

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 11, 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](mailto:info@motherofthechurch.org)

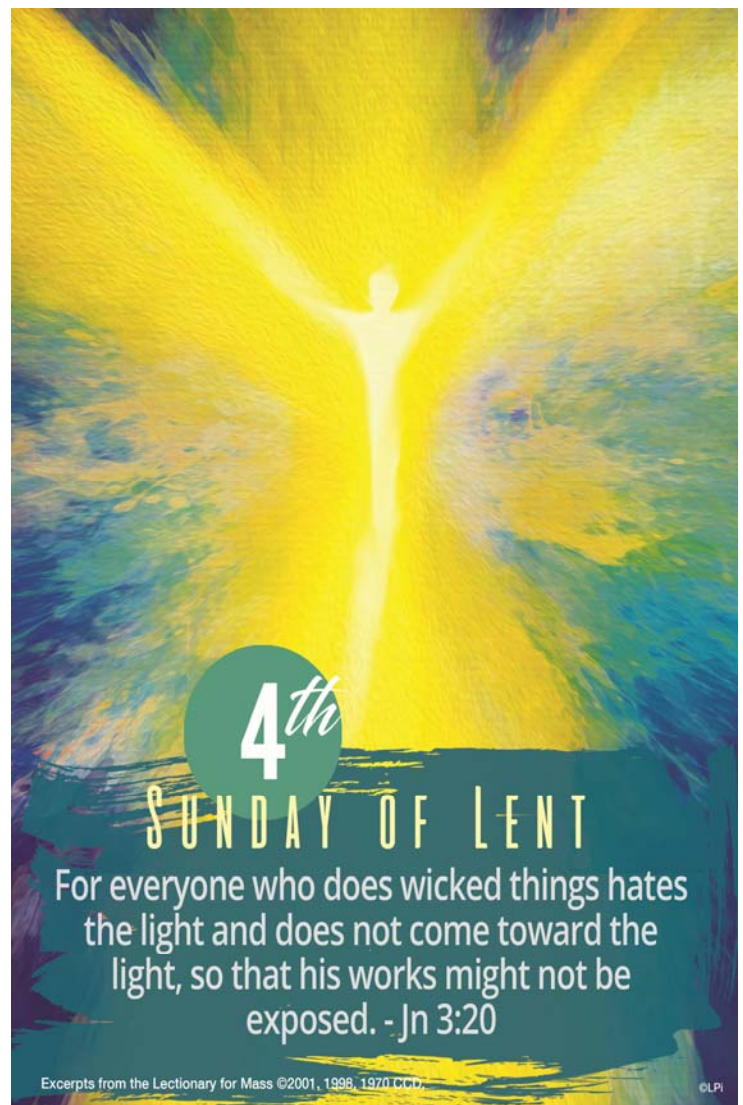
## Faith Formation Office

**Phone:** 201-391-7400  
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
[faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)

There will be a  
12:00 pm Mass  
Weekdays  
During Lent.

**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



Together with the Universal church we have received some wonderful news. Pope Francis has decreed that the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of ***Mother of the Church***, be inserted into the Roman Calendar. The liturgical celebration, *Beata Mariae Virginis, Ecclesia Matris*, is to be celebrated annually, as a Memorial. From this year all the dioceses and parishes will celebrate this Feast the Monday following Pentecost. The Decree was released last Saturday by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The Decree states:

*“The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church.*

*....She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the cross handing on the Spirit. Christ, in turn, in the beloved disciple, chose all disciples as ministers of his love towards his Mother, entrusting her to them so that they might welcome her with filial affection.*

*Thus the foundation is clearly established by which Blessed Paul VI, on 21 November 1964, at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as “Mother of the Church, that is to say of all Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother” and established that “the Mother of God should be further honored and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles”.*

*Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety, Pope Francis has decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on the Monday after Pentecost and be now celebrated every year.*

*This celebration will help us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God”.*

Fr. Sean

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**March 10**

Tommaso Tambone

**Sunday**

**March 11**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time Begins*

8:30 am



Erminia Endrizzi

10:30 am

Dante Giurici



**Monday**

**March 12**

8:30 am

Porzia Vitiello

**Tuesday**

**March 13**

8:30 am

Edward Maloney

**Wednesday**

**March 14**

8:30 am

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Frances & Joseph Testa

**Thursday**

**March 15**

8:30 am



Filomena & Carmelo Petraglia

**Friday**

**March 16**

8:30 am

Edward John DePiero

**Saturday**

**March 17**

5:30 pm



*St. Patrick*

**Sunday**

**March 18**

8:30 am

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

10:30 am

Anthony Moschella

Vita O'Kane

## 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.....\$6,622.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,514.00



## Deanery Penance Service

The parishes of our Deanery will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, March 19, 2018, 7:30 pm, at St. John the Baptist in Hillsdale.** We hope our parishioners will take advantage of this prayerful opportunity to celebrate God's loving forgiveness and reconciliation.

*"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, 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:** Richard E. Neuman

### "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 11, 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



## 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

### National Honor Society

SJA's National Junior Honor Society members have been invited to attend the 2018 NJHS State Summit in Stamford, Connecticut! Please pray for our student representatives as they represent SJA and engage in exciting discussions with state leaders about hot-button issues affecting today's society. The students are looking forward to discussing and implementing solutions to challenges affecting our school and community.

**Please join our 7th and 8th grade students for their production of Mulan Jr.!**

**March 22, 23 and 24 at 8:00 pm**

**March 25 at 3:00 pm**

**Tickets are \$15**

**For more information please contact [brproductions@verizon.net](mailto:brproductions@verizon.net)**



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 March

in memory of

**Evelyn Stumpf**

*Requested by the Quinn Family*



## Sixth Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance

**SOLD OUT!!!**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**

**Thanks to all who bought tickets and gave sponsorships. We still need some donations for centerpieces. If you are able to donate \$25-\$300 please call Marie Ruppel at (201) 396-2947 or stop in the Parish Office and see Judi!**

# FAITH FORMATION



## Faith Formation Calendar

### March Prayer of the Month: Stations of the Cross

- 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. Edna*
- 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

### April Prayer of the Month: Prayer of St. Francis

- Wed, April 4 Easter Week-NO CLASSES
- Wed, April 11 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Marguerite*
- Sun, April 15 9:30-10:30 First Communion Class Brunch
- Wed, April 18 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Apollonius*

### Lenten Reconciliation for Lighting Our Faith an Faith Formation Grades 3, 4 5 and 6 Wednesday, March 14, at 4:00 pm

Students are invited to participate in a Lenten Penance Service and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter. LOF students please remember to sign in.

### Grade 2 Parent/Child Workshop, Wednesday, March 21

Rescheduled the First Eucharist Workshop will be Wed., Mar. 21 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.

### Vacation Bible School, August 6-10. Register Now!!

When camp is done, enroll in this fun filled program packed with games, activities, crafts, snacks, and role-plays titled SHIPWRECKED complete with treasure maps and splash parties! It will be one-week 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)**

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

This week's question: *When and where did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?* Congratulations to Brendan Gaskin 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](mailto: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 Hailey Luciano and her 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](mailto: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 Nicholas Paterno 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to reserve for your family.

### Register for Lighting Our Faith & Faith Formation 2018-19

Registration for Faith Formation 2018-19 is now open. LOF 2018 uses the same form, indicating LOF. Forms for returning students were mailed this past week. If you have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade or you are new to the program, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to request forms. **We are now planning for Lighting Our Faith (LOF) 2018 program.** Would you like to be a catechist, recreation aide, art coordinator, music assistant or babysitter? Please consider this exciting opportunity to explore our FAITH with the younger members of our parish. Students from Junior High and High School are encouraged to volunteer. 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) **LOF is a two-week religious education for grades 3 – 6** from 7:55 AM to 12:45 PM covering the Faith Formation curriculum. Students enrolled in this alternative religious education program are required to attend every day and 4 required events during the academic year. Dates are June 25 – July 7, (no class July 4) unless the public school calendar changes the last day of school. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD or VOLUNTEER, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)**

# 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.



## Masses Still 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!

## Special Noon Mass

A special Mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at 12:00 pm. This is our yearly healing Mass. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call (201) 768-7565. April 21, 2018 is the Fr. Jim McKenna Memorial Fund Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Reverse Raffle. For information go to our website, [fatherjimckenna.org](http://fatherjimckenna.org).

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. We hope to see you here.



For those who wish to memorialize loved ones for Easter, envelopes for Easter Flowers can be found in the plastic holders in the foyer of the church and in your offering envelopes that you get in the mail. Please send these envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the offering baskets at Mass.



## 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.

## New Hope, Inc 50/50 Raffle Tickets on Sale in Parish Office, Drawing is April 18. Donation per ticket is \$10.

Come into the Parish Office and buy a 50/50 raffle ticket to benefit their outreach program for first-time single moms and their babies. Established in 1985, New Hope Inc. is an outreach organization that provides help for single first-time mothers and their babies. New Hope provides subsidies for housing, day care, education, and counseling. New Hope was founded on the premise that all human life is precious. The volunteers at New Hope understand the upset, indeed the often challenging aspects, of an unplanned and unwanted pregnancy. However, their conviction that each new life is unique, unrepeatable, and sacred helps them guide mothers in making truly wise short-range and long-range decisions.

## 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](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto: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