

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 18, 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
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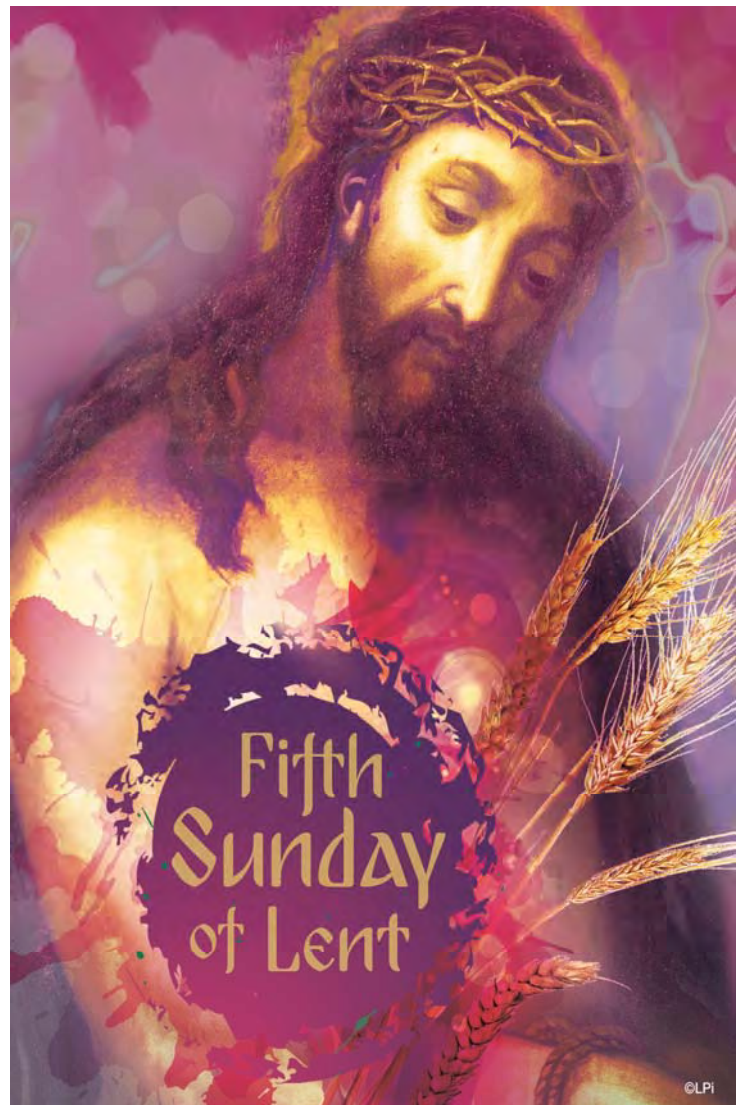
Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
faithformationolmc@gmail.com

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

Toddlers Mass
Every First Saturday
at 4:00 pm

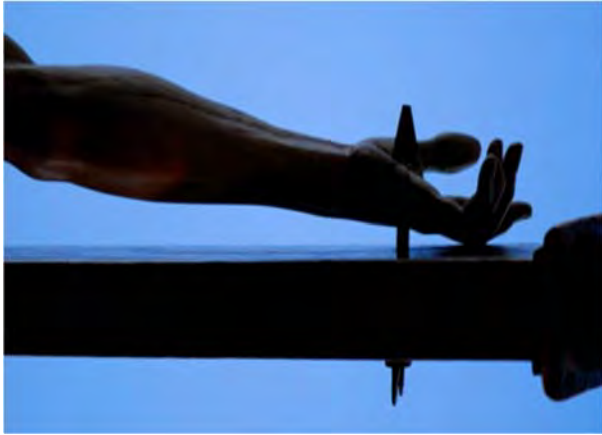
Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



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



“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified”.

A strange thing for Jesus to say when some Greeks asked to meet him. He is famous, even people from Greece have heard of him. They want to see him, get his autograph, and take photos with him. Jesus is having none of it. Instead he speaks about his approaching “hour” - referring to his approaching Passion and death. He throws a bucket of water on the parade.

Or does he?

The Belgian Jesuit Ignace de la Potterie wrote a book titled “The Hour of Jesus.” In it he shows how this ‘hour’ is treated very differently in the Gospel of John compared to the other three Gospels –the Synoptics.

The Synoptics portray Jesus’ approaching death as a dark, tragic event, as evidenced by the agony in the Garden, the kiss of Judas, the flight of the disciples, the mockery of the soldiers, the hitting on the head and the mention of darkness covering the land at the moment of Jesus’ death.

John recounts none of this. Not to say that these things did not happen, but his account leaves aside all that is humiliating, sad and tragic, rather emphasizing all that already allows the light of Easter to shine through and point to the Resurrection.

It’s amazing how the same event can be perceived, lived, and experienced in entirely different ways by different people. Some people have the weight of the world on their shoulders, while others seem not to have a care in the world. Some people relish the opportunity to tell you how awful things are; God forbid you ask them how they are doing, because you will need to brace yourself for a litany of complaints and woes. Others, who have every right to complain, never do so. In fact no matter how dire the situation, you always leave their presence edified; their very manner and conversation lifts you up. And its not fake. They have something which others do not.

As Jesus approaches his hour he doesn’t say “It’s not fair,” he does not ask “Why me?” Rather, he will give his life in order to find it. Today each one of us will be invited to assume the ‘hour of Jesus.’ We will be asked to give up our life, to lose our life in some small way, in order to find it. It is only in Christ Jesus that we can do this.

Will we see this as a reason to complain? Will it be dark, sad and tragic? Will others need to brace themselves for the Macbethian litany that will follow? Or will we see it as an experience, even now, that points towards the Resurrection and the light of Easter?

Fr. Sean

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:30 pm



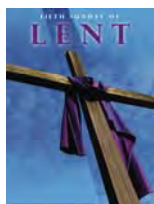
March 17

St. Patrick

Marie Genevieve Crittenden

Sunday

8:30 am



March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Anthony Moschella

Vita O'Kane



Monday

8:30 am

March 19

St. Joseph

John McGovern

Tuesday

8:30 am

March 20

Julia Romano

Wednesday

8:30 am



March 21

Pat Nicolosi

Thursday

8:30 am

March 22

William Ring

Friday

8:30 am

March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

George & Peter Lutz

Saturday

5:30 pm



March 24

Patricia M. Kelly

Sunday

8:30 am

March 25

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Anthony Moschella

10:30 am

Ida Castrianni

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." (Jeremiah 31:33)

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,274.00

Peter's Pence.....\$1,449.00



Holy Thursday, March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper~8:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30

Passion of the Lord~3:00 pm

The Way of the Cross~7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross with hymns in between sung by our own Susan Furey.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31~8:00 pm

Please note there is no 5:30 pm Mass. The Easter Vigil celebration will begin on the circular driveway at the front entrance to the church. The lighting of the Pascal Candle will take place there and we will process together as a community into the church.

Easter Sunday

Masses~8:30 am & 10:30 am

"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, Lina Klarin, 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"

"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 18, 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

Hoops for Heart

SJA's Students participated in the "Hoops for Heart" and the Great Replay programs. Our 4th-8th graders raised money for the American Heart Association by participating in a basketball competition while our younger students played throwback games in the Great Replay. SJA raised \$1,500 this year for the AHA!

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



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

Our Lady's Guild Happenings

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady Mother of the Church on Sunday Apr. 8th at 3 PM. Please join us for this devotion on this special day – families welcome!

Lunch Bunch will next meet Thursday April 12, at 12 Noon in McCarthy Center. All are welcome to come, meet, share and eat! BYOL (Bring your own lunch). Future Dates: May 10th and June 14th.

April Meeting will be Monday April 16th at 7 PM on the stage. We plan to view a movie about Sr. Faustina and Divine Mercy.

Annual Dinner-Save the date! Monday, May 7th at Domani's

An Evening With Mary-Monday, May 21 at 7 PM Guest Presenter: Mary Kay Benjamin.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Calendar

March Prayer of the Month: Stations of the Cross

- 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*

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**



Pope Francis Says: *“When we allow Jesus to enter our lives we discover the secret to keeping alive the flame of our spiritual life.”* March 13, 2018

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

This week’s question: *Who stayed with Jesus at the foot of the Cross when he was crucified?* Last week’s answer: Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday in the Upper Room. Congratulations to Brendan Gaskin who correctly answered the previous 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 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.

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 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 1st grade or you are new to the program, please e-mail 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 **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**

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!



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.

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.



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 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