

Our Lady Mother of the Church

209 Woodcliff Avenue ~ Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 ~ www.motherofthechurch.org



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:30pm &
8:00 pm (in classroom)
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

Parish Email

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

Toddlers Mass

Every First Saturday
at 4:00 pm

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



I would like to thank the Eucharistic Ministers who went out to distribute Ashes on Ash Wednesday. From 5:15am onwards, ashes were distributed at the GSP Bus stop in Montvale, the WCL Train Station and WCL Bus Stops. I asked one of our parishioners who was at the Train Station if he would like to receive ashes, he replied “No thank you, it’s too early.” “Too early?” I asked, “You don’t want to receive ashes?” “Oh, I thought you said Hershey’s” he replied.

As a child growing up, the ashes were a like badge of honor! Everyone wanted to be seen with the ashes on their forehead. Not so today, more than one person politely declined the opportunity to be marked with ash this past Wednesday morning, and not because they weren’t Catholic or Christian. Who wants to be seen commuting into NYC with a black mark on their forehead? What would the people in the office think?

On the other hand, ashes were never meant to be a badge of honor, to be paraded in front of others like some sort of trophy. Ash Wednesday is meant to denote a hidden reality, namely that we carry ashes within: ‘Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.’

By the time we read this bulletin the outward mark ashes will no longer be visible on our foreheads, but the inner truth that we are dust remains. Lent does us the great service of putting us in touch with our mortality.

Why pretend that life is just getting on a train or a bus every morning, going to work, to pay the bills, to pay for college, to pay for a vacation.....but for what? Is that all life is? For many people the answer, sadly, is yes.

Lent announces that our work, our house, our friends, our family, our vacation time, cannot be all that our life is, because they are all fleeting. They will all pass away. Most people recoil at the thought of this: “No, thanks, I don’t want ashes. I’m good!”

However, Lent is not meant to be morbid or pessimistic. Its purpose is not meant to be a downer. On the contrary, the Church calls this “The joyful Season of Lent!” Lent can also be joyful for us, if we accept to be confronted with our mortality, because this is the only way for us to truly experience heaven, Life in Christ.

Heaven is not merely a hope for the hereafter. Lent tells us that the Resurrection, Eternal Life, begins now: on the train, on the bus, in our work, with our friends, in our family, in our homes, on our vacations, can all be an experience of Heaven today.

An excellent way to experience this joyful Season of Lent, is to Come and Listen to the Catechesis which are being given Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00pm in the McCarthy Center. I sincerely hope to see you there.

Fr. Sean

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:30 pm



February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Millie Ferrara

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Diane Clark

John P. Avallone

Monday

8:30 am

February 19

Presidents Day

Lois Clausen

Tuesday

8:30 am

February 20

Douglas Collins

Wednesday

8:30 am

February 21

St. Peter Damian

Bill Weir

Thursday

8:30 am

February 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Special Intention

Friday

8:30 am

February 23

St. Polycarp

Frank Perrulli

Saturday

5:30 pm



February 24

John Coyne

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Marcelle Baumbach

Dante Giurici

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God..." (Mark 1:14)

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming? It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,959.00

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 and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Thomas LeBeau

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.



Catechesis for Youth and Adults

Is there something God can do for you?

Do you feel alienated by the church?

Is there something missing in your life?

Come and Listen!

Monday & Thursday Evenings

at 8:00 pm

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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

Lenape Lifeways

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

Spelling Bee

Can you spell S-T-U-P-E-N-D-O-U-S? Our middle school spelling bee participants were just that! Congratulations to all who participated and to our winners: 1st place-Giulia Daly, 2nd place-Sophia Kuzma and 3rd place-Sean Deane. Special thanks to moderator, Ms. Kristina Signore

SJA's Super 50/50 is coming soon!

Drawing will be held on March 21st!

For further information, please contact Eileen Kuzma at ekuzesq@yahoo.com

Thank you for your support of SJA!



Offering Counters Wanted!!

We are looking for a few good men or women to help count the offerings on Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass. No experience necessary! If interested please call the parish office at (201) 391-2826.

OFFERING COUNTERS

WE NEED YOU!!!!



We will have Stations of the Cross after the 8:30 am Mass on Friday during Lent. Please join us!

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.

The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of Presidents Day.



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

Jose S. Lopes

Requested by Marcia and Marly



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

The Horris and Yoli Families

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Calendar

February Prayer of the Month: Act of Contrition

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

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



Pope Francis Says: *“The Lord is present in our lives, showing us all His love and encouraging us to respond with generosity.” Feb. 10, 2018*

Liturgy of the Word for Children

OLMC is offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the Sunday 10:30AM Mass from October through April. You are invited to sign up to help. See the sheet in McCarthy Center on the wall. 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. Volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Newark’s Safe Environment Policy.

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

This week’s question: *Where do the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from?* Congratulations to Katie Eckes 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

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! God bless Matthew Hinkle 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 Nina Nigro 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.

Safe Environment Policy

Volunteers Compliance of the Archdiocese of Newark’s Safe Environment Policy is required for all volunteers and employees (18 years/older) who work/volunteer with children in our parish.

Contact Judi Quinn for necessary form or if you have any questions: judiolmc@yahoo.com

Safe Environment Policy requirements include:

- Attend a Protecting God’s Children Workshop for Adults *(recertification of PGC is required every 3 yrs) Go to this link: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>
- Complete a Volunteer Application and Archdiocesan Code of Conduct
- Complete Criminal Background Check (must be redone every 5 years)

FEBRUARY IS DEDICATED TO THE PASSION OF OUR LORD



Thank you to everyone who so generously pledged towards this year's Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. It is so important that every member of the parish participate in this opportunity to give to others who are in need. It is particularly appropriate for us to do so as we begin this Lenten Season,

which invites us to Almsgiving. If you have not yet responded, there are still envelopes available in the pews this Sunday. On behalf of Cardinal Tobin, and on behalf of myself, your Pastor, I thank you once again. Fr. Sean

May God bless you for your generosity!



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February 7, 2018

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Dear Friends at Our Lady Mother of the Church,

THANK YOU! We want to express our sincere appreciation for the generous donation of Ensure, Food and Toiletries you collected at your Souper Bowl Food Collection for our Food Pantry. Because of **You**, we are able to help address the nutritional needs faced by the poor of the HIV/AIDS community here in Bergen and Passaic counties. This year we were able to help provide food for over 400 clients and their families.

Because of You, Buddies of New Jersey, Inc. can make a *real* difference in the lives of the individuals we serve. Our services include substance abuse treatment, oral health, mental health therapy, case management, housing, transportation and our food pantry all which play a critical role in helping our clients maintain a true quality of life.

With your help, all of these amazing things happen.

Thank you for caring. You are a true partner in our fight against HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely,

Bob Sorbafelli
Board of Directors

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Our Lady's Guild Happenings

A Mother's Stations of the Cross on Monday, February 19, at 7:00 pm

Come and pray tomorrow night a very special meditation Way of the Cross. Music accompaniment by Susan Furey. arranged by Our Lady' Guild.

Our Lady's Guild Bake Sale Thank you!

Your support of the bake sale, whether as a baker or buyer will help us help other!

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. All welcome.

Our Lady's Guild Lunch Bunch will next meet Thursday Mar. 8 at 12 Noon in McCarthy Center. All are welcome to come, meet, share and eat! BYOL (Bring your own lunch).

OLMC Library

Yes it's cold outside! What to do? Snuggle up with a book from the Sister Frances Memorial Library. Come, browse and sign out a book at your convenience. Please return borrowed books when finished. Thank you!

Prayer | Fasting | Almsgiving

Prayer: Throughout Scripture, Jesus goes to pray in deserted place. Lent is our "deserted place." We draw near to God through Mass, confession, and spiritual practices like the Stations of the Cross, but we are also invited to spend time in prayer alone with the Father like Jesus did.

Fasting: Fasting is not a diet! With a diet, we try to achieve a physical goal in this world. In fasting, we try to achieve a spiritual goal in the next. Fasting helps us to sacrifice our preferences and less-than-healthy impulses to build discipline to choose the good in all areas of life.

Almsgiving: Time and time again, the Bible tells us that to love God we must love others. Our "neighbor" is someone we might not expect. Giving alms is an opportunity to support and care for our neighbor in need.