

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ APRIL 23, 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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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



A Mom in our parish recently told me of a conversation she had with a Hindu friend at work. The Hindu woman asked her about the Eucharist. The Mom explained that Christ is actually present, that we eat his body and drink his blood. The Hindu woman said to her, “You don’t believe that.” Taken aback, the Catholic Mom assured her that “Yes, I do believe it, absolutely”. “No you don’t” replied her Hindu friend. “Because if you believed that was the actual body and blood of Christ, if you believed that it was your God who was there, you would not go to Mass only once a week, you would go every day!”

The Mom who told me this said the Hindu was right: “If I really believed God was there, not only would I never miss Mass on Sunday, I would try to go every single day”.

St. Thomas was not there when Jesus, Risen from the dead, appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday.

Where was he? The Gospels do not say, but he was not present in the assembly of the faithful. That Sunday he had something else to do. He did not go to Mass!

Perhaps he was at a family gathering, or a birthday party, or a ball game, or a BBQ, or a graduation, or there was something good on TV, or he had to work, or his cousins were visiting, or maybe he slept in! Wherever he was, he was not present when Jesus came and stood in the midst of the other disciples.

Every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist Jesus Christ himself appears in our midst. The Risen Christ comes to us in his flesh and blood.

God loves us the same, if we come to church or not. But it is we who lose out if we don’t show up.

Every Sunday is an experience of Easter, of the Resurrection; it is an encounter with the Risen Christ.

There is a doubting Thomas in each of us. There will always be a good excuse not to come, something ‘more important’ to do. Yet Jesus Christ still wishes to meet us, and continues to give us the opportunity to encounter him, true man and true God, Risen from the dead.

Like St. Thomas, we will touch the wounds of Christ in the liturgy today, and find in them evidence of the Resurrection. Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen, Alleluia!

Fr. Sean

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**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  
Grant Seaver

10:30 am

**Monday**

8:30 am

**April 24**

*St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*  
George and Peter Lutz

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**April 25**

*St. Mark*  
People of the Parish

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**April 26**

Charles Sackermann

**Thursday**

8:30 am



**April 27**

Kathleen Higgins

**Friday**

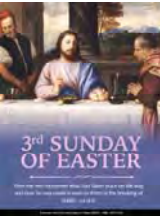
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**April 28**

*St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion*  
James T. & Virginia M. Horris

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**April 29**

*St. Catherine of Siena*  
Dominic Santucci

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**April 23**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

10:30 am

Kevin O'Brien  
Bianca & Nicholas Carretta

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of be excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

**Easter Collection.....\$24,154.00**

**Easter Flowers to Date.....\$ 860.00**

**Good Friday.....\$ 1,145.00**

**Thank You: Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**



This years 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.

This year our parish goal is **\$39,000**. We are off to a good start, with **108** donors pledging **\$32,705**. This years appeal will continue to support the many good works of the ministries throughout the Archdiocese. The gifts that God has give 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 you completed pledge envelope in the collection basket during Mass, and we will forward it to the Archdiocese.

**God bless you for your generosity!**

*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, Vivienne Knopp, Patricia Martin, Abigail Mayer, Flossie O'Sullivan, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleif, and Bryce Werner

**"A time to mourn"**

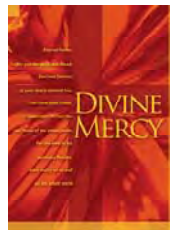
**Deceased of the Parish:** Francesca Calabro-Mother of Carmella Dell'Aquila

**"A time for war and a time for peace"**

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

**Amen.**

**Feast of Divine Mercy Exposition of the Eucharist**



This Sunday is the Feast of "Divine Mercy". This feast will be concluded by the exposition of the Eucharist on Sunday in the church starting at 2:30 pm, praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and finally the Benediction. All are invited to participate.

## EASTER FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF...

*Giovanna Altadonna*  
*Connie Aprea*  
*Barbara R. Badway*  
*Elizabeth & Michael Barry*  
*Angela Bernich*  
*Carole & Robert Blackton*  
*Doris Bossoit*  
*The Boyle Family*  
*Peter & John Brennan*  
*Frances Brown*  
*Olga C.*  
*Ellen Cameron*  
*Jose Campoamor*  
*The Carriero Family*  
*Mae Catherwood*  
*William Catherwood*  
*Louis Cattuna*  
*Lucille Cattuna*  
*Laura Christen*  
*Paul Communale, Jr.*  
*Rose Communale*  
*John Corcoran*  
*Richard Cummings*  
*Nancy & Edward Dalcero*  
*Sister Mary Daniel*  
*Joseph Dattoli*  
*Michael A. DeJoseph*  
*Michael A. DeJoseph, Jr.*  
*Rose & Michael DeJoseph*  
*Anna & Frank DeRosa*  
*Michael Flynn*  
*Salvatore Franco*  
*Anna Ganowski*  
*Edmond Gamowski*  
*Blanca Garcia*  
*Laura & Frank Gatto*  
*Charles & Mark Gatto*  
*Charles Geiger*  
*Consuelo Gonzalez*  
*Lena Graziano*  
*Nick Graziano*  
*Anna & Casey Grech*  
*Robert Hartmann*  
*Mary & John Hayduk*  
*Julia Hicks*  
*George Hicks*

*Margaret Hicks*  
*William Hicks*  
*Joseph Hils*  
*Janet & Kenneth Hourigan*  
*Eileen Jahn*  
*Maria Jek*  
*Alice & George Junior*  
*Alexander Keen*  
*Bridie Keenaghan*  
*Bern Kettler*  
*Ann Latrenta*  
*Butchy Latrenta*  
*Eugene Latrenta*  
*Gail Lavatelli*  
*John Lavelle*  
*Mary & John Lengel*  
*Marie & Carmine Lombardi*  
*Jose Lopes*  
*Florence & John Lyons, Sr.*  
*The Manganello Family*  
*Yousef Mashini*  
*Phil McGovern*  
*Paul Mercadante*  
*Margaret & Frank Meredith*  
*Jose Meririnho*  
*Lucilla Meririnho*  
*Anthony Merlino*  
*Genevieve Meserole*  
*Joseph Meserole*  
*Joseph Meserole, Jr.*  
*Mary & Ben Mikolajczyk*  
*Maria Milian*  
*Henry & Bernice Miller*  
*Helen & Walter Modrys*  
*Salvatore Munafò*  
*Francine Murphy*  
*Anthony Napolitano*  
*Peggy & Noel Neary*  
*Laura Neufeld*  
*The Nobile Family*  
*The Nodar Family*  
*Carol O'Brien*  
*Edmond O'Brien, Sr.*  
*Kevin O'Brien*  
*Molly Offer*

*Antoni Orlowski*  
*Edward Orlowski*  
*Katarzyna Orlowski*  
*Aniela Panek*  
*Marie & Joseph Panella*  
*Ann & Henry Petrowski*  
*Gaudenzia Piccini*  
*John Piccini*  
*Anthony Picinic*  
*Dinko Picinic*  
*Maria Picinic*  
*Joseph R. Pigot*  
*Michael Pisano*  
*Aileen Purcell*  
*Kevin Rew*  
*The Roddy Family*  
*Eleanor & Dominick Sammartino*  
*The Santos Family*  
*Alfred Santumo*  
*Rosalie & Alfred Santumo*  
*Paul Santumo*  
*Angie & Tom Saracino*  
*Ralph & Vincent Sawarese*  
*Irene Schweiger*  
*Rose & Joseph Scanapico*  
*Catherine Sciancalepore*  
*Jean & Fred Sciarra*  
*Anthony Siniscalchi*  
*Fred Simiec*  
*Mary Simiec*  
*Betty & Michael Smith*  
*Henry Sucorowski*  
*Josephine Sucrowski*  
*John Tarabocchia*  
*Elisa Torres*  
*Mary Tripaldi*  
*John Trombetta*  
*The Vetrano Family*  
*Angela & John Uram*  
*Joseph Welsh*  
*Josephine Welsh*  
*Rita & Harold Whitney*  
*James E. Whitney*  
*Edward Wolahan*  
*The Yanes Family*  
*Anna & Edward Zank*

# FAITH FORMATION



*To Our Lady Mother of the Church Parishioners  
Easter brings a great message from God for us! Life is renewed, God's love for each of us is personal, God's joy is ready to embrace and God shares His own life with us in the Eucharist. We wish you a very Happy Easter filled with the great promise that Easter brings with peace, joy and love. Alleluia!!*

## Calendar for April and May

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 &amp; 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
Sun, May 21	10:30 am Mass May Crowning Grade 2

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

This week's question: Which disciples were first to visit the tomb after Jesus was buried?

Prior week's answer: Judas betrayed Jesus on the day before the Last Supper. Congratulations to Mason Hennessey and Luke Kosoff for the past two weeks' correct answer! Everyone is welcome 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 on Wednesday or when you come to class. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**

## 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:** "As we all know, it is in the little things that joy is best seen and shared." *Holy Thursday April 13 2017.*

## REGISTER NOW for LIGHTING OUR FAITH & FAITH FORMATION 2017-18

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 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.

### 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 who 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). If you would like to register and need forms or you would like to volunteer, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) **Our programs are dependent on parent and parishioner volunteers.**



## St. John's Academy News!!!

Our 8th Grade students recently re-enacted immigration in the late 1800's through Ellis Island.



## Virtue in Practice

This month's Virtue in Practice is Justice. Our students are learning about Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Katharine Drexel and Saint Thomas More!

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## 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.



## 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.



## SAVE THE DATE!!

### Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 4, 2017

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 4, 2017 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). Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. We need lots of sponsors and volunteers to help! Please call Jerry Lubrano at (201) 819-4488 for volunteer assignments.



## 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!

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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**

## 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.