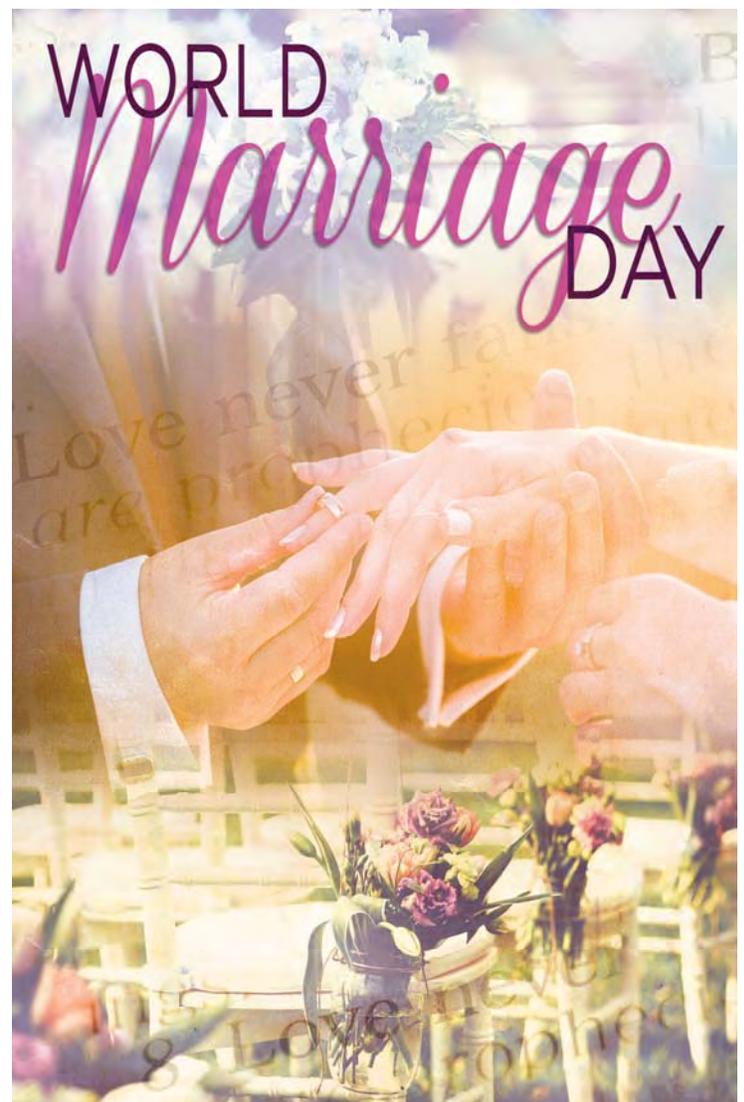
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Mission Statement: Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming 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



“I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved.”
Matt 5, 18

What Law is Jesus referring to? Federal Law, state law, traffic law, health care law? He is referring not to any human prescript, but to the Law of Moses, i.e. the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, otherwise known as the Torah.

The Law of Moses is written down, and as such it is made up of words – strokes of writing, letters on a page. The original text is Hebrew, which none of us here at Our Lady Mother of the Church are able to read. But thanks to St. Jerome, who went to live in the Holy Land, residing in Bethlehem, and who gave his life to learn the Hebrew language, the Law of Moses was translated into Latin. From the Latin we have the vernacular translations, including ours in English.

The full meaning of Jesus words quoted above can be lost on us English speakers, because we are unable to read Hebrew – the original text. The words “Not one dot, not one little stroke” do not mean much to us, but they would have meant something very specific for Jesus listeners. In Hebrew there is one letter which is smaller than all the others. Unlike the English language, where all the letters are the same size, the Hebrew language has the ‘yod,’ the smallest letter in the alphabet. In English we are taught from grade school how to write our letters on a horizontal line, our letters sit on this line and extend from it upwards. In Hebrew there is no line on the page, letters are formed from the top down, they are aligned from above, thanks to the yod, which is suspended above.

It is the yod to which Jesus refers when he says ‘not one dot, not one little stroke.’

The yod is the tenth letter of the alphabet, and its presence or absence changes the tense from past to future. If no yod is present the tense is perfect – past. If the yod is present the tense becomes imperfect – the future, that which is to come, that which is open. Because of this the yod is also the first letter in the name of God – Yahweh. Every time the yod is written/ pronounced, the name of God is invoked.

This yod is written only once in the Law of Moses as a capital letter, in a text of the Book of Numbers. This occurs when the people of God (us) were complaining and being obstinate, refusing to listen to Moses or to believe what God was telling them. Finally God got fed up and decided to forsake this people, and choose another who would obey him and listen to him. It is then that Moses intercedes and asks God not to do this, but rather to let his power grow (Yigdal) by displaying his mercy and patience. God listens and relents, he is merciful, and Moses says: “Yahweh is slow to anger and rich in graciousness, forgiving faults and transgression...” Numbers 14, 18

The heart of the Law, the center of all the precepts given in the Scriptures, the essence of the commandments, is this mercy and forgiveness. God’s name is made great, his true power is manifest in his capacity to forgive, in his willingness to be merciful.

How many times has he been merciful to us, we who are often stiff necked and obstinate. He has not acted according to what we deserve, but out of his patience and mercy. This is the heart of the law. Having experienced the mercy of God, may we be merciful to others. There are times when we have had enough, when we get fed up, when we went to take matters into our own hands. People can be unreasonable, they can push our buttons, and drive us nuts. It is then that the yod comes to our salvation.

It helps us not to forget who we are, and to remember who God is.

We are invited to be aligned not to what is below, but to what is above.

We are invited not to dwell on the past, but to look to the open future, the eternal life to which we have been called.

May the heart of the law find a home in our hearts today.

Fr. Sean

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

Joseph Kearney

Sunday



February 12

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Marriage Day

8:30 am

Bob Witte

10:30 am

Yousef Mashini

Monday

8:30 am

February 13

People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:30 am

February 14

Ss. Cyril and Methodius;

Valentine's Day

Gary Regelsky

Wednesday

8:30 am



February 15

Mary Mertz & Betty Monto

Thursday

8:30 am

February 16

Marie Rivieccio

Friday

8:30 am

February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the

Servite Order

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

Saturday

5:30 pm



February 18

Fr. Sean Hogan (living)

Sunday

8:30 am

February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am

James Whitney

Don Williams

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"For I will tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.."

(Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear-it's love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,335.00

Restoration Fund.....\$ 25.00

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

"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, Rosa Dicapua, Jennifer Hartmann, Thomas Kneeshan, Patricia Martin, McKenna Grace, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Marie Dettan—Mother of Marie Bernich

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.



Our Lady's Guild

Brunch

Sunday, March 26, 2017

The Lady's Guild will be hosting a Family Brunch on March 26th after the 10:30 am Mass. Tickets will be sold starting the weekend of February 25 and 26 after all Masses. \$25 a family and \$10 per person.

Save the Date!!!!



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

The Horris and Yoli Families



Our Lady's Guild Bake Sale

Our Lady's Guild will be hosting a Bake Sale this weekend February 11 & 12 after all Masses. 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.

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.

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.

Soup Kitchen

Calling all Soup Kitchen Volunteers! You can sign up for the March 4th date on Feb 17/18 and Feb 25/26. We need bakers, servers or casserole makers. Mark your calendars for 2017: March 4th, June 3rd, Sept 2 (Eva's Kitchen) and Dec 2nd. Please contact Deacon Stan for casseroles stanfedison@aol.com or Pat Keenaghan patkeenaghan@yahoo.com to help cook, bake or serve.



OLMC Playgroup

We are starting a new Playgroup for moms with small children. This group will meet Friday mornings 10:00 am to 11:30 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 for more information.



St. John's Academy News!!!

Geography Bee

Each year thousands of schools in the United States participate in the National Geographic Bee using materials prepared by the National Geographic Society. The contest is designed to encourage teachers to include geography in their classrooms, spark student interest in the subject and increase public awareness about geography. On January 31, SJA students in grades five through eight participated in this entertaining and challenging test of geographic knowledge. Congratulations to this year's winners, First Place-Drew Walsh; Second Place-Amenia Bazzanella and Third Place-Christopher Dolan.

Annual STREAM Expo

Please join us for SJA's First Annual STREAM Expo on Thursday, February 16 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the gym. View the solutions designed by our students to address the United Nation's 15 sustainable development goals!

Dedication of the Sister Frances Schier Memorial Library, Sunday, March 5th following the 10:30 am Liturgy./ All are invited to celebrate! If you would like to make a donation please use the forms in the lobby. Thank you for your generous heart!!



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 THANK YOU



Calendar for February and March

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>
Wed, March 8	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. John of God</i>
Wed, March 15	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Louise de Marillac</i>
Wed, March 22	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Lent Reconciliation LOF Summer Students Grades 3-6 attend</i>
Wed, March 29	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</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

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

This week's question: Who did Our Lady of Lourdes appear to in 1858 in Lourdes, France? Prior week's answer: St. Valentine was a martyr during third century Rome has been popularized by social customs and is considered the patron saint of love. 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 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! Register now! Lent is Almost Here!

A Saturday morning program 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 9:30 – 12:30. If you would like to register your child or volunteer, please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com

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 : "A Christian would never say 'you will pay for that.' Never. That is not a Christian gesture. An offense you overcome with forgiveness. To live in peace with everyone." General Audience 02/8/17.



Last weekend we had a wonderful response to the Souper Bowl Food Collection for the benefit of the Buddies of New Jersey in Hackensack that services approximately 350 clients and their families who are dealing with HIV/AIDS. We collected 110 cans of soup, 39 containers of Ensure, 12 containers of Boost, 26 bars of soap, 20 containers of shampoo/conditioner, 25 tubes of toothpaste, 9 tooth brushes, 8 packages of deodorant, 4 cans of shaving cream, 18 razors, 4 bottles of mouth wash, 4 containers of body wash, 2 toiletry kits, wipes, moisturizer, liquid hand soap, paper towels, facial tissues, 7 boxes of macaroni and cheese, cereal, cookies, chips, coffee, tea, canned vegetables, pasta, fruit cocktail, rice, tuna fish and a hair re-growth system. We also received coupons to purchase Ensure at a reduced price. Our Heartfelt gratitude to all parishioners for your compassion and generosity.

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
Mass next weekend February 18/19.
May God bless you for your generosity!**