

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD ~ APRIL 16, 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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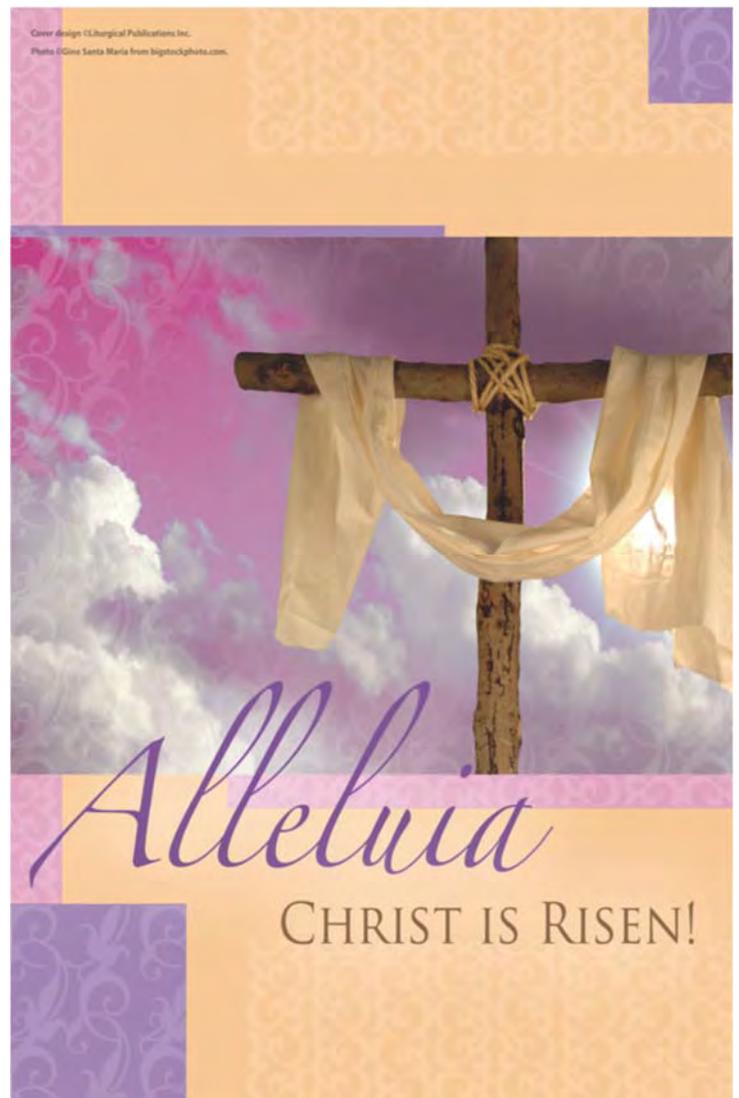
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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



On March 21, 2017 a Greek team announced the completion of the restoration of the tomb of Jesus, a project which took nearly a year to complete.

The work was led by the National Technical University of Athens, and the restoration team removed hundreds of years of candle soot, as well as marble slabs encasing the stone bench where Jesus' body was placed after his crucifixion and death. The cave where Jesus was buried lies beneath a shrine called the Edicule, which itself is located within the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, in the Christian Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

I first visited this shrine in the year 2000. I had accompanied a group of 100 youth from NJ, and after celebrating Mass with the Pope Saint John Paul II in Galilee, we travelled south to Jerusalem, to pray at the Holy Sepulcher.

We waited on line for hours, slowly inching our way forward amidst the throngs of people, weaving our way around the stone columns of the church, towards the entrance of the cave where Jesus was buried.

On finally arriving to the entrance to the Edicule, one has to bend down to pass through the low entrance, and finally, there it is! A stone slab! There is nothing else there!

The place is not a "tomb." It is not a cemetery. It is not a place to pay respect for the dead! A dead body did once lay on that stone slab, but it is not there now.

Each one of us has come to the empty tomb today. We are here on Easter Sunday morning because the body of that dead man, Jesus of Nazareth, that once lay on that slab, is Risen.

It is not enough to see a dead man come back to life! Lazarus was raised from the dead, and that didn't change anyone!

The women who went to the tomb on that first Easter morning, and the Disciples to whom Jesus then appeared, were not changed because they saw Jesus Risen.

What changed their lives, and changed the course of human history, is the fact that this man who had died and is Risen is in fact God himself.

God, who did not create death, but life, has entered into death, and overcome it. Jesus Christ, true God and true man, makes a new creation. We have, through him, access to Eternal Life.

The disciples would believe, as we believe, not because they saw, but because they themselves became partakers of His Resurrection. We too, this morning, are invited to experience the Resurrection of Christ within us. There is no suffering, no anguish, no grief, no loss, no misfortune, no sin, no sadness, darkness or doubt, that has not been overcome by Christ Risen. He Rose from death for us, fallen humanity, that we can truly experience that God is with us always, that we can trust completely in Him. Through Christ alive here with us, we can experience the Love of God and abandon ourselves to Him in everything that happens in our life.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Christ stands at the right hand of the Father, interceding for each one of us, no matter who we are. God loves you.

We do not need to go to the Holy Sepulcher to experience this. The Good News of the Resurrection comes to meet us here today in Woodcliff Lake. Happy Easter!

Fr. Sean

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

Monday

8:30 am



April 17

Monday within the Octave of Easter

People of the Parish

Tuesday

8:30 am

April 18

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter;

Tax Day

Patrick LeGrande

Wednesday

8:30 am

April 19

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Charlie DeBrock

Thursday

8:30 am

April 20

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Mary E. Lynch

Friday

8:30 am



April 21

Friday within the Octave of Easter

Mary Ellen Wallace

Saturday

5:30 pm



April 22

Saturday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day

Gertrude & Louis Eichenlaub

Sunday

8:30 am

April 23

Divine Mercy Sunday

Norman Gutlove

10:30 am

Grant Seaver

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2)

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become god's to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

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.

Special Noon Mass

A special Mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call 201-768-7565. Also, April 22nd is the Fr. Jim McKenna Memorial Fund 11th Annual Beefsteak Dinner and Reverse Raffle. Come join us; \$35.00 for all you can eat beefsteak dinner. If you want you can purchase a raffle ticket \$50.00.

"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, Lt. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.



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

This year's appeal, *Sharing God's Blessings* is a perfect opportunity to reflect on God's generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us. We are off to a good start, with **96**

donors pledging **\$26,660**. This year's appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. The gifts that God has given us are not for exclusive use, but are meant to be shared. Your participation, regardless of the gift amount, does make a difference. Brochures and pledge envelopes can be found at both entrances to the church and were sent in the mail too! Please drop your completed pledge envelope in the collection basket during Mass, and we will forward it to the Archdiocese.

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!!! He is Risen!!

Happy Easter to our parish families! May the blessing of the Risen Christ be with you this Easter season and always!

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. \$3.00 buys 75 pencils for a mission school, \$4.00 buys bread for ten children for one week and \$5.00 buys milk for one child for an entire month.



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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



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March 16, 2017

Students of Faith Formation
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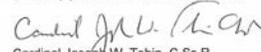
Dear Students,

I was so pleased and grateful to receive your beautiful Spiritual Bouquet full of love and prayers. As we celebrated my installation as Archbishop last January, it was heartwarming to know I was remembered in such a special way.

I hope I will have the opportunity to meet you when arrangements are made for me to visit with the faithful at Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish sometime in the future.

Please be assured of my prayers for you, your instructors and everyone at Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish for a blessed Lent and a joyful Easter Season. I hope you will continue to pray for me as I strive to serve the Archdiocese of Newark in the coming years.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,


Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

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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!