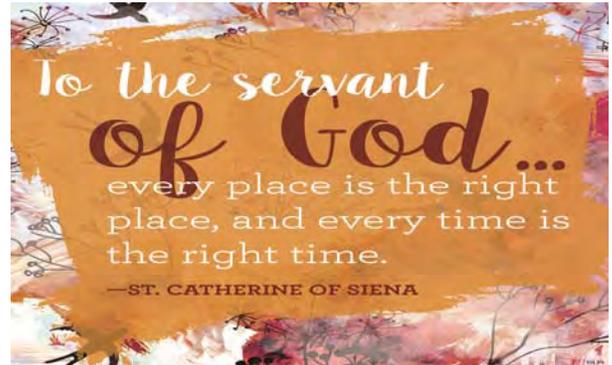


Our Lady Mother of the Church

209 Woodcliff Avenue ~ Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 ~ www.motherofthechurch.org



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 29, 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
Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Phone: 201-391-2826

Parish Email

info@motherofthechurch.org

Faith Formation Office

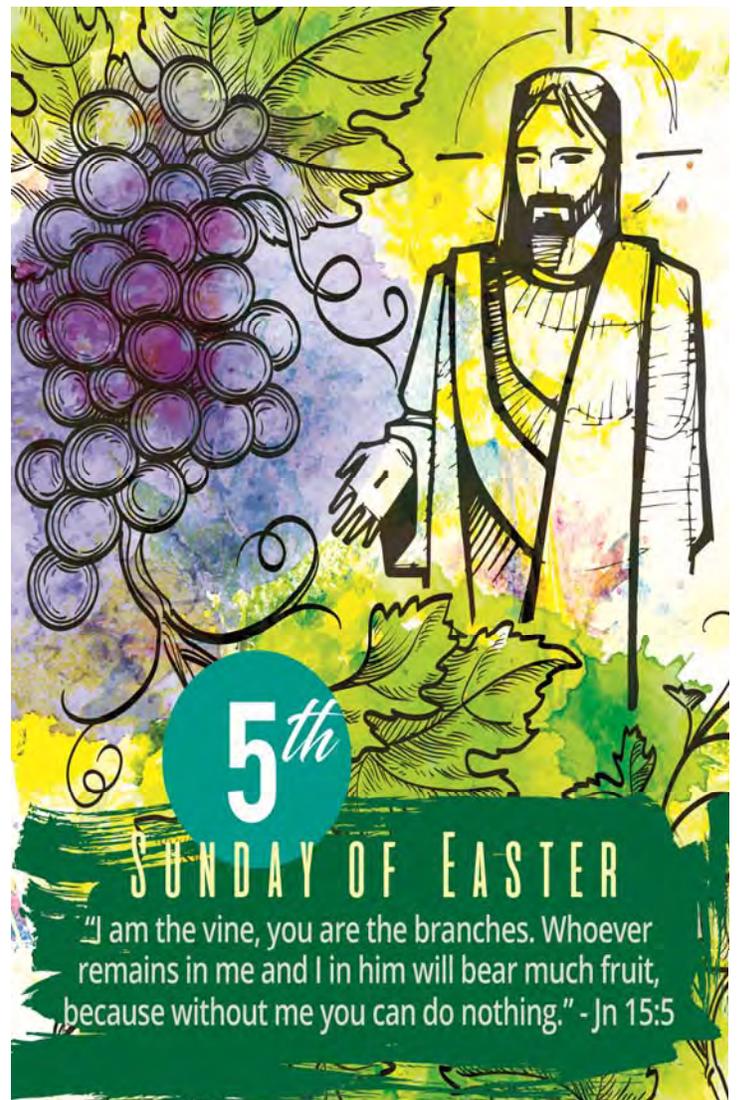
Phone: 201-391-7400
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
faithformationolmc@gmail.com

Toddlers Mass

Every First Saturday
at 4:00 pm

Reconciliation

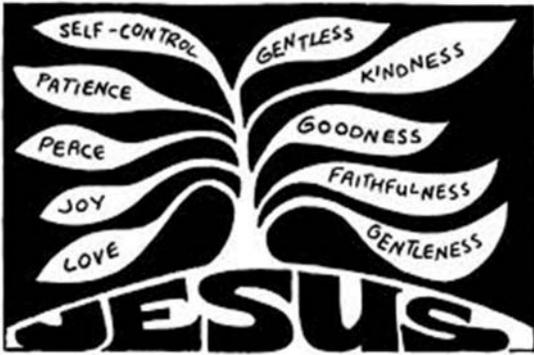
Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



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 vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.”

I remember hearing these words at a Protestant service when I was in college. I had been invited by a group of friends who were very active in their faith, from different Protestant denominations, Church of England, Evangelical Charismatic, Lutheran, Pentecostal...I was their project, they knew I was Catholic, and were eager for me to join their Christian Union – a college based Christian church. It was at one of their Sun-

day meetings that the Gospel of the Vine and the branches was proclaimed.

An Anglican priest then gave a sermon, but I was deaf to his words. I could only hear were the words of the Gospel that had just been read: “I am the Vine...Remain in me...”

I was not remaining in Him. The questions my fellow students had been asking me were ringing in my head:

Why do Catholics believe in the Virgin Mary?

Why do you believe in the Pope?

Do you really believe that the host is the actual Body of Christ?

Asked these questions, I felt inadequate to articulate why Catholics, let alone why I, believed these things. I began to doubt them myself. Here were a group of young people alive in their faith, with a vibrant community such as I had never experienced, and they did not believe any of these things. Could it be that they were right? Was the Catholic Church wrong? Could it be that my parents raised me in the faith of the Church, to believe certain things, but that in the end it does not matter what you believe?

God was speaking to my heart.

I admired my Protestant friends for their vibrant faith community, but I knew that for me to “Remain in him” meant for me to remain Catholic, even if I did not understand everything, even if I was unable to give a reason for my belief.

We will hear the Gospel of the Vine and the branches in Mass today.

May it speak to our hearts, and allow God to bear fruit in our lives.

Fr. Sean

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday

5:30 pm



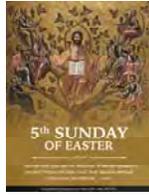
April 28

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort; St. Peter Chanel
Anna M. Burchess

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Adele Dattoli
William Michael Brown



Monday

8:30 am

April 30

St. Pius V
Virginia M. & James T. Horris

Tuesday

8:30 am

May 1

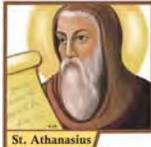
St. Joseph the Worker
Adele Dattoli

Wednesday

8:30 am

May 2

St. Athanasius
Eileen Catherwood



Thursday

8:30 am

May 3

Ss. Philip & James
People of the Parish



Friday

8:30 am

May 4

Eileen Catherwood



Saturday

12:00 pm

5:30 pm

May 5

Cinco de Mayo
First Eucharist



Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Adele Dattoli
Anthony Moschella

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,792.00

Mother’s Day to Date.....\$ 100.00

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



in memory of

Tana Quigley

Requested by Stella, Megan and Corey Capasso

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 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 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”

Deceased of the Parish: Giulio Scoccimarro
father of Dan Scoccimarro

“A time for war and a time for peace”

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

APRIL 29, 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 pledged donation total is **\$37,690** from **108** families which is **96%** 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!



Saint John's Academy News

All are invited to the
**11th Annual SJA
Fine Arts Festival
May 9 & 10**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm
Thursday, May 10, 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm**

Our Evening Art Gala will be held on Thursday, May 10 beginning at 5:00 pm. All SJA students will have artwork on display. Please join us! Hours d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

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.



Picnic

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

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's Guild End of Year Dinner

Our Lady's guild will be having our End of Year Dinner on Monday, May 7, 6:30 pm at Domani's Restaurant in Hillsdale. The cost is \$40 per person. We are looking forward to having you attend and have a sign-up poster in the lobby of the church. All are welcome!!!

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 14th.

Our New Executive Board is as Follows:

Mary Cummings	Co-President
Jean Fedison	Co-President
Carol Ruiz	Vice President
Marge Coyne	Vice President
Pat Keenaghan	Treasurer
Joyce Merlino	Secretary

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.



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!

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Calendar

April Prayer of the Month: Prayer of St. Francis

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

Wednesday May 2 will be First Holy Communion Rehearsal at 4 PM. Saturday May 5 will be First Holy Communion Liturgy is at 12 Noon, grade 2 arrives at 11:30 am. Sunday May 6 will be the May Crowning at the 10:30 Liturgy. Please pray for our First Communion Class preparing to receive Jesus for the first time.

Vacation Bible School, August 6-10. Register Now!!

Enroll in this fun filled program packed with games, activities, crafts, snacks, and role-plays titled **SHIP-WRECKED** 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.** Forms are available in the lobby. Registration forms due by July 20.

Travelling Prayer Cross

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! God bless the Rodriguez Family who hosted the Cross this 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.



Pope Francis Says: *“The Word of God is the lamp with which we look to the future: it allows us to read the sign of the times.”* April 23, 2018.

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

This week's question: *Which evangelist wrote the second Gospel, accompanied Peter and founded the church in Alesandria? (Hint his symbol is the winged lion).* Last week's answer: Saint Bernadette worked with the sick who lived in Lourdes. Our Blessed Mother appeared to her several times. 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 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**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Family Promise of Bergen County 50/50 Raffle is Here Again

Family Promise is the only organization in Bergen County dedicated to providing shelter and support to working families who become homeless. OLMC parishioners were very generous last year in supporting Family Promise by purchasing the \$100 raffle tickets. Although no OLMC parishioner won the top prize, one did win \$1000. Contact Family Promise at 201-833-8009 or www.bergenfamilypromise.org to purchase a ticket or Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269 to get a form.

OR

Participate in **HIKE OR BIKE**- to benefit homeless working families - **A GREAT FAMILY EXPERIENCE - SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018**. This is an opportunity for individuals, families, groups of friends to share a wonderful afternoon on a 3-mile hike (walk through Ridgewood) or bike OR a 15-mile bike. Check-in opens at noon at Van Neste Square in Ridgewood. Create your own fundraising page and share via email and social media. It's easy and fun. Reach out to your friends and family; email, talk to them in person, or give them a call. **Check out: tinyurl.com/hikebike2018**.

NOTE: For 2 weeks this summer, OLMC will again serve as the host congregation for working families who have become homeless. Information about opportunities to volunteer in this outreach will be provided at the Ministry Fair and in future bulletins.



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



Catholic Home Missions Second Collection This Weekend

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.



Nocturnal Adoration - May 4

You are invited to spend one hour each month in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament where the mind and heart more easily give themselves to communion with Christ. The Nocturnal Adoration Society meets each month on the First Friday evening in The Sacred Heart Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. The next adoration will start after the 8PM Mass at OLM on Friday, May 4, and continue through the night ending at 8:30AM on Saturday, May 5. All are welcome and encouraged to come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer directed to Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrament is meant to extend the grace of the sacrifice offered in the Mass and deepen the union that we enjoyed with him in Communion. Any questions please call (201) 661-0618.