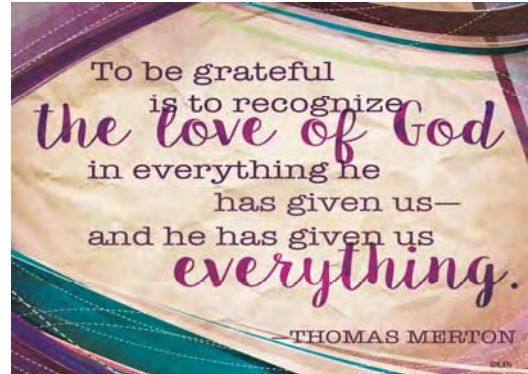


# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 6, 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](mailto: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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)

### Toddlers Mass

Every First Saturday  
at 4:00 pm

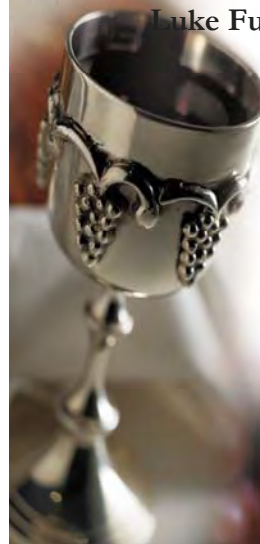
### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to  
5:00 pm

## Congratulations on your First COMMUNION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Matthew Alvarez	Alexander Gaskin
Gabriella Balducci	Christopher Glaser
Julian Bertino	James Iseman
Molloy Burke	Olivia Juliano
Roberto Caraballo	Haley Marson
Michael Casale	Jaelyn Meehan
Gianna Colavecchio	Nicholas Paterno
Jackson Cummins	Michael Redard
Kathleen Eckes	Morgan Rodriguez
Gavin Franklin	Gabrielle Ruocco
Luke Funke	Nicholas Vercelli
	Carlos Zamora



**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 have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you."*

The love of Christ is selfless. It is a love that does not ask anything in return. It is a love to the point of death.

People can, and even do, risk their lives for a noble cause. Firefighters do so when they run into a burning building. Police too, every time they strap on their bullet proof vest and step outside the door to begin a shift. A parent at the beach will give their life to save a drowning son or daughter. A teacher will shield students from an intruder.

The Firefighter, the Cop, the parent, the teacher, is willing to give their life to save another.

We are the ones in the burning building. We are the ones in harms' way. We are those who are drowning.

Yet instead of embracing our rescuer, swimming towards help, running from danger, we have done the opposite. Not only have we fled from the one sent to help us, but we have thrown him in the fire, we have dragged him under the waves, we have pushed him in front of the bullets.

"You Crucified the Holy One, the Righteous One." Says St. Peter.

The proof that God loves us is that Christ gave his life for us not when we were good, but when we were evil. He loves us when we do not deserve it.

This Love is the Truth. Jesus calls this 'Love towards the enemy'. Have we been enemies of Christ? The answer, if we are sincere, is 'yes.'

Yet, instead of being our condemnation, this truth can become our salvation. There is nothing, says St. Paul, which can separate us from the Love of Christ. This is a great Good News for us. No matter what we have done, what sin we have committed, there always a means for us to encounter this Love.

Will you experience it at Mass today?

Fr. Sean

# MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

## Saturday

5:30 pm

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

## Monday

8:30 am

## Tuesday

8:30 am

## Wednesday

8:30 am

7:30 pm

## Thursday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

## Friday

8:30 am

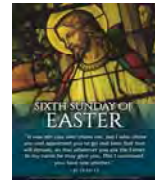
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## May 5

*Cinco de Mayo*

Michael Nane

## May 6

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Adele Dattoli

Anthony Moschella

## May 7

Eileen Catherwood

## May 8

Carmela Bussanich

## May 9

Eileen Catherwood

William & Phyllis Maloney

## May 10

*The Ascension of the Lord;*

*St. Damien de Veuster*

Margaret Reynolds

Anna Rose Featherstone

## May 11

George & Peter Lutz

## May 12

*Ss. Nereus & Achilleus; St. Pancras*

Anthony Moschella

## May 13

*Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mother's*

*Day; World Communication Day*

All Mothers

All Mothers

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:12-13)*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

Receipts From Last Week.....\$4,950.00

Catholic Home Missions.....\$1,744.00

Mother's Day to Date.....\$ 920.00

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



On Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day weekend, we are asking you to help us provide the items and supplies that the women and children need who are served by New Hope Inc. in Westwood, N.J., the women who reside at Mother Teresa's Missionary Sisters of Charity facility in Newark, N.J. and the families who will be our Family Promise guests in June and August. The items and supplies needed, which will be shared with all 3 groups, are shown on the enclosed flyer. Thank 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:** 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 Randażo, Ron Ruiz, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokía, 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.*

## 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!

**MAY 6, 2018**

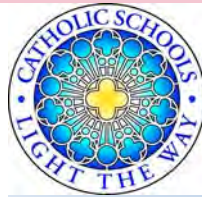


**Thank you: Sharing God's Blessings, Annual Appeal**

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 **\$38,640** from **111** families which is **99%** 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, June 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Our New Executive Board is as Follows:**

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|---------------|----------------|
| 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



*Thank you to all our parishioners who joined in prayer for our First Eucharist Class!*

### To Our Lady Mother of the Church Parishioners

Would you like to be a catechist, recreation aide, art coordinator, music assistant or babysitter? **WE NEED YOU for Lighting Our Faith June 25- 30 and July 2,3,5 and 6!** 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.

### Faith Formation Calendar

Sat, May 6	10:30 am Liturgy will include May Crowning by Grade 2
Wed, May 9	3:45 pm-5:00 pm Closing Liturgy and Celebration. All welcome!
<b>All Registration Forms Due May 9!</b>	
Wed, May 30	4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Catechist and Staff Meeting; 7:00 pm LOF Parent Orientation Meeting-all required!
Mon, June 25 to Fri, July 6	7:55 am to 12:35 pm Lighting Our Faith Religious Education Summer Program-No Class 7/4

### 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).** Forms are available in the lobby. Registration forms due by July 20.



**Pope Francis Says:** “Today, at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love, as we recite the Rosary, we pray especially for peace in Syria and throughout the world. I invite you to pray the Rosary for peace during the entire month of May.”  
May 1, 2018.

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

This week’s question: *Who is the month of May dedicated to through prayer, devotions and recitation of the Rosary? Which evangelist wrote the second Gospel, accompanied Peter and founded the church in Alexandria? (Hint his symbol is the winged lion).* Last week’s answer: Mark is the evangelist who wrote the second Gospel. Congratulations to Sebastian Rodriguez and Haley Marson who answered correctly the past two weeks. 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)**

# SIXTH 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](http://www.bergenfamilypromise.org) to purchase a ticket or Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269 to get a form.



## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our children who received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time at First Communion Mass this Saturday morning. We pray that they will find their true food at the table of the Lord. Thank you to all the catechists who have helped them prepare for this grace.



## Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in April. It is time again for our May 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



## Ministry Fair

Thank you to all who signed up at the Ministry Fair last weekend. You will be contacted soon with a follow-up for training and orientation. There is still time for you to be involved in the ministries of the parish if you have not yet done so. There are brochures and response cards in the lobby of the church.



## Confirmation

The Mass of Confirmation will be Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Rehearsal will be Wed 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Retreat for the Confirmation Class will be Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 6:30pm. Please pray for our Confirmation Class as they enter the final stages of preparation to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.



Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. And fifty percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

