

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ APRIL 1, 2018

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### Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am & 12:00 pm (until June 22)  
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

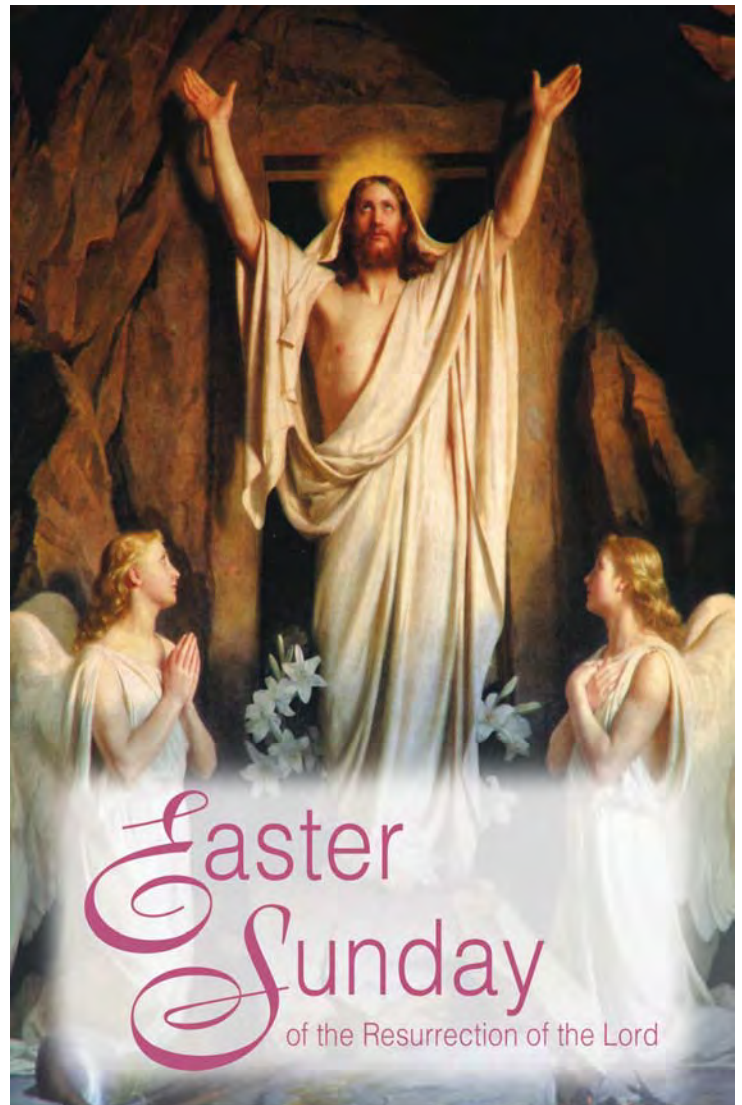
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
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### Toddlers Mass

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 It is not enough to say: Christ is Risen!  
It is not enough to say: Christ is Risen, Alleluia!  
It is not enough to say: Christ is truly Risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The Easter Church proclaims something more wonderful by far:

**CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA! TRULY RISEN, ALLELUIA, RISEN FOR US!**

Yes, He is Risen, FOR US! For you! For me! This is the faith of the Church, and the cause of our joy. This is why the Easter Alleluias echo all through the world. That He is risen and risen for us!

The Easter Liturgy regales us with a host of amazing images to describe the resurrection of Christ

**BURSTING HIS THREE DAY PRISON + VANQUISHING SATAN AND THE GRAVE + CONQUERING THE SHAMEFUL TREE + TRIUMPHING FROM EAST TO WEST + CROSSING O'ER THE RIVER + HARROWING HELL**

And many others. But unless we personally share in this victory of Christ, unless our lives connect with his Risen life, all these powerful images will remain only images. And all images fade.

That is why the Risen Lord comes during these "FIFTY DAYS", during this "WEEK OF WEEKS", searching for each one of us, as He searched and appeared to his apostles in the first days of his rising.

And He says to us what He said to them: PEACE BE WITH YOU! DO NOT BE AFRAID! COURAGE!

The voice of the Risen Christ is calling all those of us who are buried under past mistakes, under broken relationships; those who feel shrouded by shame or remorse, by guilt or hate;

The Risen Christ is searching for those trapped in their sins or being destroyed by their addictions; those who feel their situation in life is hopeless; that there is no way forward; no solution.

He wants to touch all those who need to be raised from the death of depression or loneliness; those who want to pass from slavery to freedom; from darkness to light; from sin to grace.

This is the faith of the Church. Easter faith: Passover faith: that the power which raised Christ from the dead, can raise us too. His rising is our rising. His new life is our new life.

I want to wish you all a very Happy Easter! Again, I want to thank you for your greetings.

I want to assure all those who are reading this in their sick-bed, at home or in hospital, all those who are house-bound for whatever reason, that you are not forgotten.

I hope that the Easter Alleluias from our parish will reach you wherever you are, and that together we will experience the peace of the Risen Lord, because

**WE ARE EASTER PEOPLE AND ALLELUIA IS OUR SONG!**

Fr. Sean

# EASTER SUNDAY

## Saturday

8:00 pm



## March 31

*Holy Saturday*

John Trombetta

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



## April 1

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

Eileen Catherwood

John Trombetta

## Monday

8:30 am

## April 2

*Monday within the Octave of Easter*

Jean Paonessa

## Tuesday

8:30 am

## April 3

*Tuesday within the Octave of Easter*

Peter R. Lynch

## Wednesday

8:30 am

## April 4

*Wednesday within the Octave of Easter*

People of the Parish

## Thursday

8:30 am

## April 5

*Thursday within the Octave of Easter*

Mary Mertz & Robert Schmidt, Jr.

## Friday

8:30 am

## April 6

*Friday within the Octave of Easter*

Molly Offer

## Saturday

5:30 pm



## April 7

*Saturday within the Octave of Easter*

Joan McGovern

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

## April 8

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

Ann Witte

Dante Giurici

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on Earth."*

*(Colossians 3:2)*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$8,013.00

Easter Flowers to Date.....\$1,383.00



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in March. It is time again for our April collection which will be held the weekend of April 7 & 8. **The special needs and requests for this month are: White Rice, Juice Boxes or Bottles and Snacks (Salty or Sweet).** While we are grateful for ALL donations, the food pantry cannot distribute expired food items. **Please make sure you check the expiration dates on all the donated food items.** Any other donations are of course welcome as well. All those concerned at the pantry deeply appreciate your continued generosity. My personal thanks for your assistance to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Deacon Stan

*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, Francesca DeMarco, Arlene Desposito, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Helen Guarriello, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Lina Klarin, Thomas Kneeshaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Kathy McGrath, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pgron, 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



Christ is Risen, Alleluia! He is truly Risen. He comes to dispel all sadness, doubt, and darkness. Do not be Afraid!! If you are suffering, if you are experiencing turmoil, if you are still looking for the meaning of Easter in your life, Come and Listen. There is Good News waiting for you. We meet this week on Monday and Thursday at 8:00 pm in the McCarthy Center. I look forward to seeing you there.

Fr. Sean

## 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.



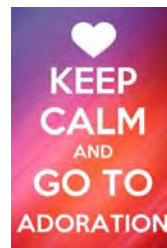
## Saint John's Academy News

### 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.



### Nocturnal Adoration - April 6

You are invited to spend one hour each month in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament where the mind and heart more easily give themselves to communion with Christ. The Nocturnal Adoration Society meets each month on the First Friday evening in The Sacred Heart Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. The next adoration will start after the 8PM Mass at OLM on Friday, April 6, and continue through the night ending at 8:30AM on Saturday, April 7. All are welcome and encouraged to come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer directed to Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrament is meant to extend the grace of the sacrifice offered in the Mass and deepen the union that we enjoyed with him in Communion. Any questions please call (201) 661-0618.

### 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>, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer at 3:00 pm. Leaflets are available in the lobby of the church. 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> 6:30 pm at Domani's in Hillsdale. \$40 per person. All are invited!!!

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

# FAITH FORMATION



*“Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter! Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples: “Jesus is risen!” – “He is truly risen, as he said!” These words of Pope Francis on Easter last year are worth sharing again! May the Risen Lord bless you with His Peace and Everlasting Promise of salvation this Easter and always! Sharing Easter Joy, The Faith Formation Office*

## **Faith Formation Calendar**

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

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|---------------|--|
| Wed, April 4  | Easter Week-NO CLASSES   |
| Wed, April 11 | 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, <i>St. Marguerite</i> |
| 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, <i>St. Apollonius</i> |
| Sun, April 22 | 9:30 am-10:30 am, First Communion Breakfast                                    |

## **Congratulations to Paul Santo, Grade 7**

Paul is participating in the Catholic Challenge representing Our Lady Mother of the Church. The Catholic Challenge is a spelling bee based competition held annually at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark with students from all four counties who attend Faith Formation Programs or Catholic school. Wish Paul the best!

## **Grade 2 Parent/Child Workshop, Wednesday, April 11**

Rescheduled the First Eucharist Workshop will be Wed., April 11 at 4 PM in the Church. This is an essential meeting to prepare for First Eucharist.

## **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: *What followers of Jesus took His body away and prepared it for burial as described in John 19:38-42?* Last week’s answer: Mary His Mother and John the beloved apostle stayed at the foot of the Cross. 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.**

## **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)**



**Pope Francis Says:** *“Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter! Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples: “Jesus is risen!” – “He is truly risen, as he said!” The ancient feast of Passover, the commemoration of the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery, here finds fulfilment. By his resurrection, Jesus Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin and death and has opened before us the way to eternal life.” Easter April 16, 2017*

# HE IS RISEN

**Woodcliff Lake UNICO  
Invites You to a Dinner Dance  
And Auction Fundraiser  
Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm  
Here at OLMC!**



Enjoy a fully catered buffet dinner by Munno's of Pearl River, NY and dance to the music of Pat Castaldo & All the Kings Men.

**\$60 per person (Adults Only)  
BYOB**

### Advance reservations and Payment Only

Please contact Maria Jannicelli by April 12, 2018 at (201) 962-8362 or by email at [miaj@optonline.net](mailto:miaj@optonline.net). To donate an item for auction please contact, Carol Franco at (201) 802-1120 or by email at [cfranco3@verizon.net](mailto:cfranco3@verizon.net). Monetary donation are also appreciated.

## Our Lady Mother of the Church Hosts a Ministry Fair April 28 & 29

Our Lady Mother of the Church will be hosting a Sign-Up Ministry Fair in McCarthy Center on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 am and 10 :30 am Masses. A time for you who participate in the many ministries to share with fellow parishioners how they can do it too! Stewardship is about what we do every day with what we have. At its heart, it expresses our own personal values, the priorities in our lives, and our relationship to God. As a part of Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish Community, you are invited to look through the booklets describing these ministry areas: Liturgy and Prayer; Catechetical and Faith Enrichment; Outreach and Social Justice; and Fellowship and Service. *"Christ has no body now on earth but ours."* -Teresa of Ávila



**A Prayer for Easter  
May you have,  
The gladness of Easter,  
which is hope,  
The promise of Easter,  
which is peace,  
The Spirit of Easter,  
which is love.**



## 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.



## 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 and grow in your faith.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of April in memory of

**Molly Offer**

*Requested by the Offer Family*



The Bread and Wine will be offered for the Week of April 1 to April 7 in memory of

**Molly Offer**

*Requested by The Offer Family*

## 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!