

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ MARCH 25, 2018

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### Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am & 12:00 pm (until  
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

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### Faith Formation Office

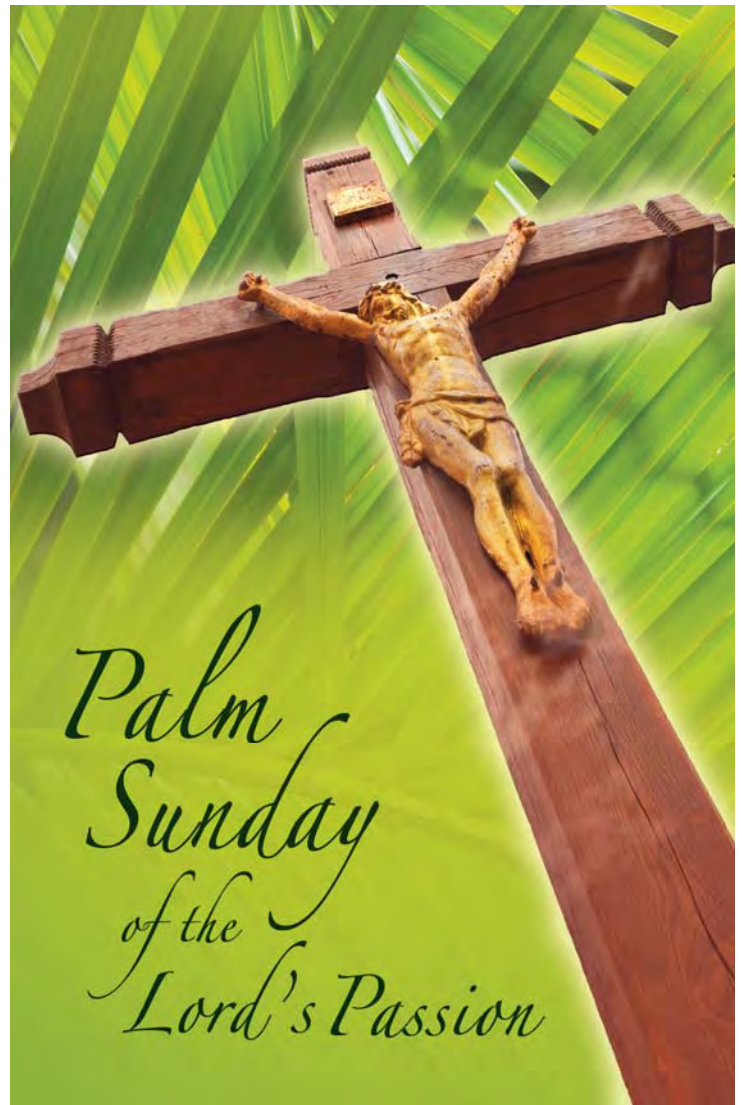
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
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### Toddlers Mass

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



A few years ago, I threw my back out. While bending down to pick something up, I was suddenly crippled in agony. Turns out this is a common thing in middle aged men! The cause, I discovered, was a lack of core strength – something we hear a lot about today. The solution? Gyms invite us to take out a membership, or we can join spinning classes, or sign up for Cross Fit, all in the name of building core strength. But these things are only a temporary fix.

Today's liturgy offers us the real answer. The palms which we receive on Palm Sunday are single leaves from a palm branch, which looks like a spinal column; it is a symbol of Faith. Our standing upright, our core strength, comes not from the Gym, or Cross Fit, or bodily exercise, but from the faith which we profess in Jesus Christ, Crucified and Risen. Without faith we are crippled!

Holy Week strengthens our faith; allowing us to stand upright. Holding our palms aloft, we sing 'Hosanna' – which means 'Blessed be God!' This acclamation of blessing is found on the lips of all who are witnesses to God's action in their lives. We are witnesses that God is the one who has stooped down to fallen humanity; He bent down to us. Descending from Heaven to Earth, he abased himself to become a servant, he was lowered into the tomb, and descended into Hell. But He now stands upright, Risen, interceding for us at the right hand of the Father.

The love of God is the only thing that can vanquish death itself, and consequently the only thing which is able to forgive the transgressor. It is the only thing which can allow the crippled to stand upright!

The Gospel can be summarized in two phrases: 'Love your enemies' and 'I am coming soon.' Christ Jesus has made an appointment with each of us this Holy Week. He has loved us when we were his enemies, and he has promised to come to us this week. May today's celebration lead us to truly experience the Paschal Mystery, that we who are crippled may stand upright. Just as we have partaken in his death, we also may become witnesses and bearers of his Resurrection.

Fr. Sean

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## Saturday

5:30 pm



## Sunday

8:30 am



10:30 am

## Monday

8:30 am

## Tuesday

8:30 am



## Wednesday

8:30 am

## Thursday

8:00 pm

## Friday

3:00 pm



## Saturday

8:00 pm

## Sunday

8:30 am



10:30 am

## March 24

Patricia M. Kelly

## March 25

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Anthony Moschella

Ida Castrianni

## March 26

*Monday of Holy Week*

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

## March 27

*Tuesday of Holy Week*

Virginia M. & James T. Horris

## March 28

*Wednesday of Holy Week*

Melitta Kimmich

## March 29

*Holy Thursday*

Francesca Calabro

## March 30

*Good Friday*

No Intentions

## March 31

*Holy Saturday*

John Trombetta

## April 1

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Eileen Catherwood

John Trombetta

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"*

*(Mark 15:12-13)*

- Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others.
- Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$7,615.00**

**Easter Flowers to Date.....\$ 660.00**



## 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, April 1

**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"*

**Deceased of the Parish:** Tana Quigley

*"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 25, 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

### 2018-1019 Registration is Open For All Classes!

Pre-K-3 is back with flexible schedules and tuition packages! For additional information or to schedule a tour, please contact Ms. Socha at (201) 664-6364 or by email at ssocha@sja-hillsdale.org.

### MCA, Missionary Childhood Association

During Lent, our students collected change in their mite boxes to benefit children around the world. This collection is coordinated through the Missionary Childhood Association and our diocesan mission office. This project encourages children to be missionaries for other children. \$8.00 buys books and pencils for five children at a mission school, \$4.00 provides clean water for one child and \$5.00 buys milk for one child for an entire month.

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. 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**April Meeting** will be Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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*

## 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: *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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) by 3pm. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**



**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

## 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.



**Trees Around the Church**

We suffered more damage to our trees as a consequence of the last snow storm. During the clean-up it became evident that our Bradford Pears were severely compromised, and in a dangerous state. We have witnessed the continuing collapse of our trees in past storms, and the falling of large limbs in heavy winds. It was decided that it was prudent to remove them at this time, to avoid the possibility of someone being seriously hurt, or God forbid something worse happening. We have been in touch with the Shade Tree Committee, who will help us in the Spring to choose new trees to replant around the church.

## 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.

## St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

Our St. Patrick's Dinner dance was a huge success. The sold-out attendance enjoyed a variety of wonderful music, together with Step Dancers, Bagpipes, and even some Opera, all accompanied by delicious food catered by Munno's. Thank you to all who bought tickets and to those who supported the event as Sponsors. Many people contributed to the planning that went into this night, but I would especially like to recognize and acknowledge Marie Ruppel for her chairing of this event. A job well done, and a very enjoyable evening!



## 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.

## 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!

## 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



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.