

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 7, 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  
 Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm  
**Phone:** 201-391-2826  
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### Parish Email

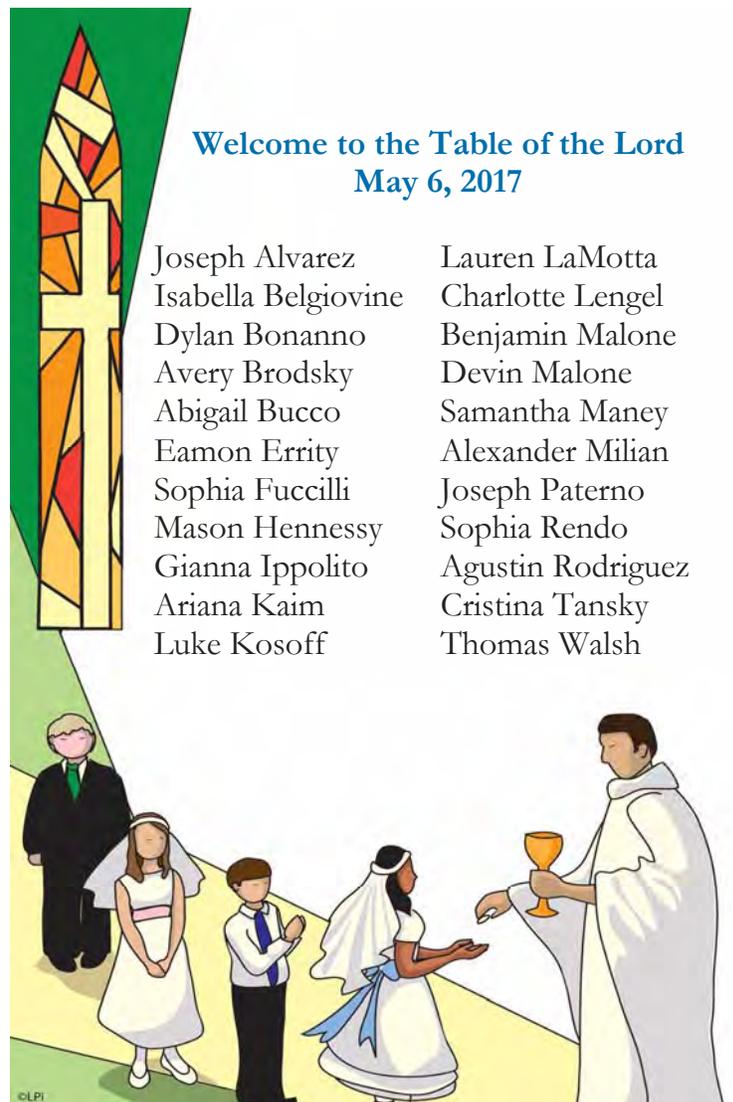
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 Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
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## Welcome to the Table of the Lord May 6, 2017

Joseph Alvarez	Lauren LaMotta
Isabella Belgiovine	Charlotte Lengel
Dylan Bonanno	Benjamin Malone
Avery Brodsky	Devin Malone
Abigail Bucco	Samantha Maney
Eamon Errity	Alexander Milian
Sophia Fuccilli	Joseph Paterno
Mason Hennessy	Sophia Rendo
Gianna Ippolito	Agustin Rodriguez
Ariana Kaim	Cristina Tansky
Luke Kosoff	Thomas Walsh



**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



“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.”

Where I come from, in South Wales, there are sheep dotted all over the hillsides. But growing up in the city, I was unfamiliar with the practices of shepherding, and what it entailed to be a shepherd.

It was not until I went on a hiking trip to the island of Corsica that I learned what Jesus meant when he said ‘I am the gate for the sheep.’ In the mountains of Corsica there are sheep pens, formed of large circles of dry stone walls, with openings for the sheep to go in and out, but no door. A local hiker explained that the shepherd herds the sheep into the pen at night, and then lays across the opening, to prevent any animal from getting in to attack the flock. The sheep can only go in and out through the shepherd, who is the door!

We, as the church, are the flock of Christ. We can either enter the sheepfold through the gate, or climb over elsewhere.

Think about it, everyday, in every conversation we have, in every interaction with others, in every decision or choice we make, we either enter through Christ or climb over some other way.

Those who ‘climb over some other way’ think they know best, they take matters into their own hands, they cannot be bothered, and they look for the easy way out. It is, in other words, the way of pride and arrogance.

To enter through the gate, however, is the path of the meek, the obedient, those who allow themselves to be led by the shepherd.

Psalm 121 says “The Lord is your guardian, he neither sleeps nor slumbers, ...by day the sun will not smite you, nor the moon by night, he guards you from all harm, he guards your life.” These words are experienced as reality for those who enter through Christ, the shepherd and the door.

Which way will you choose today?

Fr. Sean

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Saturday

12:00 am

5:30 pm

## Sunday



## May 6

First Eucharist

Kurt Shultz

## May 7

Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Kevin O'Brien

Fabian Izsa

## May 8

George Spohn

## May 9

People of the Parish

## May 10

St. Damien

Rosemary Lukac

## May 11

George and Peter Lutz

## May 12

Ss. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras

Rosemary Lukac

## May 13

Our Lady of Fatima

Valerie Kalberer

## May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

All Mothers

All Mothers

## Thursday

8:30 am

## Friday

8:30 am

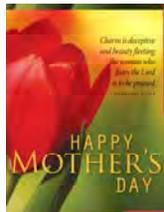
## Saturday

5:30 pm

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" (Acts 2:38)*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the road.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,342.00

Mother's Day to Date.....\$ 898.00

## 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 **121** donors pledging **\$35,690** which is **93%** of our goal. 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, Bill Weir, 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.



## 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 ask that families bring one dessert please. We need lots of sponsors and volunteers to help! Please call Jerry Lubrano at (201) 819-4488 for volunteer assignments.

**MAY 7, 2017**



**Sign Up to Volunteer Week-end of May 20/21**

During the weeks of July 30-Aug. 13th and Sept. 10 - 17th families in need of temporary housing (maximum of 14 people including children) will be staying in McCarthy Center as their evening/ night time "home". Members from our support congregations will provide assistance for 14 of those 21 evenings but OLMC volunteers will be needed to set up the "living areas", inflatable beds and dividers in McCarthy Center on Sunday, July 30 and Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, store the tables, chairs, etc. and to assist in carrying supplies to the Family Promise van on Sunday Aug. 13th and Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, donate specific items e.g. fresh fruit, water bottles, snack items for lunch bags, containers for left-overs, etc., and on July 30-31 Aug. 3,4,5,6, and Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> provide, prepare and serve dinner, stay overnight (2 people are needed each night, comfortable inflatable beds will be provided and you do not need to stay awake all night), spend time in the evenings with the children (great opportunity for families to share this outreach). For additional information check out the green flyers in the rack in the church foyer or contact: Pat Hourigan (201) 391-9269, Adrienne Mellana (201) 391-1574 or Geraldine Brennan (201) 802-2005.



**Our Lady's Guild End of Year Dinner**

Our annual end of year dinner will be held on Tuesday, 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!!!  
Fine Arts Festival ~ May 10-11, 2017  
Wed., May 10 ~ 2:15 pm-3:00 pm  
Thurs., May 11 ~ 2:15 pm-3:00 pm**

All are invited to the 10th Annual SJA Fine Arts Festival. Our evening Art Gala will be on Thursday, May 11 beginning at 5:00 pm. The school band and chorus will perform at 6:30 pm. All SJA students will have artwork displayed. Please join us! Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.



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 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**

# 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) Our programs are dependent on parent and parishioner volunteers.

### Calendar for May and June

Wed, May 10	Closing Mass and Celebration Grades 1-6
Sun, May 21	10:30 am Mass May Crowning Grade 2
Wed, June 7	7:30 pm LOF Parent Orientation <b>Mandatory Meeting</b>
Wed, June 14	7:30 pm LOF Catechist Orientation
Mon-Fri	
June 26-30	7:55 am-12:35 pm Lighting Our Faith Grades 3-6

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

This week's question: What apparition of the Blessed Mother is celebrating 100 years this week? Prior week's answer: The term "Real Presence" is that we believe Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. 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.

## 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.



**Pope Francis Says:** "The disciples recognized Jesus in the "breaking of the bread", in the Eucharist. Unless we tear apart the veil clouding our vision and shatter the hardness of our hearts and our prejudices, we will never be able to recognize the face of God." Homily April 29 2017.

### Welcome New Parishioners

**Do you regularly attend Mass at Our Lady of Mother of the Church but have never gotten around to formally registering?** It's easy! Just take a card from the lobby, fill it out and mail or come in and see Judi in the parish office. Registration is our only means of certifying anyone for sponsorship Letters for the sacraments. Thank you!



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. Fifty percent of funds collected remains 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).

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [pat-keenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto:pat-keenaghan@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](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com) if you would like to respite care or would like to help. All requests will be kept confidential.

### Sister Frances Memorial Parish Library is OPEN!

Please feel free to browse, sign out and borrow Books or DVD's (in the lower cabinet). Kindly return items when you are finished with the materials in the basket on the bottom shelf. If you would like to add to the Sister Frances Schier Library you are welcome to donate new or almost new books or a monetary offering, please use the forms in the lobby. We are interested in expanding our children, tween and teen collection. Thank you for your generous heart!

### Eighth Annual Mother's Day Collection

Once again we have the opportunity to celebrate and honor mothers in a special unique way! On Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day weekend, we are asking you to help us provide items and supplies that the women and children need who are served by New Hope, Inc. Westwood, Mother Teresa's Newark and Family Promise Bergen County. Please check flyer in bulletin for more information. Please help us to respond to this appeal. You can drop off donated items at all Masses next weekend. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We wish all mothers a very happy, blessed and grace-filled Mother's Day!

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*If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?*

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Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called, or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to your pastor, or a priest you know and trust. Your diocese may have a vocation director who can provide you with guidance and information. The Serra Club is also a great resource for information and contacts to help you discern if indeed God is calling you.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, he will provide the grace, direction and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind and soul.

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