

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 30, 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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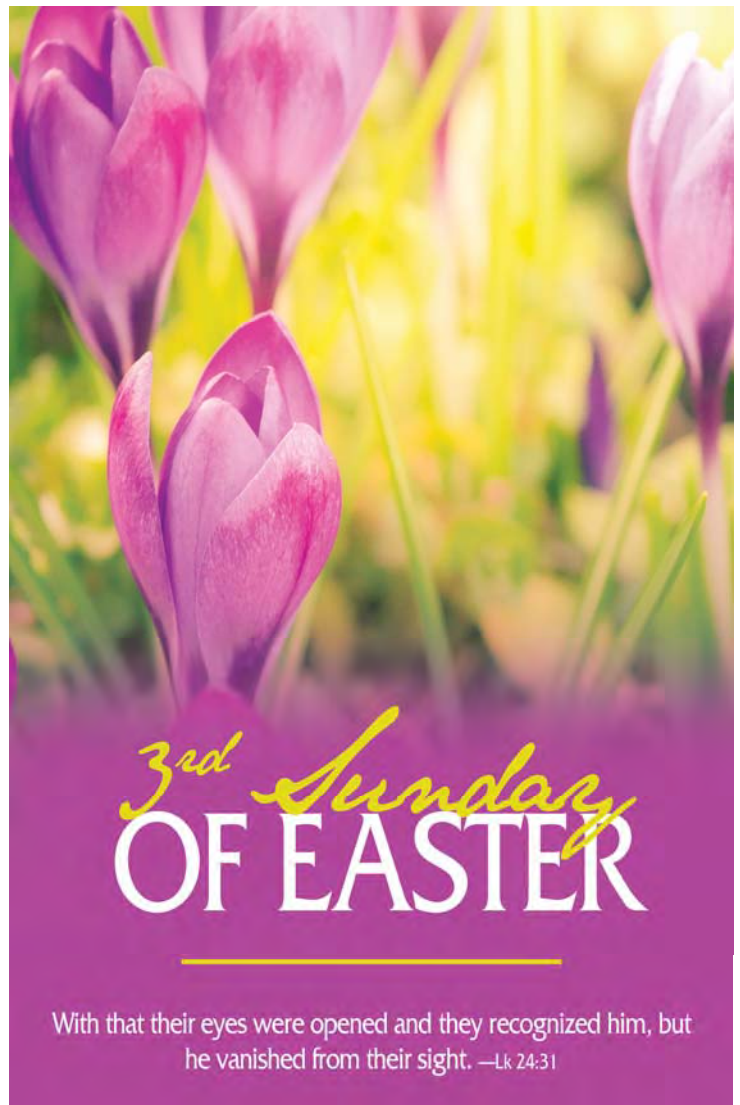
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. —Lk 24:31

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



‘And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us when he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?’ (Lk. 24: 30-32)

The disciples did not recognize the Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. They walked with him for seven whole miles, from Jerusalem to Emmaus, but failed to realize who he was. How is that possible?

They only recognize him at the breaking of the bread. The breaking of the bread is a clearer manifestation of his presence to them than they’re actually conversing with him in the flesh. Can you believe that?

The same will happen for us here at Mass this weekend. Jesus Christ walks with us along the journey of life, and converses with us every day, but most of the time we, like the disciples of Emmaus, can fail to recognize him. The celebration of the Mass, of the Eucharist, is the place where we can truly encounter him.

Jesus ‘took the bread.’ The verb ‘to take’ is significant in the Gospel. The bread was not ‘given’ to him, or ‘shared’ with him! He ‘took’ it. Just as, at the Last Supper, he ‘took’ the cup. The bread which he takes is that of the Paschal Seder, called the ‘Afikoman.’ This unleavened bread is broken by the head of the household at the beginning of the Seder, and one half of it is wrapped in a white napkin and hidden, buried. This hidden bread will then be brought back (to life) at the end of the meal, and consumed. The Afikoman represents the Paschal Lamb, the lamb which was slaughtered by each family in Egypt, and whose blood was placed on the door posts of their house, making the Angel of Death ‘Passover’ them, saving them from destruction.

For us, this bread is no longer a representation of the Paschal lamb, it is Christ himself. “He took the bread, broke it, gave it to his disciples saying, “Take this all of you and eat it, this is my body which will be given up for you.” Jesus takes upon himself the sins of the world. Jesus is the lamb who was slaughtered, buried, and then brought back to life on the third day. When we eat this bread, we partake of the death of Jesus, so that his Resurrection may also be experienced by us.

The disciples on the road to Emmaus experienced this Paschal Mystery, the presence of Christ. We too will experience it in our liturgy today.

Happy Easter, Fr. Sean

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

5:30 pm



April 29

St. Catherine of Siena
Dominic Santucci

Sunday

8:30 am



April 30

Third Sunday of Easter

Kevin O'Brien
Bianca & Nicholas Carretta

Monday

8:30 am

May 1

St. Joseph the Worker
Joseph Kearney

Tuesday

8:30 am



May 2

St. Athanasius
Nancy Reglesky

Wednesday

8:30 am

May 3

Ss. Philip and James
People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am

May 4

National Day of Prayer
Rosemary Lukac

Friday

8:30 am



May 5

Mary Mertz

Saturday

11:00 am

May 6

First Eucharist

5:30 pm

Kurt Shultz

Sunday

8:30 am



May 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day
of Prayer for Vocations

8:30 am

Kevin O'Brien

10:30 am

Fabian Iza

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,520.00
Restoration Fund.....\$ 25.00

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.

This year our parish goal is **\$39,000**. We are off to a good start, with **115** donors pledging **\$34,065**. 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!

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"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.



Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!!

Parish Picnic
Sunday, June 4, 2017
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

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.



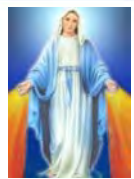
Volunteers Will be Needed

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.



With heartfelt gratitude, I thank all of you for your generous Easter Offerings to our parish. Our tithing is an expression of our gratitude to God for all he has given to us. To date we have received \$25,000 for the Easter collection, which is an extraordinary manifestation of support for our parish. These monies will be used for the upkeep and maintenance of our facility.

Thank you, Fr. Sean



Our Lady's Guild End of Year Dinner

Our annual end of year dinner will be held on Monday, June 6th at Bellissimo Restaurant in Montvale starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be \$40. Please sign up on the poster in the church lobby. All are welcome!



St. John's Academy News!!!

2017-2018 Registration

2017-2018 Registration is open for all classes! Children who will reach the age of 3 1/2 by January 31, 2018 or the age of 4 by October 1, 2017 are invited to register for St. John's Pre-K program. For additional information or to schedule a tour please contact Mrs. Viola at (201) 664-6364 or eviola@sjahillsdale.org

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

Michael Pisano

Requested by Barbara Pisano



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

7:30 pm

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Park Ridge, NJ**

Cardinal Joseph Tobin will celebrate Mass with the six parishes of the Pascack Valley Deanery. Plan to be there early, for there will no doubt be an overflow crowd. The Cardinal will remain after Mass for a light reception.

All are welcome!



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 your 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 weekend's 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

FAITH FORMATION



To Our Lady Mother of the Church Parishioners
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.

Calendar for April and May

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
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: What does the term "Real Presence" mean? Prior week's answer: The disciples were Mary Magdalene and the holy women who came to finish anointing the body of Jesus were first to visit the tomb after Jesus was risen. buried 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 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.

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 1st grade or you are new to the program, please e-mail 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 Registration closes May 10.



Pope Francis Says: "What a joy it is for me to announce this message: Christ is risen! I would like it to go out to every house and family, especially where the suffering is greatest, in hospitals and prisons. Most of all I would like it to enter every heart, for it is there that God wants to sow this Good News! Jesus is risen! There is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil. Love has triumphed, mercy has been victorious! The mercy of God always triumphs!" *Easter Sunday April 16 2017.*

SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

Our remaining schedule for 2017: June 3rd, September 2nd (Eva's Kitchen) and Dec 2nd. Please note Sept. 2 is Labor Day weekend, if you know you can help please contact Deacon Stan for casseroles stanfedison@aol.com or Pat Keenaghan patkeenaghan@yahoo.com to help cook, bake or serve. Thank you for your support! "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

RESPITE CARE

Our parishioners would like to assist one another. Are you a caretaker or someone who needs a hand? 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 if you would like to respite care or would like to help. All requests will be kept confidential.

