

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 12, 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
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

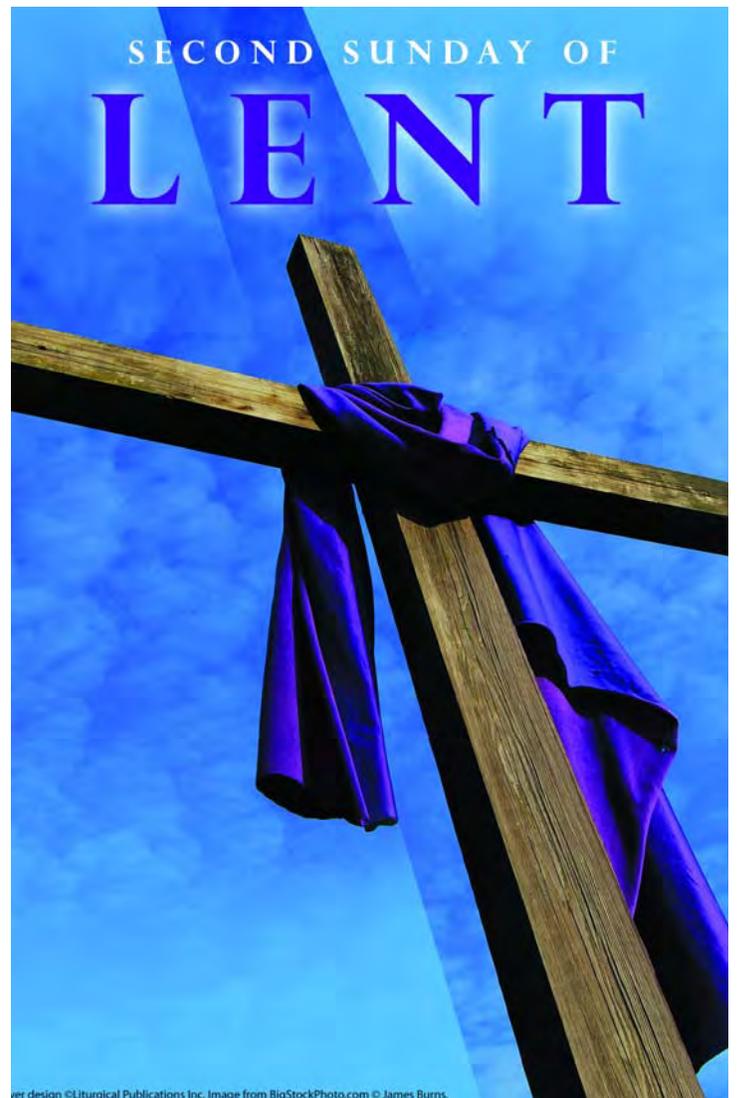
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm

**There will be a
12:00 pm Mass
on Friday's
During Lent.**



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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



Church of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor.

“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them...” Today’s Gospel begins in this way, but it omits the first words of the verse as they appear in Scripture. In the Bible it reads “Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John...” Six days after what? This time frame situates the Transfiguration six days after the Profession of Faith of Peter, which occurred on the day of Yom Kippur, the day when Peter declared that Jesus was the ‘Christ, the Son of the Living God.’

In the Jewish liturgical calendar, the Feast of Sukkot, (or Tents/Shelters) falls six days after the Feast of Yom Kippur. Because of this we know that Jesus was transfigured on the Feast of Sukkot. Hence Peter will say “Lord it is good that we are here, if you wish I will make three tents...”

What does all this matter to us? We are Catholics, what does Sukkot have to do with us? Short answer, a lot! Sukkot was a remembrance of the 40 years spent in the wilderness, when the Israelites were led by God thru the desert, from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of Canaan, the Promised Land. These 40 years will be mirrored by the 40 days Jesus spends in the wilderness to be tempted, which becomes for us the 40 days of Lent.

Sukkot is still celebrated today, and in Orthodox Jewish communities you can still see the sukkah, a walled structure made of branches, built outside the house. Sukkot lasts a week, and throughout the holiday meals are eaten inside the sukkah and some people sleep there as well. Eating and sleeping inside this temporary dwelling makes present the experience of the desert, which was the most awful experience for the Israelites. They had no homes, they were constantly travelling, they had no source of food or water, they were itinerants on the face of the earth. But in retrospect, looking back on their 40 years in the desert, they realized that this was actually the most wonderful time in their history as God’s people. They were totally dependent on him. God provided for all their needs, he gave them manna, water, and provided shelter. They lacked for nothing because they learned to rely on him alone.

We are travelling thru the desert of these 40 days of Lent, a time in which we are invited to learn to rely on God, to trust in him, and to find in him a refuge in the face of all our needs.

Perhaps we will not build a shelter on the back of our house during Lent, but we are nonetheless invited to live in the spirit of Sukkot. That is, during these 40 days, to remember from where the Lord has taken us, and the destination to which he leads us. We are invited to recognize that our security lies in him alone. If we have shelter, food, water, a home, a family, a life, it is thanks to Him. The Fathers of the Church said that the greatest sin is that of forgetfulness – to forget who God is, and to forget who we are. May Lent help each of us to live in gratitude to God, may it strengthen our resolve to recognize that all we have comes from Him, as manifest in our fasting, our prayer and our almsgiving. In this way we also will experience the Transfiguration.

Fr. Sean

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:30 pm



March 11

Mary Lou Johnson

Sunday



March 12

Second Sunday of Lent; Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:30 am



David Serkes

10:30 am
Monday

James Whitney

8:30 am

March 13

People of the Parish

Tuesday



March 14

8:30 am

George and Peter Lutz

Wednesday

March 15

8:30 am

Filomena & Carmelo Petraglia

Thursday



March 16

8:30 am

Mary Mertz

Friday

March 17

Day of Abstinence; St. Patrick

8:30 am

Marie Genevieve Crittenden

12:00 pm

Billy Prutzman

Saturday



March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

5:30 pm

Tommaso Tambone

Sunday



March 19

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 am

Dorothy Owens

10:30 am

Gail Lavatelli



Stations of the Cross with Deacon Stan will follow the 8:30 am Mass on Fridays during Lent.

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

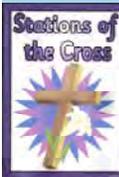
"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." (Genesis 12:1)

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,657.00

Retired Priests, Ash Wednesday.....\$1,652.00

Restoration Fund.....\$ 35.00



Our Lady's Guild would like to invite all parishioners to "A Way of the Cross for Mothers" on Wednesday evening Mar. 22. Mark your calendars for a spiritual evening spent with a Lenten devotion.

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, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Thomas Kneeshaw, Patricia Martin, Abigail Mayer, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Mary Lacombe

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.

Second Collection Next Weekend for Peter's Pence

Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous next weekend. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

MARCH 12, 2017



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
\$25 per family
\$10 per person
Have Breakfast With Your
Faith Community!!!

2017 Christian Marriage Anniversary Liturgies

Once again the Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2016. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 30, 2017 ~ 3:00 pm ~ 5 years & 25 years
(Due April 19) (All Counties)
May 7, 2017 ~ 3:00 pm ~ 50 years
(Due April 26) (All Counties)

If you would like to attend one of the Masses please contact Judi in the Parish Office (201) 391-2826 or judiolmc@yahoo.com to register.



St. John's Academy News!!!

Save the Date!!

SJA's production of The Lion King will be held on April 6, 7, 8 and 9. More details to follow!

The Mercy of God

This month's Virtue in Practice is Mercy. Our students are learning about Saint John Vianney, Saint Faustina and Saint Teresa of Calcutta!

Soup Kitchen Dates

Our remaining schedule for 2017: June 3rd, September 2nd (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



Deanery Penance Service

The parishes of our Deanery will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Monday, March 27, 2017, 7:30 pm, at St. Andrews Parish in Westwood.** We hope our parishioners will take advantage of this prayerful opportunity to celebrate God's loving forgiveness and reconciliation.

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.



Dates of the OLMC commitment to host families in need of temporary shelter: JULY 30 - AUG. 13 and SEPT. 10-17. Success stories:

The staff of Family Promise communities to the Congregations and through their newsletter the many examples of families finding jobs and apartments as they move on to a life of self sufficiency. The families work very hard during their time in the Family Promise program to build up their job skills, take advantage of educational opportunities, strengthen their financial literacy and bank accounts. Being sheltered in a different congregation each week can be very physically and emotionally draining and we admire the courage and tenacity of each family as they work to build a new and secure life.



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.

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for March and April

Wed, March 15	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Louise de Marillac</i> , 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, <i>Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord</i>
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
Wed, April 12	No Classes-Spring Break-Holy Week-Attend Triduum Services!
Wed, April 19	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Easter</i>
Wed, April 26	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>St. Mark, the Evangelist</i>

Vacation Bible School August 7-11! Register Now!

When camp is done, enroll in this fun filled program packed with games, activities, crafts and snacks, role-plays titled MIGHTY FORTRESS complete with princesses and battles! 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**

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

This week's question: What are the three things recommended that we do during Lent?

Prior week's answer: The liturgical color for the season of Lent is purple. Congratulations to Juliana Claudelli! 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.**

From Ashes to Easter Thank You!

Thank you to all our volunteers and participants! Please see the cross made by Joe Piazza (Thank you Joe!) for our Living Stations with pictures in the lobby

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. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD or VOLUNTEER, please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com**

Mid-Atlantic Congress Information

Having attended the Congress several sessions, here are some notes from the Opening session by Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Atlanta Diocese. The annual Congress was for all those who volunteer or work in ministry in their parishes and is sponsored by Catholic Publishers. Topic: *Laudatio Si*, Pope Francis's encyclical on the Care of the Earth Beginning with reading Genesis 1, emphasizing the words "AND IT WAS GOOD" Bishop Gregory noted "Creation is hoarded by the rich and powerful when it is meant to sustain us all. St. Francis viewed all of nature was for all God's creatures. We pause today to regard the work of caring for our common home, which we need to work together for it to be cherished and sustained. We need to tend it more tenderly as God would have us care for it. Pope Francis says creation belongs to God and we are invited into relationship with God in creation. God's creation is renewable but not as fast as it was given to us. Let's each focus on how we can use these suggestions above to help sustain and renew God's gift of creation!

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: *"Let us think on these words, let us think in our own hearts, how do we fast, pray, give alms? And it would help us to think about how we would feel about a man who, after a meal that cost 200 euros, for example, returns home and sees someone hungry, and doesn't look at him and keeps walking. It would do us good to think about that."* 03/03/17 Homily.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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!



Sister Frances Schier Memorial Library

Thank you, Fr. Sean, for a beautiful blessing at the opening of the library last Sunday. We also want to thank Bob Monaghan and Connie Trombetta for the Ribbon cutting! Please feel free to browse, sign out and borrow DVD's (in the lower cabinet) books and children's books. Kindly return when you are finished with the materials. 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!

Special Noon Mass

A special healing Mass during the season of Lent 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 18, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call 201-768-7565. Save the date; April 22, 2017 for The Fr. Jim McKenna Memorial Fund 11th Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Reverse Raffle.



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. If you have not yet pledged, and are wondering why you have not yet received an envelope in the mail, it is because this year the Archdiocese decided not to send out mailings with pledge requests to previous donors. However, I feel these mailings are an effective way to help us participate in the Appeal. Therefore I will be sending out a mailing to the whole parish to ask those who have not yet pledged this year, asking that we consider doing so. We are a parish community, a parish family, and the participation of each member of the family is essential. In the coming week, when you receive the letter in the mail, I invite you to please prayerfully consider your response.

Thank you again,
Fr. Sean

God bless you for your generosity!

Continuing our Celebration of 50 Years

**OLMC proudly Presents
"TONIGHT"**

**Saturday, April 1, 2017
7:00 pm**

AN EVENING OF WONDERFUL MUSIC FEATURING THE TALENTS OF



**Domenick Panfile~Tenor
Peter Greco~Collaborative Artist**



Come and enjoy a concert of great music and entertainment. A free will donation is graciously accepted for Family Promise of Bergen County who is the only organization in the county providing shelter and services for working families who become homeless and helps them return to self-sufficiency. Make check out to: Family Promise of Bergen County