

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 25, 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
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Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400
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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



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain on their own by themselves.”

A few years ago I was on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and one of the places we prayed at was Mount Tabor. This is the mountain referred to in today's Gospel, where Jesus went to pray with three of his disciples. When I visited we took a taxi from the base of the mountain to the summit, 1,886 ft above.

Jesus would have walked. Why would he have done that? Could he not just as easily have prayed at the foot of the mountain? When I travelled up by taxi, we passed some locals on the road who were on foot, and I could see that it was not an easy climb for them.

Lent is a time in which we are invited to do what is arduous, what is not easy. We usually look for the easy way out, the path of least resistance, that which suits us. Jesus did not do that. He led the disciples up the mountain, and there he would pray.

Twelve hundred years before Jesus lived, Mount Tabor was the site of an important battle between Barak, led by the prophetess Deborah, and the enemy army of Sisera. The enemy was vanquished.

Mount Tabor is the place of battle: between good and evil, light and darkness, chastity and concupiscence, humility and pride, patience and anger, hope and despair, fasting and gluttony, prayer and lethargy, alms-giving and avarice.

All of us are invited to enter into this battle in Lent. This means ascending Mount Tabor, doing that which we would rather not do.

Mount Tabor is the site of the Transfiguration, where Jesus announces his victory over the darkness of sin. In the Gospel of Mark the Transfiguration is seen as a glorious manifestation of the hidden Messiah. The disciples experience the 'heavenly quality of Jesus.' If there is a heavenly quality, there is also an earthly quality. The earthly quality, our every day affairs, attending to the children, the house, our work, can all too easily eclipse the true meaning, the real presence which we are invited to experience.

Lent helps us to remedy this.

On the day I visited Mount Tabor a wedding was taking place, you can see the newly-weds in the photo at top. We are invited to the wedding banquet of the Lamb. It will take place this Easter. May all of us accept the invitation, and prepare our ascent.

And don't take a taxi!

Fr. Sean

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:30 pm



February 24

John Coyne

Sunday

8:30 am



February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Marcelle Baumbach

10:30 am

Dante Giurici

Monday

8:30 am

February 26

People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:30 am

February 27

Robert Emmet Lynch

Wednesday

8:30 am

February 28

Virginia M & James T. Horris

Thursday

8:30 am

March 1

Pietro Maugeri

Friday

8:30 am

March 2

Bill Weir

Saturday

5:30 pm



March 3

St. Katharine Drexel

Maria Tambone

Sunday

8:30 am

March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

Jean Mac Avery

10:30 am

Mary Marketta

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



Evelyn Stumpf

Requested by the Quinn Family

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"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Here I am! He answered." (Genesis 22:11)

It is easy to say, "Here I am Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs your help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,481.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,480.00

Retired Priests Collection.....\$1,936.00

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**



Catechesis for Adults and Youth

Come and join us, Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 pm in the McCarthy Center for the Catechesis which we have just started for Lent. It's not too late to come if you have not yet made it! This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, and to experience God's love for you. Are you a practicing Catholic, or are you lapsed from your faith? Is there nothing lacking in your spiritual life, or are you looking for answers? Come and Listen. You will be surprised to discover there is a Word for you, in the precise situation you find yourself in today.

FEBRUARY 25, 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.



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



Saint 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 – Jack Kerrigan; Second place - Christopher Dolan; Third place - Siena Zicchinella

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!



The Bread and Wine will be offered for the Month of February in memory of **Jose S. Lopes**
 Requested by Marcia and Marly



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in February. It is time again for our March collection which will be held on the weekend of March 3 and 4. **The special needs and requests for this month are: cereal (cold and hot), pancake syrup, meals in a can (Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Spagheettios), paper towels.** While we are grateful for ALL donations, the food pantry cannot distribute expired food items. **Please make sure you check the expiration dates on all the donated food items.** Any other donations are of course welcome as well. All those concerned at the pantry deeply appreciate your continued generosity. My personal thanks for your assistance to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Deacon Stan



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



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 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! March 3, 10:00 am—12:30 pm Last Chance to Register!

Lent is here! This is a fun filled way for children ages 4-10 to learn more about Lent through Easter with games, activities, crafts and snacks, ending with a Living Stations of the Cross in Church, an egg hunt and hot pretzels. Please e-mail if interested in participating in this Saturday morning program faithformationolmc@gmail.com



Pope Francis Says: *"This Lent, pause frequently. Spend time with family. Spend time with God."* February 14, 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 last week's 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 Gavin Franklin 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 Luke Funke and his 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

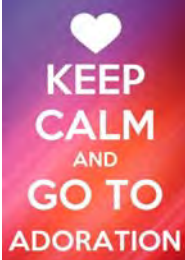
Volunteers Compliance of the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment Policy is required for all volunteers and employees (18 years/older) who work/volunteer with children in our parish.

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



Nocturnal Adoration - March 2

You are invited to spend one hour each month in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament where the mind and heart more easily give themselves to communion with Christ. The Nocturnal Adoration Society meets each month on the First Friday evening in The Sacred Heart Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. The next adoration will start after the 8PM Mass at OLM on Friday, March 2, and continue through the night ending at 8:30AM on Saturday, March 3. All are welcome and encouraged to come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer directed to Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrament is meant to extend the grace of the sacrifice offered in the Mass and deepen the union that we enjoyed with him in Communion. Any questions please call (201) 661-0618.



First Communion Dresses and Suits Needed!!!

The First Communion Day of our child is a very special occasion - a day to be celebrated and always remembered! Please help to make another child's First Communion Day one that will be cherished by donating any Communion dresses, suits, jackets, head pieces or shoes. Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers, and covered in plastic, to St. John the Baptist Church Parish Center by Mar. 28th or call Kathy at (201) 666-4185. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy.



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.

Our Lady's Guild Happenings

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!

Toddler's Mass

A reminder, we have begun a "Toddler's Mass" the first Saturday of every month at 4:00pm. Our first Mass was a great success, we invite all families with babies and small children to come and participate at our next liturgy, Saturday March 4th.

Altar Server Training

There is Altar Server training every Saturday morning at 9:30am in the church. All servers and prospective servers are invited to attend. Boys and girls from 2nd grade up are welcome. This is a great way to learn about the Mass and to and grow in your faith.



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.