

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 15, 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
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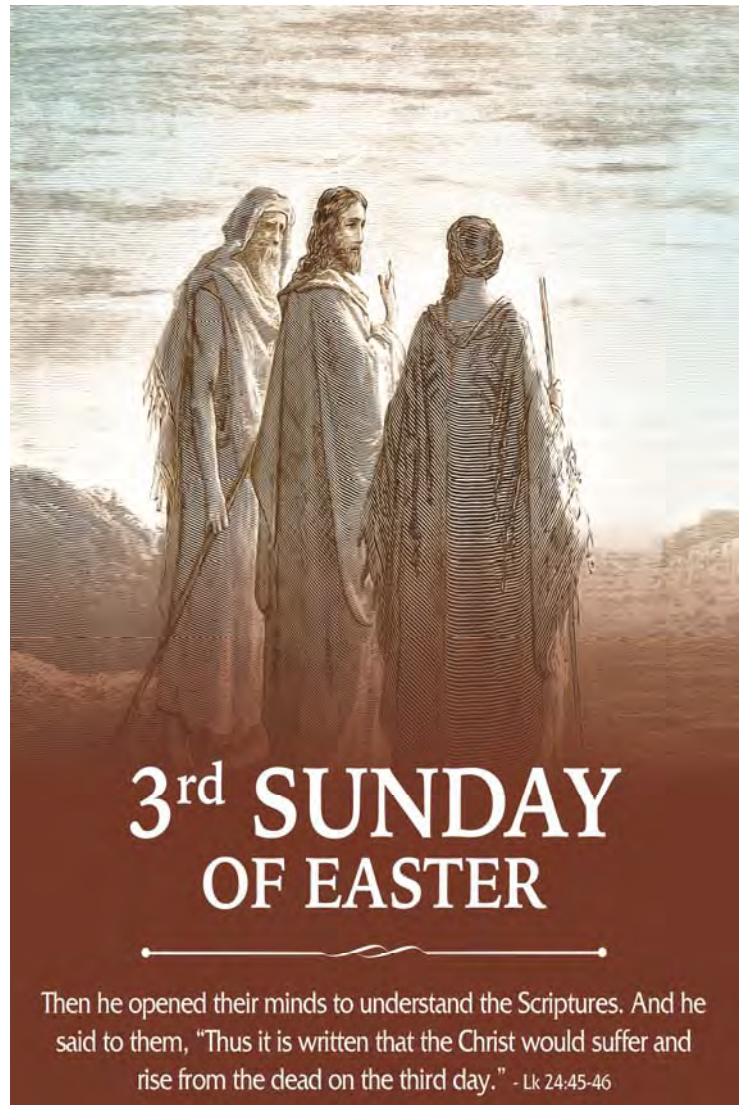
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Toddlers Mass

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



While they were speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

The disciples were speaking about Jesus, and about what had occurred in Jerusalem. They were talking about the Last Supper, about the night in the garden of Gethsemane, about the betrayal, about the farce of a trial, the Passion and the Crucifixion, and about how Jesus had appeared to two of them on the road to Emmaus.

Their conversation was about all these things, the things they had experienced. Of course, they were talking about these things, they are disciples, that’s what they are supposed to talk about.

Truth is people don’t usually talk about these things.

People talk about the weather, sports, politics, the stock market, the price of gas, our job, our school, our vacations, our pets, our plans for the summer...but conversation about Holy Week and Easter is probably not part of our daily interactions.

A couple of years ago I was invited to a family dinner on Easter Sunday. There were at least twenty people around the table. During the course of the meal, the host invited everyone present to say a word about their experience of Easter. I was surprised that those at table did not just say “I liked this” or “I liked that.”

People began to speak existentially. That is, they began to speak about how they had lived Easter, saying how and in which way they had experienced God in Holy Week and the Triduum. In speaking about these things, I could sense that God became present at that table.

The Fathers of the Church said that a meal in which God is not mentioned is like a pagan sacrifice. To sit down and eat without mentioning God is like sacrificing to idols.

That thought brought back memories of my childhood, when it would have been unthinkable to sit down as a family to eat without at least saying a prayer together first –grace before meals.

The word and the breaking of bread. These two things make those at table experience communion. While we speak of these things Jesus himself comes to stand in our midst. The disciples were talking about all these things when Jesus himself came and stood in their midst.

The same Jesus who was crucified and died, and who is now Risen, is able to come and stand in our midst today. He appeared to the disciples at Emmaus when they sat down to break bread. He appeared to the disciples in Jerusalem as they were talking about these things. The risen Jesus Christ can be a guest in our home and at our table today. What will you talk about at lunch today?

Fr. Sean

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday



April 14

Frank Foster

April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am

10:30 am



Eileen Catherwood

Dante Giurici

Monday

8:30 am

April 16

Frank Lundy

Tuesday

8:30 am

April 17

Tax Day



George & Peter Lutz

Wednesday

8:30 am

April 18

Nancy Rodriguez

Thursday

8:30 am



April 19

Charlie DeBrock

Friday

8 :30 am

April 20

St. Martin

Mary E. Lynch

Saturday

5:30 pm

April 21

St. Anselm



Jim Wren

Sunday

8:30 am

April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Earth Day

10:30 am

George Duffy

Tony Moschella

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." (Luke 24:36-37)

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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



Molly Offer

Requested by the Offer Family

"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, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Lina Klarin, Thomas Kneeshaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Kathy McGrath, Flossie O'Sullivan, Patrick Randazzo, Ron Ruiz, 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, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

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 28th after the 5:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 29th 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 Avila

APRIL 15, 2018



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. Our parish has always been extraordinarily generous when asked to participate in the Appeal. The goal for our parish this year is **\$39,000**, so far our donation total is **\$30,915** which is **79.5%** of goal. I am confident that we will meet and even surpass that target. The Appeal also helps our parish directly, since we are reimbursed any donations once our goal is met. If you have not yet responded to the invitation, I invite you to consider doing so.

May God bless you for your generosity!

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!

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 Saturday, May 2nd at 4:00pm. We hope to see you here.



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 130 delicious recipes from parishioners. The book will go on sale early May, please pre-order at \$10 per book and it will be delivered to you in time for Mother's Day. Order forms are in the lobby and can be dropped off in the parish office. Thank you for your support!



Saint John's Academy News

SJA Spring Plant Sale

Please consider supporting SJA by ordering your spring and Mother's Day plants from us! Our sale features a wonderful selection of hearty plants and flowers at competitive prices! Order forms are located in the vestibule and online at www.sja-hillsdale.org Deadline for orders is April 19; Plants will be available for pick-up on May 12th, 10:30-11:30 at SJA. Please contact Julie Heafy at jheafy@aol.com with any questions.

Spring Open House

All are invited to visit our open house on April 24, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Soup Kitchen

Thank you! Servers, bakers and casserole makers. Your assistance made it possible to feed the hungry. If you can help, mark your calendars for: June 2nd. Signups will be the weekend of May24-25. Future dates are 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

Our Lady's Guild Happenings

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

April Meeting will be tomorrow, Monday April 16th at 7:00 pm on the stage. We plan to view a movie about Sr. Faustina and Divine Mercy.

Annual Dinner Save the date! Monday, May 7th 6:30 pm at Domani's in Hillsdale. \$40 per person. All are invited!!! Leave payment in the Parish Office with Judi.

An Evening With Mary Feast Day of Our Lady Mother of the Church! Monday, May 21 at 7:00 pm Guest Presenter: Mary Kay Benjamin.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Calendar

April Prayer of the Month: Prayer of St. Francis

- Wed, April 18 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Apollonius*
- Sun, April 22 9:30 am-10:30 am, First Communion Breakfast
- Wed, April 25 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, *St. Mark, The Evangelist*

May Prayer of the Month: The Rosary

- Wed, May 2 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Introduction to the Rosary, *St. Athanasius*
- Grade 2 First Communion Rehearsal**
- Sat, May 5 12:00 pm, First Holy Communion Liturgy
- Wed, May 9 3:45 pm-5:00 pm Closing Liturgy and Celebration. All welcome!

Grade 2 Dates

Sunday April 22 will be the Family Communion Breakfast at 9:30 AM. Wednesday May 2 will be First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 4:00 pm. First Holy Communion Liturgy is 12:00 pm, May 5, 2018. Please pray for our First Communion Class preparing to receive Jesus for the first time.

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: “Christ, teach us never to be ashamed of your cross!” April 3, 2018

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

This week’s question: *Which Saint, who was a Polish nun, had conversations with Jesus on The Divine Mercy, was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II?* Last week’s answer: Divine Mercy Sunday is dedicated to Jesus, King of Divine Mercy. 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.*

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

Travelling Prayer Cross

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a 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.

Travelling 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. Please use this opportunity to foster family prayer and pray for vocations. You are welcome to reserve hosting the chalice for your family by e-mail: faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Request for Hospice Volunteers

Life Source Hospice is seeking volunteers to be part of our elderly patients' end-of-life care. Volunteers serve as friendly bedside visitors to patients throughout Bergen County and provide them with much appreciated companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them. Volunteers also provide support to family members. Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit patients during the daytime hours during the week and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of 6 months. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experienced hospice professionals. For more information, please contact Life Source Hospice at #201-523-9745 or kiplifsourcehospice@gmail.com

OLMC Library

Thinking spring and reading a book on the porch with gentle breezes? Take some time for spiritual reading and borrow a book from the Sister Frances Memorial Library. Come, browse and sign out a book at your convenience. Please return all borrowed books when finished. Thank you! As our collection has grown, we need another bookcase assembled. If able to assemble please contact parish office. Thank you



Eastertime A Sense of the Season

First, we kept the forty days, with praying, fasting and giving alms. Then we celebrated the three days of Christ's passion, dying and rising. Now we delight in the fifty days, with rejoicing, feasting and giving witness! The season of Easter is fifty days long. It is a time of unbridled joy, of exuberant rejoicing. The church tells us, "The fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better as one 'great Sunday.' These above all others are days for the singing of the Alleluia." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, #22)

Why is Eastertime fifty days? The ancient cultures that gave us the Bible had great respect for numbers. They believed that numbers contained hints about God and the meaning of life. The number seven was thought to contain fullness: There are seven days in the week, according to God's original way of ordering time, creating all that there is and resting. So, if you multiply 7 times 7, you have "fullness times fullness."

But wait! 7² is 49! With God, there is always more—more than we can ever imagine. So, our holy season of Easter is even more than "fullness times fullness." It's "fullness times fullness" and then some: 7²+1. That's what love is like: more than we can ever imagine. That's what heaven is going to be like: more than we can ever imagine.

The fifty days are days for looking for the risen Lord among us, for hearing in each other's stories of rising from the big and small deaths, days when we experience something of Christ's triumphs. That's why we look to the newly baptized, robed in bright new clothes and oily with gladness: At Easter, they died and rose with Christ! Now they take their places with us. Together, like the apostles who were so full of the Spirit that people thought they were drunk, we rush about with good and giddy news: Death is not the last word! Life and love are forever! And slowly, painstakingly, we work together, together with Christ, to change this world into the world to come. Sing Alleluia!

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SAVE THE DATE!!
Parish Picnic
Sunday, June 3, 2018
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Picnic It's time again to look ahead to sunny days and our Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 3, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We will have Games, food, Music and Fun! All are welcome rain or shine. \$10 per person or \$25 per family (3 or more). We need lots of sponsors and volunteers to help!