

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 19, 2017

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### 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  
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### Faith Formation Office

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

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to  
5:00 pm



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?

**Appeal starts this weekend!**  
**May God bless you for your generosity!**

**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

**DO  
MORE  
OF  
WHAT  
MAKES  
YOU  
~~HAPPY~~  
HOLY**

The Lord spoke to Moses, “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.” Leviticus 19, 1

My second assignment as a priest was to the parish of St. Mary’s in Plainfield. Across the road from the church is a red brick building, the Convent of the Missionaries of Charity, and this one is a Novitiate for the Contemplative Branch of the sisters of Mother Teresa. Each Monday I would go to celebrate Mass with the sisters, and this particular Monday was no different.

What was different was the greeting I got at the door that morning. I was used to ringing the door bell and then having one of the sisters, in her blue and white sari, greet me with a broad smile, opening the door and welcoming me in, thanking me profusely for having come to celebrate Mass. But this day I rang and the door was opened by a sister I did not know. She looked at me with dark brown eyes and simply said: “Be Holy!” She then turned and walked away towards the chapel.

I was left standing at the door, taken aback, wondering what she meant. As I walked to the chapel, then vested for Mass, and then celebrated the Mass, her words kept coming back to me; during the readings, the homily, the consecration, and Communion.

What did she mean? Be holy? At first I thought ‘How rude, is that any way to greet someone at the door, especially me, who’s coming here to do Mass for them?’

Then I thought, ‘What does she know about me anyway? We’ve never met before, she must be having a bad day. Does she think I am not holy? Just by looking at me?’ Whichever way I looked at it, I found myself offended and defensive.

The more I thought about it, the more challenged I felt. But the more I thought about it, the more her words made sense, and the clearer it became that she was right. I did not need to know her motive or reasoning, all I had to do was accept what she said: “Be Holy.” Why should she not greet me in this way? The Lord says the same thing to his people today in the first reading of this Sunday’s Mass: “Be Holy.”

The fact that I was offended and taken aback spoke more about me than her. If I had been holy I would be happy to hear her greeting. But she had caught me out, not only was I not holy (evidenced by my offense) but I was upset at the invitation. If I was not holy why should I not accept the invitation to be so?

What does it mean to be holy anyway? Today’s reading today give us some suggestions:

Do not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart.

Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against anyone.

Offer no resistance to one who is evil.

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

These are some ways to be holy. But there are many others. Each one of us will receive this invitation in today’s liturgy.

If we feel uncomfortable, if we feel challenged, if we feel ‘outed’.....Good! Then, and only then, can we accept the invitation to be who we were created to be. That being the case, the greeting “Be Holy” is as good as any.

Fr. Sean

# SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**February 18**

Fr. Sean Hogan (living)

**Sunday**

8:30 am



**February 19**

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

James Whitney

10:30 am

Don Williams

**Monday**

8:30 am

**February 20**

*Presidents Day*

George J. Fusco

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**February 21**

*St. Peter Damian*

People of the Parish

**Wednesday**

8:30 am



**February 22**

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

George J. Fusco

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**February 23**

*St. Polycarp*

George & Peter Lutz

**Friday**

8:30 am

**February 24**

Carmela Carnevale

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**February 25**

John Coyne

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**February 26**

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Rachel Marie Kerley

10:30 am

Edna Neil

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

*"A time to mourn"*

**Deceased of the Parish:** Florence Leonard-Mother of Glenn Leonard

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

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

*Amen.*

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44)*

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,014.00**

**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**

*The Parish and Faith Formation offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents Day.*

**Our Lady's Guild**

**Cordially Invites You to A Parish Brunch**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017 After the 10:30 am Mass**

**Tickets on sale after all Masses starting February 25th**

**\$25 per family**

**\$10 per person**

**Have Breakfast With Your Faith Community!!!**



## 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.

## New Hope, Inc.

Our outreach to first time single mothers and their babies wants to thank Patricia Keenaghan, Religious Education Program - "Faith Formation, as well as the parishioners at Our Lady Mother the Church for items you have donated as we were able to pass on these to our moms and babies. We cannot express the joy you have spread with your love and giving spirit. Please access our web site - [newhopeprc.org](http://newhopeprc.org) to read more about our all-volunteer program and our pregnancy resource center now located in Westwood, NJ. Read about some of our many moms who rely on your generosity to make ends meet. If you would like to volunteer, please contact [marilyn@newhopeprc.org](mailto:marilyn@newhopeprc.org) or call (201)722-4705.



## 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](mailto:ad.maniscalco@gmail.com) for more information.



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

### Virtue in Practice

Our students are learning about Jacinta & Francesco Marto, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Athanasius!



### Outstanding Catholic School Graduate

Congratulations to Ciara Donegan, named as Outstanding Catholic School Graduate 2017! Ciara was chosen by SHA's faculty and administration for being an example of Christian values in all aspects of her life.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sept 2 (Eva's Kitchen) 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.



## 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



## Calendar for February, March and April

Wed, Feb 22	No Class
Wed, March 1	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Sat, March 4	10:00 am to 12:30 pm <b>From Ashes to Easter for Children</b>
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, <b>Lent Reconciliation LOF Summer Students</b> <b>Grades 3-6 attend</b>
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>
Wed, April 5	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <b>Stations of the Cross-LOF Summer Students</b> <b>Attend</b>

## We are now planning for Lighting Our Faith (LOF) 2017 program.

LOF is a two-week religious education for grades 3 – 6 from 7:55 AM to 12:45 PM covering the full Faith Formation curriculum. Students enrolled in this program are required to attend every day. **Tentative dates June 26 – July 7**, subject to change if the public school calendar changes the last day of school.

## We need volunteer catechists and assistants!

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 apparition of Our Lady will observe its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year?

Prior week's answer: Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to a young French girl, St. Bernadette Soubirous. 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! 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](mailto: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: "No one can take this security from



us. We must repeat it like a prayer: God loves me. I am sure that God loves me!" General Audience 02/15/17.



### Parish Building Projects

The project to rebuild our bathrooms and build a wheelchair accessible ramp is moving ahead; the architectural plans are done, and four contractors have already placed bids. It is my hope that within the next week we will be able to sign a contract to begin the work, which will be funded by monies we received from the Living Stones Campaign. The architectural plans will be available for view in the McCarthy Center after Masses this weekend, and I will on hand to explain and answer any questions.

Fr. Sean

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*I noticed in Mass one day that people do different things. Some change responses, some genuflect before Communion, and one lady went to kneel in front of the tabernacle. Are these part of the new changes that are coming?*

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People have good intentions, and try to do what they feel is best as they worship God. When things are too "liberal" or too "conservative," depending on their personal preferences, people will try different things. And so, you get all kinds of bowing, genuflecting, changing of responses, elimination of masculine pronouns, etc. I have actually seen people fall because the person in front of them suddenly genuflects before Communion, which is not part of our tradition. The bishops continue to address these issues, requiring some uniformity, while leaving room for appropriate individual expression.

In the meantime, it is important to remember that we gather as a community to celebrate the Eucharist. We are the body of Christ, united in mind, heart and spirit as we worship God. When people do things that are distracting, or different than the rest of the community, it introduces a foreign element and breaks the unity of the assembled church. Strictly speaking, that is a definition of sin: a rupture in our relationship with God and one another. Not that these things are sinful, but the higher value is the community at worship—the "common unity" rather than political or religious statements of individuals. Good intentions do not replace good liturgy!

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Lent



### Lenten Spiritual Journey

All are invited to a Lenten Spiritual Journey, facilitated by Fr. Sean and a team of parishioners from the Neo Catechumenal Community. We will present a Catechesis for youth and adults, beginning Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the McCarthy Center. This is for those who come to Mass regularly, and those who come infrequently, or not at all. The deepest longings of our heart can only be satisfied in the experience of the love of God. Come and listen, Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00pm.

*You are invited to the  
Dedication of the Sister Frances Schier  
Memorial Library  
Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>  
following the 10:30 AM Liturgy.*

If you would like to donate, either new or almost new books or a monetary, please use the forms in the lobby. Thank you for your generous heart!