

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 4, 2018

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:30pm &
8:00 pm (in classroom)
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Toddlers Mass
Every First Saturday
at 4:00 pm

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

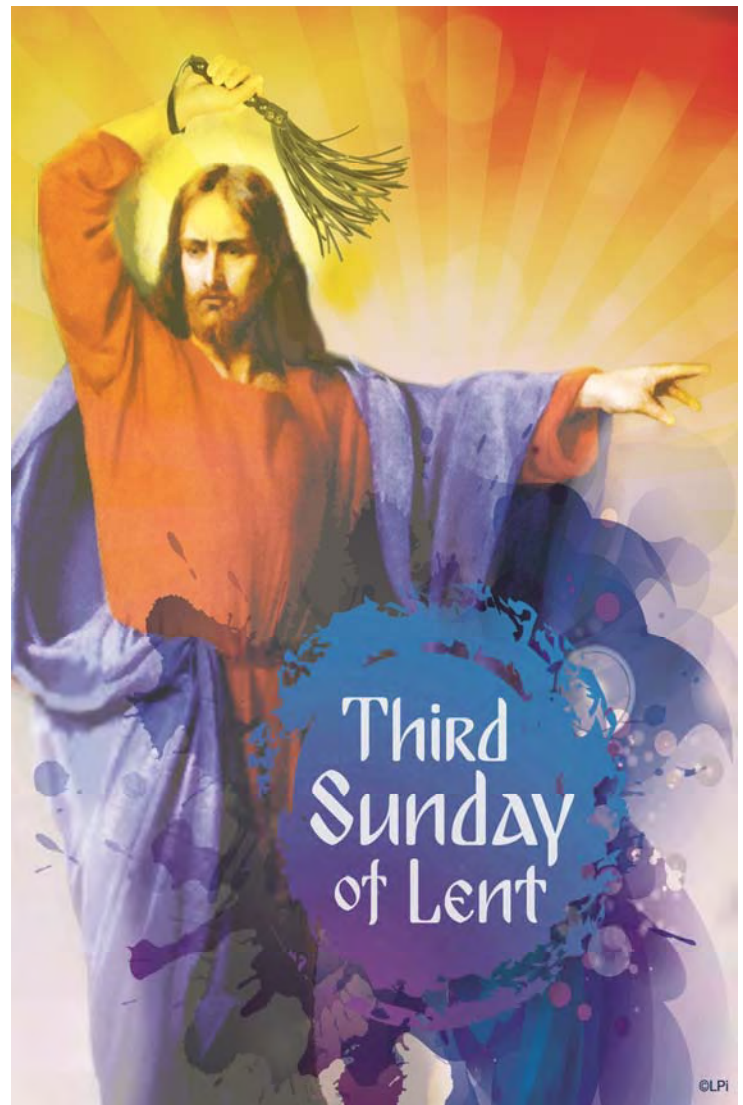
Parish Email

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Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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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



“He spilled the coins of the money changers...and drove them out of the Temple...”

Our church does not have a currency exchange. There is no Travelex in the lobby, there is no digital display showing the current exchange rates between the dollar and other currencies.

When the collection basket goes around today, most of us will drop in US Dollars. No one would think of dropping in a Euro, or a Yen, or a Pound.

The Temple of Jesus' day, however, did have a currency exchange, a version of our Travelex; those who performed this service were simply called 'money changers'.

Pilgrims visiting the temple had to exchange their currency for the only money accepted in the Temple coffers: the temple-minted shekel.

Wherever money is exchanged, there is always a commission, a price to pay. That price can be fair, or it can be daylight robbery.

Maybe we won't actually exchange money today, but there is a money changer who wants to be alive and well in each one of us. There are countless transactions, (not necessarily monetary) that go on each day in our dealings with others. Our use of time, the friends we choose, the opinions we form, and the conversations we have; our relationships can become virtual business transactions: 'I give you this; you owe me that,' 'I do this for you; so what's in it for me?' The money changer always wants to come out on top, sometimes no matter what the cost.

Let us not be shocked if Jesus enters our temple today and upsets a few tables. If, and only if this happens, will the company we keep; the time we spend; the opinions we form; the thoughts we entertain, be not based on self interest, but on a true desire for the good of others. No matter what the cost to us.

Fr. Sean

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Monday

8:30 am

March 5

Jerry Dubrowski

Tuesday

8:30 am

March 6

Francesca Calabro

Wednesday

8:30 am

March 7

Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

John Lino



Thursday

8:30 am

March 8

St. John of God

Joseph DiBella

Friday

8:30 am



March 9

St. Frances of Rome

Pasquale Tripodi

Saturday

5:30 pm



March 10

Tommaso Tambone

Sunday

8:30 am

March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins

Erminia Endrizzi

10:30 am

Dante Giurici

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." (Exodus 20:4)

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,606.00

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 Kneesbaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Kathy McGrath, Richard Neuman, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pgrron, Patrick Randazzo, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokia, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Ruth Ames & Anna Lucia Castrillon

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.



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.

MARCH 4, 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

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



Evelyn Stumpf

Requested by the Quinn Family



Our Lady Mother of the Church 50th Anniversary Cookbook

Thank you for your contributions! We will be taking pre-orders of our parish cookbook with over 100 delicious recipes from parishioners. The book will go on sale after Easter in time for Mother's Day.



Saint John's Academy News

STREAM Expo

SJA's Second Annual STREAM Expo took place on February 13! SJA's 5-8 Grade students displayed the solutions they designed to address the United Nation's 15 Sustainable Development Goals! Our students are using science, technology, religion, engineering, art and mathematics to invent, innovate and campaign in an effort to make our God-given world a better place.

SJA's Super 50/50 is coming soon!
Tickets will be sold this weekend here at OLMC after all Masses! Bring your checkbooks!
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!



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



Saint Johns Academy will be selling 50/50 Tickets this weekend after all Masses. Please help support our sponsoring school!!!



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 this weekend. **The special needs and requests for this month are: cereal (cold and hot), pancake syrup, meals in a can (Chef Boyardee Ravioli and Spaghetios), 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

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Calendar

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

Grade 2 Parent/Child Workshop, Wednesday, March 7

The First Eucharist Workshop will be Wed., Mar. 7 at 4 PM in the Church. This is an essential meeting to prepare for First Eucharist.

Rice Bowls

Please consider picking up a box from the lobby and keeping it at the center of the kitchen table as a reminder to make sacrifices during Lent. Kindly return all donations by March 28 at Stations of the Cross.



Pope Francis Says: *"We offer a gift pleasing to Jesus when we spend time with a person who has difficulties or we help someone for the sake of helping."* Feb. 24, 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)

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH



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.



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).

Toddler's Mass

A reminder, we have begun a 'Toddler's Mass' on the first Saturday of every month. All families with babies and small children are welcome and encouraged to come. This Mass is specifically geared at young children. Our next Mass will be this weekend, Saturday March 4th, at 4:00pm. We hope to see you here.

Still Masses Available for 2018!!!

The Mass book for 2018 is still open. There are many weekend and weekday Masses available. Please come in to the Parish Office and schedule some!



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 grow in your faith.

Soup Kitchen

Thank you! Servers, bakers and casserole makers. Your assistance made it possible to feed the hungry. Remaining dates for 2018: June 2nd, Sept. 29th (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. "For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;" Matthew 25:35

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Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the *Via Dolorosa* ("The Way of Suffering") or the *Via Crucis* ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow—literally—in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.