

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 22, 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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### Parish Email

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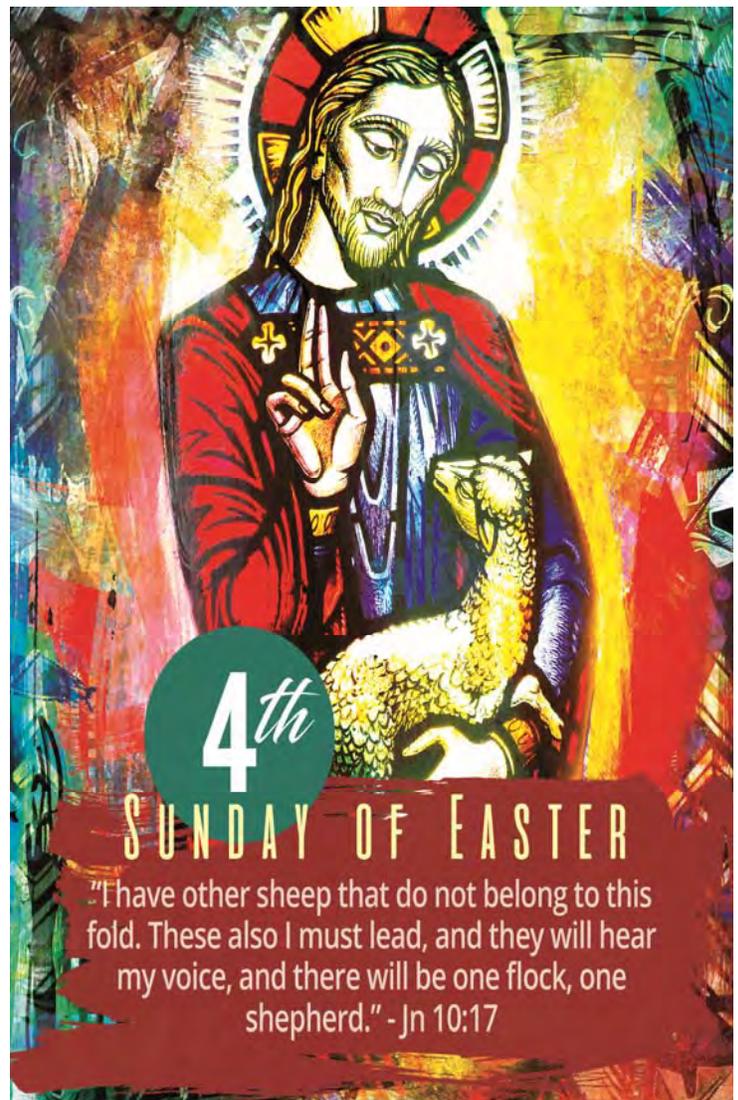
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
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### Toddlers Mass

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



“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep”

Sheep were a common sight where I grew up in Wales. White specks against green grass; dotted over the mountainsides and valleys.

The imagery of sheep and shepherds used to be common to everyone of faith, no matter which country they lived in. Whereas today, on entering a church, we are accustomed to see the crucifix, prior to the third century - when the image of Christ on the Cross became the essential symbol of Christianity- the Savior was represented in Christian art, and in the prayers of the first generations of believers, as a young shepherd.

In his book “The Burning Bush” Lev Gillet, a monk of the Orthodox Church, gives a meditation on what is perhaps the most popular of all Psalms, the “Shepherd Psalm, Psalm 23”. He says:

*There is no doubt that Jesus, when he spoke of the good shepherd, had the twenty-third psalm in mind. He himself had certainly recited it, and knew it even as a small child:*

**“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want”**

*This is not a forecast of the future: ‘the Lord will be my shepherd’*

*This is not a wishful prayer: ‘Lord, be my shepherd’*

*It is a statement of fact: ‘The Lord is my shepherd’*

*The Lord is not any kind of shepherd. He is not a shepherd in an abstract or general sense. He is not shepherd of the flock as a flock. He is not ‘our shepherd’. Or rather he is our shepherd, but he is also something else and something more. He is my Shepherd.’*

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lays down his life for his sheep.

I was once in Corsica a French island in the Mediterranean and was shown the sheep folds which shepherds use to gather the flock at night. A round circle of stones, waist high, with an opening through which the sheep enter or leave the enclosure. But there was no door or gate at the opening. The shepherd himself lies down there at night. He is the door, he is the gate. A wolf would have to kill him before getting at the sheep. No one goes in or out except through him. As psalm 121 says: *He does not sleep, he guards your going in and out, now and for always.*

Only in the measure we discover this are we then able to say ‘I lack nothing’. Translated, if I am lacking something today, if there is something missing in my life, it is because the Lord is not my shepherd, my ‘going in and out’ is not through him, I am not listening to his voice, I am not following him.

The Good News is that the Good Shepherd will speak to us in the Liturgy today. He invites us to listen to his voice, that our going in and out may be through him. Together with the psalmist may each of us be able to say: it is true, he is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

*Happy Easter, Fr. Sean*

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**April 21**

*St. Anselm*

Jim Wren



**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am

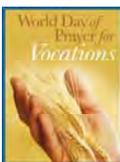


**April 22**

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

George Duffy

Tony Moschella



**Monday**

8:30 am

**April 23**

*St. George; St. Adalbert*

Michael Ruzek

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**April 24**

*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

Todd DeLuca



**Wednesday**

8:30 am



**April 25**

*St. Mark; Administrative*

*Professionals Day*

Michael & Jennie Manganello

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**April 26**

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

**Friday**

8 :30 am



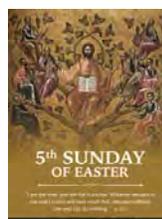
**April 27**

*Arbor Day*

James Norris

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**April 28**

*St. Louis Grignon de Montfort; St.*

*Peter Chanel*

Anna M. Burchess

**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am

**April 22**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Adele Dattoli

William Michael Brown

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."*

**(John 10:14-16)**

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

**Receipts From April 8.....\$6,426.42**

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,508.00**

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

**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

*"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.**

**APRIL 22, 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 **\$32,640** from **104** families which is **84%** 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.

Fr. Sean

**May God bless you for your generosity!**

**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! Call Jerry Lubrano at (201) 819-4488 if you would like to volunteer!



**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**

**Spring Open House**

Prospective students and their families are invited to visit our open house on April 24, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

**Out of This World!!!**

Our Kindergarten and first grade students recently visited the planetarium at Northern Highlands Regional High School as part of their science curriculum.

**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.

**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 May 24-25. Future dates are 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*

**Our Lady's Guild Happenings**

**Lunch Bunch** will next meet Thursday, May 10, at 12:30 after the noon Mass in McCarthy Center. All are welcome to come, meet, share and eat! BYOL (Bring your own lunch). Future Date: June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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!!! 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

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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)**



**Pope Francis Says:** *In APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION GAUDETE ET EXULTATE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" (Mt 5:12), Jesus tells those*

*persecuted or humiliated for his sake. The Lord asks everything of us, and in return he offers us true life, the happiness for which we were created. He wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence. The call to holiness is present in various ways from the very first pages of the Bible. We see it expressed in the Lord's words to Abraham: "Walk before me and be blameless" (Gen 17:1). March 19, 2018*

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

This week's question: *Which Saint, who Our Blessed Mother appeared to several times in Lourdes, France, became a nun, to avoid attention and work with the sick? Many miracles of healing have happened at this shrine.* Last week's answer: Saint Faustina was a Polish nun, canonized by St. John Paul II, who had conversations with Jesus on Divine Mercy. Prior week's answer: Divine Mercy Sunday is dedicated to Jesus, King of Divine Mercy. Congratulations to Thomas Walsh! 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)**

# FOURTH 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 [kiplifesourcehospice@gmail.com](mailto:kiplifesourcehospice@gmail.com)



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in April. It is time again for our April collection which will be held the weekend of May 5 & 6. **The special needs and requests for this month are: tuna/chicken canned, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, household cleaning products including paper towels and toilet tissue, cold breakfast cereal, pasta (especially spaghetti), pancake mix, pancake syrup, white rice, macaroni and cheese, dried black beans, canned fruit, condiments and snacks of all type.** 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

## Book Club and OLMC Library

The next selection for May 10<sup>th</sup> Book Club meeting is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. ALL are welcome to join in this discussion and help select the next book. 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

**Q** Each Evangelist has a unique perspective; can you give us some clues about the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

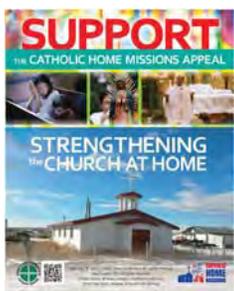
**A** Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on the Jesus event. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

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## Catholic Home Missions Second Collection

Next Weekend, April 28 & 29

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).