

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 19, 2017

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm

Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.

Parish Office:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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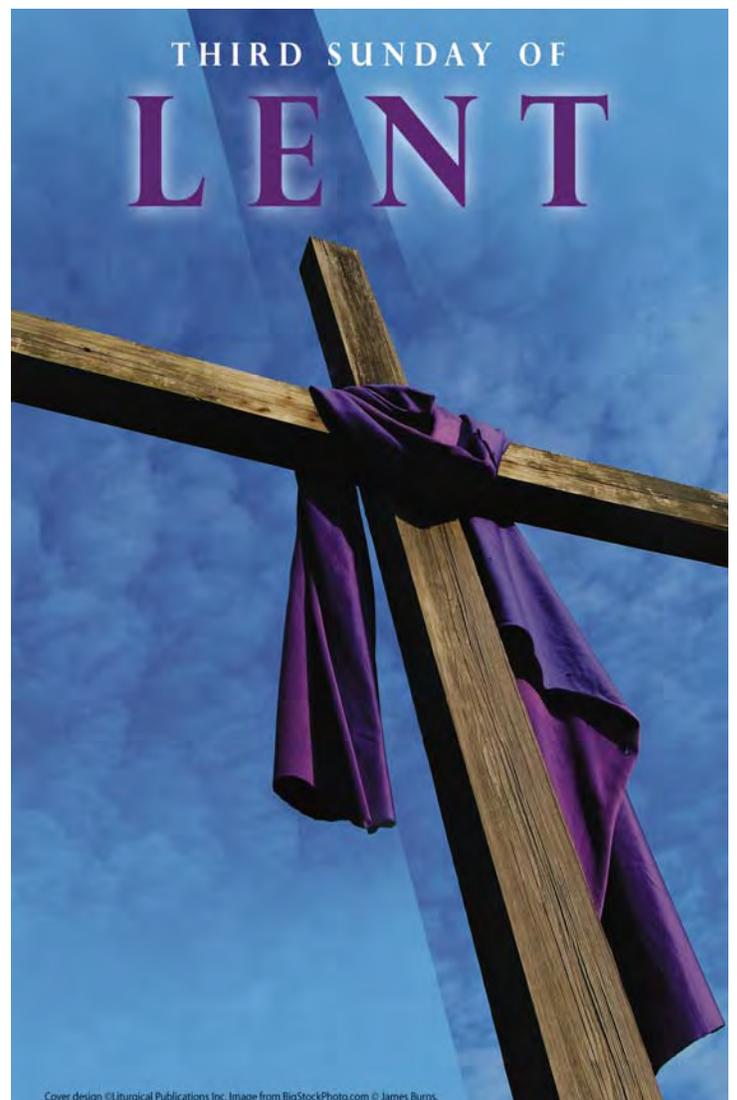
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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**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



A woman comes to draw water at the well.

It is burdensome to go to a well, once the novelty wears off.

I remember as a child spending family holidays in Ireland, at Delaney's farm, friends of my parents in Wexford. As small children we would go to the woods each morning with a bucket, filling it up with drinking water to bring back to the farmhouse.

At first we thought this was wonderful, but after about three days it soon got old, and none of us wanted to go. It's heavy work, and the water doesn't last long, sometimes needing two or three trips a day, depending how much you can carry, and how much is consumed. The woman in the Gospel goes to the well at midday, perhaps because she had already been at least once before that morning.

Today we don't have that problem; our homes have faucets and our water is packaged by Dasani or Poland Spring. Or so we may think.

The Gospel asks us "Where do I go to seek refreshment? Which is the well from which I am drawing today?" To draw water is an analogy for seeking life. There can be many wells in our life, places we go to draw water. There is an inner thirst which no faucet or bottled water is able to quench.

There is the well of ambition, or career, or possessions.

There is the well of affections, of family, or friends.

There is the well of sports, of basketball, baseball, volleyball.

There is the well food, or video games, or TV and the internet.

None of these wells are bad, they all give water, but none of them are able to satisfy the deepest thirst within.

Jesus never asks for anything in the Gospel, except once, in today's Gospel. He asks the woman at the well for a drink. He will repeat the same words on the Cross: "I thirst." He asks for a drink of water, but it is he himself who offers living water: "Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst again, the water I give will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Jesus thirsts to satisfy the longing of the human heart.

His thirst is to satisfy the need in that person who, no matter how much they have, or how many friends they are surrounded by, or how successful they become, are lacking something.

There is a thirst within each of us, and it can only be satisfied by Christ. He invites us to drink the water which he provides, and we can receive this water in the Liturgy today. This water becomes a well within us, a source of life and of peace. We are offered a well that never runs dry, no matter what happens in our life, whether in school or work, with family or friends, on the ball field or at home.

Fr. Sean

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:30 pm



March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tommaso Tambone

Sunday

8:30 am



March 19

Third Sunday of Lent
Dorothy Owens

10:30 am

Gail Lavatelli

Monday

8:30 am



March 20

St. Joseph
Brian Clark

Tuesday

8:30 am

March 21

First Day of Spring
People of the Parish

Wednesday

8:30 am

March 22

William Ring

Thursday

8:30 am

March 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Veronica & Peter DeFabus

Friday

8:30 am



March 24

Day of Abstinence
Patricia M. Kelly
People of the Parish

12:00 pm

Saturday

5:30 pm

March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord
Rosemary Lukac

Sunday

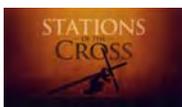
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March 26

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Carol Quinn Sansevere
Christopher Sybolt

10:30 am



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

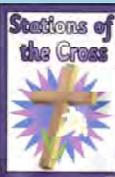
Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13)

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,239.00
Assessment Collection.....\$1,550.00



Our Lady's Guild would like to invite all parishioners to "A Way of the Cross for Mothers" on Wednesday evening Mar. 29. Mark your calendars for a spiritual evening spent with a Lenten devotion.



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 April 12th 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.



*"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"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.

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.

MARCH 19, 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 judi-olmc@yahoo.com to register.



Family Promise to Sell Raffle Tickets

Family Promise will be here this weekend after all Masses to sell tickets for their Super 50/50 Cash Raffle. Cash, credit cards and checks are accepted. The raffle will benefit homeless working families. Family Promise of Bergen County is the only organization in the county providing shelter and services for working families who have become homeless and helps them return to self-sufficiency.



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.



St. John's Academy News!!!

Read Across America Day!

Our Kindergartners celebrated Read Across America Day with the Cat in the Hat!



Presidents and First Ladies

Famous Presidents and First Ladies visit the third grade. The third graders recently presented their Presidents and First Ladies biographies.



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

Second Collection This 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 this weekend. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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 judi-olmc@yahoo.com. All requests will be kept confidential.

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for March and April

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, Gr. 2 Parent/Child Workshop
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, Easter
Wed, April 26	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, St. Mark, the Evangelist

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 do we call the three holy days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, together? Prior week's answer: The three things we are expected to do during Lent are: PRAY, FAST and GIVE ALMS! 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.

Registration for Faith Formation 2017-2018

Registration for Faith Formation 2017-2018 is now open. If you need forms, please email faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

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 General session by Sister Regina Marie, OCD. The annual Congress was for all those who volunteer or work in ministry in their parishes and is sponsored by Catholic Publishers. Topic: Developing a Deeper Prayer Life 1. Begin with reading Lives of the Saints, this is available online. 2. Recognize the beauty around us in nature, music, e-mails and give praise and glory to God for His creation. 3. Put love in writing, in thank you notes, appreciation, cultivate relationships. Give hugs. 4. Spend time with God, have the real you looking at the real God. Spend time at Eucharistic Adoration. 5. Make your daily actions prayers, ex. Driving, doing dishes, etc. Dedicate it to God and do so cheerfully. Let's each focus on how we can use these suggestions above to help us increase and renew our prayer life especially during Lent!

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 road from love to hate is easy. The one from hate to love is more difficult, but brings peace." 03/11/17 Homily.

THIRD 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!



Woodcliff Lake UNICO invites you to a Dinner Dance and Auction Fundraiser. Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 6:30 pm. This will be held at Our Lady Mother of the Church McCarthy Center. Full catered buffet dinner by Munno's of Pearl River and music by Just Jammin'. \$50 per person, adults only and advance payment only. The recipient of this years proceeds is Oakland resident, Donna Myher, a math teacher at the Fieldstone Middle School in Montvale. Four years ago Donna was diagnosed with ALS. Medical expenses are placing a financial burden on the family. These funds raised will help defray the cost. Please contact Maria Janicelli by April 7 at (201) 962-8362 or miaj@optonline.net. To donate items for the auction please contact Donna Brown at (201) 788-6571 or dlb6494@aol.com.

Sister Frances Schier Memorial Library

Please feel free to browse, sign out and borrow Books or DVD's (in the lower cabinet). Kindly return when you are finished with the materials in the basket on the bottom shelf. 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. We are interested in expanding our children, tween and teen collection. **Thank you for your generous heart!**



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