

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 26, 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
Phone: 201-391-2826
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Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
faithformationolmc@gmail.com

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



March 1, 2017

Schedule of Services and Masses

6:00 am Prayer Service

8:30 am Mass

12:00 pm Mass

4:00 pm Prayer Service

7:00 pm Mass

All services include distribution of Ashes. If you have family or neighbors who are ill or unable to join us, packets of ashes are also available for the homebound.



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



Even though the Christmas snow is only just melted, we will, believe it or not, begin Lent this week. Wednesday March 1st is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be placed on our foreheads, accompanied one of two formulas of spoken words, either 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel' or 'Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.'

Lent

The Early Church did not celebrate Lent. After Christ's death and Resurrection, and the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Virgin Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost, the Church celebrated the event of Easter.

The Apostles experienced the forgiveness of sin, they had been brought from slavery to freedom, from darkness to light, from death to life. The baptized lived in the glory of the Resurrection, they were witnesses to Christ's victory over death. This event was so strong that it meant a complete conversion, a radical cut from their previous life, they had received a new nature. This new life would lead them to evangelize, and to give their lives for the Faith.

We too have been baptized, we too have received the same life which the Apostles experience, we profess the same Faith they believed.

However I doubt that many of us could say there is no darkness in our life, there are no slaveries, there is no death, there is no sin. That is why the church comes to help us with the Joyful Season of Lent.

An excellent way to live the journey of Lent thru Easter will be the parish wide Catechesis which begins this week. This Catechesis is for everyone; for those who come to church regularly, and those who come seldom; for those whose faith life is good, and for those who are struggling; for those who are young and those who are not so young.

I invite everyone to come to come on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00pm in the McCarthy Center. Come and listen, there is a Good News for you. Let us take advantage of this opportunity, as we prepare to celebrate the great joy of Christ's Resurrection.

Fr. Sean

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday



February 25

John Coyne

February 26

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

10:30 am



Rachel Marie Kerley

Edna Neil

Monday

8:30 am

February 27

Robert Emmet Lynch

Tuesday

8:30 am



February 28

Mardi Gras

Virginia M & James T. Horris

Wednesday

6:00 am

8:30 am

12:00 pm

4:00 pm

7:00 pm



March 1

Ash Wednesday; Day of Fast and Abstinence

Prayer Service

Pietro Maugeri

Krunaslava Gasparovich

Prayer Service

Noreen Lynch

Thursday

8:30 am

March 2

People of the Parish

Friday

8:30 am

March 3

St. Katharine; Day of Abstinence

Jose Lopes

Saturday

5:30 pm



March 4

St. Casimir

Maria Tambone

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

March 5

First Sunday of Lent

Delores Donoto

James Whitney

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." (Matthew 6:24)

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution-become more generous. Giving money to church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

Receipts From Last Week.....	\$7,191.00
Assessment Collection.....	\$1,738.00
Restoration Fund.....	\$ 70.00

Lent



Catechesis: 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 27th 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.

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 Kneeshaw, Patricia Martin, Abigail Mayer, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, 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, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

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**

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 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
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!!!**



Soup Kitchen

Calling all Soup Kitchen Volunteers! You can sign up for the March 4th date this weekend. 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 pat-keenaghan@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!!!

St. Valentine's Day

Representatives from SJA Catholic Ambassadors Club created cards and delivered them to HUMC at Pascack Valley. The children wanted the patients to know they were thinking of and praying for them

Spelling Bee

Can you spell O-U-T-S-T-A-N-D-I-N-G? Our middle school spelling bee participants were just that! Congratulations to all who participated and to our winners: 1st place -Niki Bayati, Gr 4; 2nd place-Kate Grzybowski, Gr 5 and 3rd place-Mark Festa, Gr 5. Special thanks to SJA moderator Mrs. Mitchell!!

*You are invited to the
Dedication of the Sister Frances Schier
Memorial Library
Sunday March 5th
following the 10:30 AM Liturgy.
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Blessing McCarthy
Center by the stage.*

If you would like to add to the library you are welcome to donate new or almost new books or a monetary offering, please use the forms in the lobby.

Thank you for your generous heart!

Pascack Hills Presents Big Fish

Pascack Hills High School is presenting the musical Big Fish on March 2, 3 and 4 starting at 7:00 pm, Sunday, March 5 at 2:00 pm. Come see many of the youth in our parish performing on stage. Tickets can be purchased ahead online at pshsbigfish.brownpapertickets.com or at the door.



Dates of the OLMC commitment to host families in need of temporary shelter: JULY 30 - AUG. 13 and SEPT. 10-17. Volunteer Opportunities include: Preparing and serving dinner, staying over night, participating in evening activities with the children, setting up the "living room and sleeping areas", donating supplies for breakfast and lunch. Look for additional information in future bulletins or contact Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269, Adrienne Mellana 201-391-1574 or Geraldine Brennan 201-802-2005

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for February, March and April

- Wed, March 1 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, **Ash Wednesday**
- Sat, March 4 10:00 am to 12:30 pm **From Ashes to Easter for Children**
- Wed, March 8 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, *St. John of God*
- Wed, March 15 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, *St. Louise de Marillac*, **Grade 2 Parent/Child Workshop**
- Wed, March 22 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, **Lent Reconciliation LOF Summer Students**
Grades 3-6 attend
- Wed, March 29 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, *Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord*
- Sun, April 2 9:15 am Communion Class Family Breakfast
- Wed, April 5 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, **Stations of the Cross-LOF Summer Students Attend**

From Ashes to Easter! Register Now! Lent is almost here!

Next Saturday morning we will host a 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**

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

This week's question: Who did Our Lady of Fatima appear to beginning May 13, 1917?

Prior week's answer: The apparition of Our Lady of Fatima will observe the 100th Anniversary of her first apparition. 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.**

Lighting Our Faith Summer 2017

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

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 older. A background check is required for all volunteers 18 years old or older. Contact faithformationolmc@gmail.com

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 alternative religious education 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.

Mid-Atlantic Congress Information

Having attended the Congress several sessions, I would like to share information each week from this great experience. The annual Congress was for all those who volunteer or work in ministry in their parishes and is sponsored by Catholic Publishers. Session: *Why Catholics Don't Attend Mass?* Reasons offered: Work Schedules; sports; not engaging; one bad experience; feel disconnected. Suggestions: prioritize activities; invite someone in your family or friends who may not be going; introduce yourself to someone you don't know at coffee and doughnuts; participate in a parish activity to build community; say hello to others before and after Mass. Let's each focus on how we can use these suggestions above to help others and see some change in our parish!

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: *“The worse enemy of a fragile faith is fear. Do not be afraid!”* Pentecost 05/18/13.

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Save The Date!!!!

On Saturday, September 23, 2017 a 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held here at Our Lady Mother of the Church. The evening will begin with an Anniversary Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a Gala Celebration at 7:00 pm that will include a cocktail hour,

followed by dinner, dancing and music. Look for you formal invitation in the mail sometime in June. More details to follow!

Sunday, September 24, 2017 after the 10:30 am Mass a 50th Anniversary Brunch will be hosted to celebrate and conclude the weekends festivities commemorating the Golden Anniversary of our parish.

On Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm a Jubilee Christmas Concert will be hosted by Our Lady Mother of the Church to conclude the 50th Anniversary. Ciaran Sheehan and other Broadway and world class musicians will perform Christmas music along with a varied array of beautiful heart-felt Broadway love songs. The evening will include a champagne toast during intermission while Silent Night is sung and our parish Christmas Tree is lit. A magical evening filled with the spirit of Christmas.

More information will be provided as the year progresses! Your support and kindness is greatly appreciated!



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. 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.



Thank you: Sharing God's Blessings, Annual Appeal

Thank you to all who have already so generously pledged and donated to the Annual Appeal, Sharing God's Blessings. Our parish has always been extraordinarily generous when asked to participate in the Appeal. The goal for our parish is \$39,000, and I am confident that we will meet and even surpass that target. The Appeal also helps our parish directly, since we are reimbursed any donations once our goal is met. If you have not yet responded to the invitation, I invite you to consider doing so.

May God bless you for your generosity!



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February 17, 2017

Our Lady Mother of the Church
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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 provided 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 Sorbanelli
Board of Directors

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