

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ~ APRIL 9, 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
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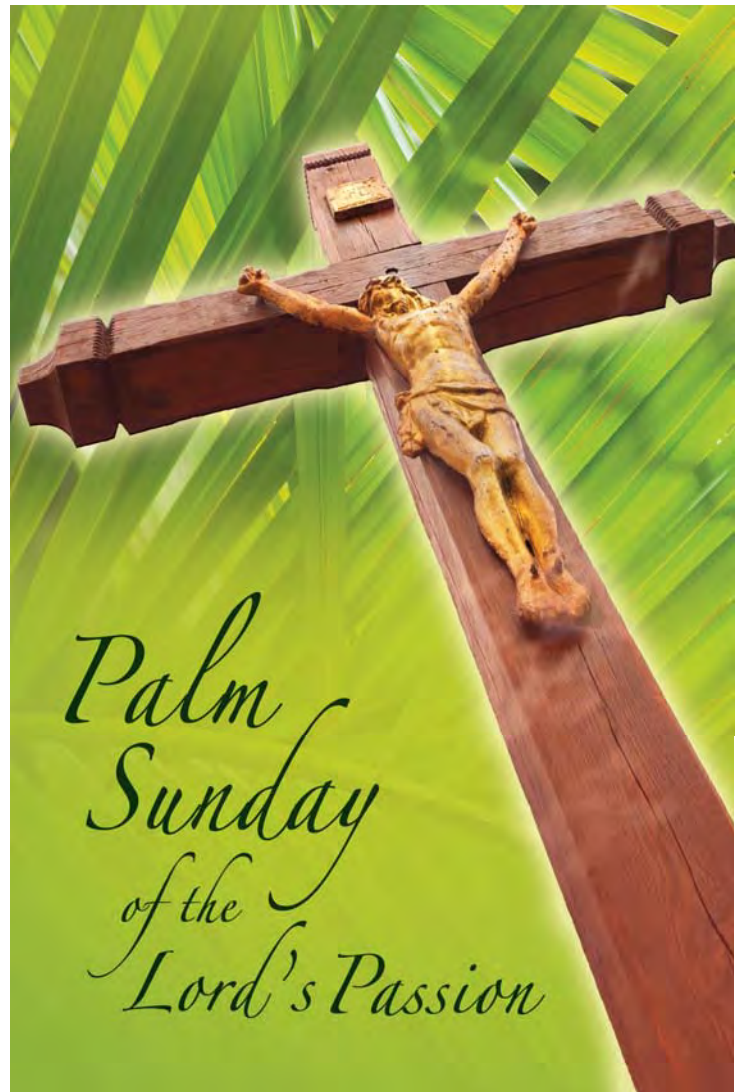
Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400

Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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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



Last year I threw my back out. I bent down to pick something up, and 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 today, Palm Sunday, are single leaves from the palm branch. The Palm branch 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. Without our Faith we become crippled!

Holy Week comes to give us faith, it is an exercise which can allow us to stand upright. We will hold our palms aloft, and 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. He has stooped down to fallen humanity, taking the form of a servant, and more than that, the form of one who is despised, and ultimately crucified.

The liturgy is not a theatrical re-enactment of past events! We are invited to actively participate in the Mystery of our Faith. Christ entered into the Holy City of Jerusalem, knowing that the crowds' acclamations of 'Hosanna in the Highest' would turn to cries of 'Crucify Him, Crucify Him!' This fact is made present for us today. Our reading of the Passion makes present the truth that we have individually allowed him to be crucified.

When?

Every time we lacked charity, or were selfish, or mean spirited.

Each time we lacked forgiveness and forbearance.

Every time we harbored ill will in our thoughts and deeds.

These are the things that really cripple us.

The liturgy encompasses us all. We can, and should, say 'Mea Culpa!' 'I am guilty!'

But this is not the last word. The great love which God has for us is made manifest in the liturgies of Holy Week.

Christ was condemned crucified and buried. But death is unable to hold him.

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



April 8

Alice & George Junior

Sunday



8:30 am

April 9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:30 am

Anne Witte

Monday

April 10

Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am

Ruth O'Shea

Tuesday



8:30 am

April 11

Tuesday of Holy Week

Phil McGovern

Wednesday



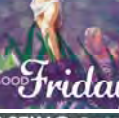
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April 12

Wednesday of Holy Week

James V. LeBeau

Thursday



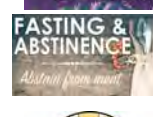
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April 13

Holy Thursday

Ann E. Sulyma

Friday



3:00 pm

April 14

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord; Day of Fast and Abstinence

Saturday



8:00 pm

April 15

Holy Saturday

Anthony Merlino

Sunday



8:30 am

April 16

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mary Ellen Wallace

10:30 am

Frank Lundy

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"

(John 11:40)

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

Receipts From March 26.....\$7,102.00

Restoration Fund.....\$ 35.00

Receipts From Last Week.....\$8,256.00

Easter Flowers to Date.....\$ 825.00

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.



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.

"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.



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. 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!

Sister Frances Schier Memorial Library is OPEN!

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!**



St. John's Academy News!!!

Registration

2017-2018 Registration is open for all classes!!! Children who will reach the age of 3 and a half by January 31, 2018 or the age of 4 by October 1, 2017 are invited to register for St. John's Pre-K-K program. For additional information or to schedule a tour, please contact Mrs. Viola at (201) 664-6364 or by email at viola@sja-hillsdale.org.



Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday
April 13, 2017
8:00 pm

Good Friday
April 14, 2017
3:00 pm



Good Friday



Easter Vigil
April 15, 2017
8:00 pm

Easter Sunday
April 16, 2017
8:30 am & 10:30 am



The Resurrection of the Lord



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 mi-aj@optonline.net. To donate items for the auction please contact Donna Brown at (201) 788-6571 or dlb6494@aol.com.

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

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for April and May

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>
Wed, May 3	3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grade 1-6, <i>Ss. Philip & James; Grade 2 First Holy Communion Practice with Adult</i>
Sat, May 6	12:00 First Holy Communion
Wed, May 10	Closing Mass and Celebration Grades 1-6

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: Who betrayed Jesus on what is commonly called Spy Wednesday?

Prior week's answer: Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, the Passover Meal. Congratulations to Mason Hennessey! 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.**

Registration for Faith Formation 2017-2018

Registration for both summer program Lighting Our Faith and Faith Formation 2017-18 is now taking place. Forms for returning students were mailed and are due May 10. If you have a child entering 1st grade or you are new to the program, please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com to request forms.

REGISTER NOW FOR Lighting Our Faith and Faith Formation!

LIGHTING OUR FAITH SUMMER 2017:

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. Dates are June 26 – July 7, (no class July 3 or 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 Registration closes May 10.

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 **Our programs are dependent on parent and parishioner volunteers.**

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: “Even in the hardest and most disturbing moments, the Lord’s mercy and goodness are greater than everything.” *April 1 (2017).*

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 2017. 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.



Thank you! The staff of Family Promise of Bergen County and the OLMC Coordinating Committee for Family Promise are very grateful for the generous response of the OLMC parishioners to the March 18/19 invitation to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and to the free will donations for Family Promise during the April 1st concert. We are especially grateful to Domenick Panfile, who was joined with Peter Greco in providing, free of charge, the April 1st concert. It was an evening of wonderful music and provided an opportunity to enjoy Domenick's talent and generous and kind spirit. OLMC is very fortunate that Domenick is our Director of Music.

Volunteers Will be Needed OLMC will be the host congregation for some families needing temporary shelter during the weeks of **July 30 to Aug. 13th and Sept. 10 to Sept. 17th**. Volunteers will be needed to prepare dinner, stay overnight, participate in activities with the children in the evening, donating supplies for breakfast and lunch and setting up the "living room and sleeping areas". Look for additional information in future bulletins or contact Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269, Adrienne Mellana 201-391-1574 or Geraldine Brennan 201-802-2005.

FOUND!!!!

A number of class photos from 1984 were found in the lobby. Please contact Judi Quinn in the Parish Office at (201) 391-2826 or judi-olmc@yahoo.com.

American Legion Steak Dinner

A sliced steak dinner sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153, Park Ridge, is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th at 118 Ridge Avenue, Park Ridge. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$20.00 each. Tickets are available at the dugout after 4:00 PM or by calling 201-391-9754. Dinner will be served from 6:30 - 7:30 PM; the menu will include sliced steak, string beans almandine, homemade mashed potatoes, sautéed mushrooms & onions, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee & tea, free soda and a complimentary glass of wine for adults at the cash bar. A DJ, music, 50/50 and door prizes will round out the evening. All proceeds will benefit veterans.

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 8:00 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!