

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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Sacrament of Confirmation, May 17, 2018, 6:30 pm

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 13, 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  
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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



**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



“Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed.....”

I once spent a few days retreat in a Benedictine Monastery, accompanied by a friend of mine, David, a married father of eight children from the Bronx. David had never been to a monastery before. When meal time came we entered the refectory in silence with the monks, and then sat down with them at a long table. A prayer was said, and David, lifting up his eyes and seeing all the food on the table, reached out to take a piece of bread. Quick as a flash the little old monk sat next to him smacked him on the back of his hand. We were both startled. The monk smiled and then leaned over and whispered: ‘here you do not serve yourself, but others.’

We then observed that none of the monks helped themselves. They looked to see what others needed, and then passed food to them. In this way, each person at table was served by someone else. In this way everyone ate.

The Fathers of the church said we should lift up our eyes for two reasons: to help others, or to ask for help ourselves. Jesus often ‘lifts up his eyes’. When speaking to his disciples for example, he never looks down at them, but in lifting up his eyes upon them has the attitude of one who considers others superior to himself.

Someone who knew this secret was Cardinal Rafael Merry Del Val. Born of Spanish parents, diplomats, while they were stationed overseas in London, he became a priest, bishop and then Cardinal. The ‘Merry’ in his surname comes from a line of Irish merchants from County Waterford, Ireland, who settled in Seville, Spain in the eighteenth century. Cardinal Merry Del Val wrote what has come to be known as the Litany of Humility, a prayer he used to say every day after Mass:

*O Jesus meek and humble of heart, Hear me.  
From the desire of being esteemed, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the desire of being loved, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the desire of being extolled, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the desire of being honored, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the desire of being praised, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the desire of being preferred to others, Deliver me Jesus.  
From the desire of being consulted, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the desire of being approved, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being humiliated, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being despised, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of suffering rebukes, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being calumniated, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being forgotten, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being ridiculed, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being wronged, Deliver me, Jesus.  
From the fear of being suspected, Deliver me, Jesus.*

*That others may be loved more than I, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
That others may be esteemed more than I, Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.  
That in the opinion of the world, others may increase, and I may decrease,  
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
That others may be chosen and I set aside, Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.  
That others may be praised and I unnoticed, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
That others may be preferred to me in everything, Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.  
That others may become holier than I, provided that I become as holy as I should,  
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.*

When we lift up our eyes today, may it be to look up to the Lord, or to seek to help others.

Fr. Sean

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

## Saturday

5:30 pm

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

## Monday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

## Tuesday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

## Wednesday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

## Thursday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

## Friday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

## Saturday

5:30 pm

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



## May 12

*Ss. Nereus & Achilles; St. Pancras*  
Anthony Moschella

## May 13

*Seventh Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Communication Day*

All Mothers

All Mothers

## May 14

*St. Matthias*  
People of the Parish

## May 15

*St. Isadore*  
Richard Millus

## May 16

John P. Avallone

## May 17

Maria Czuchta

## May 18

*St. John I*  
Leonard Reynolds

## May 19

*Armed Forces Day*  
Melissa Latrenta

## May 20

*Pentecost Sunday*  
Ann Witte  
Paul DeLiberto



*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 Randaazzo, Ron Ruiz, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokia, 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.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he is God." (1 John 4:15)*

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pry for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,984.00**

**Mother's Day to Date.....\$1,648.00**

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of May 13, 2018 to May 19, 2018 for



**Penso Rosa Dionicio Mercedes**

Requested by the Diaz Family

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



Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

## 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 13, 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**. 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

### Class of 2018

Following are the high schools that our graduates will be attending in the Fall.

May God be with them as they begin this next chapter in their lives!. Academy of Holy Angels-9, Albertus Magnus -2, Bergen Catholic-6, Don Bosco Prep-11, Immaculate Heart Academy-3, Mary Help of Christians-1, Northern Highlands-3, Paramus Catholic-2, Paramus High School-1, Pascack Valley-4, Saint Joseph Regional-3, Westwood-2.

### Walk-A-Thon

SJA Students will be participating in their annual Walk-A-Thon for Technology on Thursday, May 17, 2018!

### 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.



**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, June 3, 2018**  
**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 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!

### Free Concert

Please join us for a free concert at the Pearl River Library featuring Lucia Wehr on Sunday May 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm at 80 Franklin Avenue, Pearl River, NY

### Soup Kitchen

Servers, bakers and casserole makers. Your assistance to feed the hungry will be needed for Saturday for June 2nd at St. John's Newark. **Signups will be next weekend.** Future dates are Sept. 29th (Eva's Kitchen) and Dec 2nd. Please contact Deacon Stan for casseroles [stanfedison@aol.com](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto:patkeenaghan@yahoo.com) to help bake or serve. *"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

### Our Lady's Guild Happenings

**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.



Thank you to all those who came out and supported the Ministry Fair as ministers, renewing your commitment or beginning a ministry.

The Contact Person for your ministry will be contacting you soon to give you additional information. If you would like to sign up, please see the pamphlets and Response sheet. You are invited to look through the booklets describing the ministry areas and reach out to the "Contact Person" for details. *"Christ has no body now on earth but ours."* - **Teresa of Avila**

# FAITH FORMATION



*May God bless all the mothers  
in Our Lady Mother of the Church parish  
with peace, joy and love  
today and always for all they do.  
Happy Mother's Day!*

**WE NEED YOU for Lighting Our Faith June 25- 30 and July 2,3,5 and 6! Would you like to be a catechist, recreation aide, music assistant or babysitter?** Please consider this exciting opportunity to share your 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), Orientation meeting will be May 30 at 4 PM. **Our programs are dependent on parents and parishioner volunteers.**

## **Faith Formation Calendar**

### **All Registration Forms Are Due**

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
Mon, Aug 6 to Fri, Aug 10	9:30 am to 12:30 pm SHIPWRECKED-Vacation Bible School

## **Vacation Bible School Aug. 6–Aug. 10! Plan for summer fun now!**

Enroll in this fun-filled program packed with games, activities, crafts, snacks, and role-plays titled **SHIPWRECKED** complete with treasure maps and splash parties! We will spend one-week journeying with their peers from 9:30 – 12:30. Invite your friends to come too! To REGISTER or VOLUNTEER, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) Forms are available in the lobby. Registration form is due by July 20.



**Pope Francis Says:** “Convert our hearts, Lord, so that love may spread here on earth.” May 7, 2018.

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

This week's question: *What feast celebrates Jesus return to the Father?* Last week's answer: The month of May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary, through prayer, devotions and recitation of the Rosary Congratulations to Sebastian Rodrigues 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).** All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.

Registration for Faith Formation 2018-19 is now open. LOF 2018 uses the same Registration form, please indicate Faith Formation or LOF.

**New! Kindergarten Program:** We would like to add Kindergarten Faith Formation on Wednesday afternoons provided we have enough interest and a volunteer teacher. If you have a child entering Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> grade or you are new to the parish, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to request forms. Please submit a Baptismal certificate with the Registration form. **Lighting Our Faith /LOF is a two-week religious education summer program 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 session and 4 required events from 8 choices during the academic year. **Dates are June 25 – July 7 without absences,** (no class July 4). **Registration forms are due.** If you plan to register or volunteer, please e-mail [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com)

## **Travelling Prayer Cross**

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).

## **Travelling Chalice – Pray for Vocations!**

We encourage all to pray for vocations. Fr. Sean has donated a chalice to take home to pray for Vocations this week. Please use this opportunity to foster family prayer and pray for vocations. You are welcome to reserve hosting the chalice for your family by e-mail: [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Family Promise of Bergen County

OLMC will be hosting families in need of temporary housing during the weeks of June 10 - June 17 and Aug. 26 - Sept 2. There will be an opportunity to sign up to share in this outreach ministry after each of the Masses on May 19/20. We do share responsibilities with three other congregations so there are just 4 evenings when we will be specifically responsible for A.) providing dinner, B.) staying overnight (2 people each night) and C.) sharing activities with the children.

Those evenings are:

**Sunday, August 26, Monday August 27, Friday, August 31, Saturday Sept. 1.**

### Other areas where assistance is needed:

- Setting up the "living room" and sleeping areas in McCarthy Center and the "Play/ Activity" room in one of the classrooms on June 10 and Aug. 26
- Returning furniture to the stage, returning tables and chairs to storage, etc. on June 17 and Sept. 2
- Donating specific items to be used for lunches, snacks, fresh fruit and bottles of water.
- Being available as a potential backup to stay overnight when other congregations have been unable to get a volunteer. Possibly during the week in June.

50/50 raffle tickets (\$100 each) will also be available for purchase on that date. One of our parishioners won \$1000 last year. Contact: Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269, Adrienne Mellana 201-391-1574, Geraldine Brennan 201-370-7908 with any questions.

### Special Noon Mass

A Special Mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 12:00 pm. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information please call (201) 768-7565.



### 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 this weekend. **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



### Confirmation

The Mass of Confirmation will be Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please pray for our Confirmation Class as they enter the final stages of preparation to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

### Sister Frances Schier Library

Thank you to Catherine Salleroli and the Elves who assembled the new bookcase to accommodate our growing collection! Thinking spring and reading a book on the porch with gentle breezes? Take some time for spiritual reading and borrow a book from the Sister Frances Memorial Library. Come, browse and sign out a book at your convenience. Please return all borrowed books when finished. Thank you! As our collection has grown, we need another bookcase assembled. If able to assemble please contact parish office. Thank you