

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 14, 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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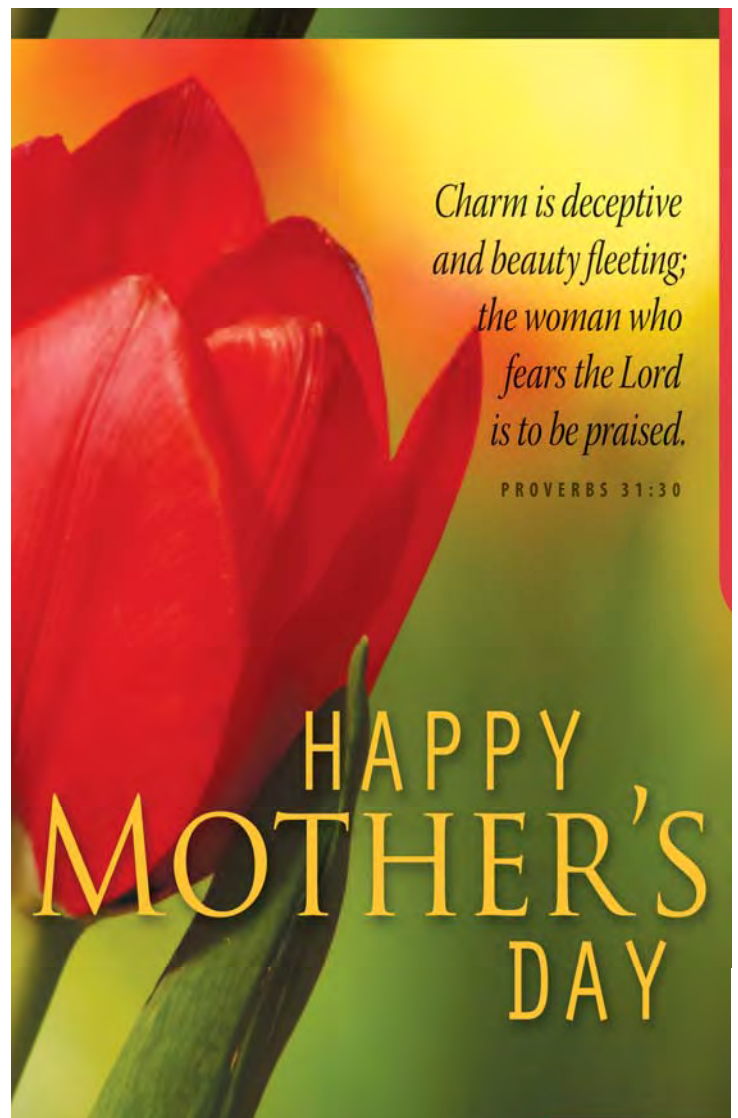
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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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



Master, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Pope Saint John Paul II lost his mother when he was a small child. In his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy) he reflected on the maternal aspect of the love of God.

He spoke of the two ways in which God’s love is expressed in the Old Testament, where the Hebrew Scriptures use the words ‘Hesed’ and ‘Rahamin’. Hesed is masculine, and means a profound attitude of goodness, and a willingness to love no matter what. But this love is lacking without ‘Rahamin’, which is feminine, and literally means ‘the womb of love and mercy’.

The love of God the Father cannot be fully understood or experienced without speaking of a maternal love. Rahamin is a love that is completely gratuitous, not merited, and is expressed in the deep and original bond that links a mother to her child. Rahamin generates a whole range of feelings, says Saint John Paul II, including goodness and tenderness, patience and understanding, that is, readiness to forgive.

The Old Testament attributes to the Lord precisely these characteristics when it uses the term ‘Rahamin’ in speaking of Him. This love, faithful and invincible thanks to the mysterious power of motherhood is expressed in the Old Testament in various ways as salvation from danger, especially from enemies, also the forgiveness of sins.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we honor our moms for all that they have done, and do, for us. Our mothers are an expression of the love of God. We have known the ‘womb of God’s love and mercy’ thanks to our mothers!

Motherhood is measured in minutes, hours, days, years, and a lifetime of self sacrifice and giving. Moms do all this because they love. It is their nature to love. They do not love because they try to, or have to, they love because that is who they are.

Ask any of the Moms here today what are the State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families Guidelines. They would not know.

Ask your mom to quote New Jersey Statute, Title 9, relating to Children and Domestic Care. I bet she hasn’t got a clue.

Ask her to name the Federal Child Welfare laws. She would not be able to do it.

Our moms don’t need to know these rules, statutes, laws and commandments. Without knowing them they fulfill them, because they love.

St. Augustine said that we are exhorted, not to keep the commandments, but to love:

“That we may come to love God. Could we love him, unless he first loved us? Though we were slow to love, let us not be slow to love in return. He loved us first....Love, and do as you will.” (St. Augustine, Sermons #110)

As we honor our mothers today, we consider, and are grateful for, the countless ways they have shown us the maternal love of God.

Happy Mothers Day!

Fr. Sean

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

5:30 pm



May 13

Our Lady of Fatima
Valerie Kalberer

Sunday

8:30 am



May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day

10:30 am

All Mothers

Monday

8:30 am

May 15

St. Isidore
Ruth O'Shea

Tuesday

8:30 am

May 16

Joan Sackermann

Wednesday

8:30 am



May 17

Gaudenzia Piccini

6:30 pm

Confirmation

Thursday

8:30 am

May 18

St. John I
Leonard Reynolds

Friday

8:30 am

May 19

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

Saturday

5:30 pm



May 20

St. Bernardine of Siena
Barbara J. Malone

Sunday

8:30 am

May 21

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:30 am

Anne Witte
Monica Kean

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 Peter 2:7)

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,398.00
Mother's Day to Date.....\$1,133.00



This Wednesday May 17th at 6:30pm Bishop Manuel Cruz will preside the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate our Candidates and their parents, and join in prayer for them. May our young men and women experience an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as they grow in their faith. All are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 4, 2017

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 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 are 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.



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

OLMC will host families in need of temporary housing during the weeks of **July 30-Aug. 13th AND Sept. 10-17. MAY 20-21 SIGN-UP WEEKEND TO VOLUNTEER.** For information about specific dates and responsibilities see the green flyer in the rack in the foyer or call Pat Hourigan 201-391-9269, Adrienne Mellana (201) 391-1574, or Geraldine Brennen (201) 370-7908 for additional information.



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 you formal invitation in the mail some-time 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 is greatly appreciated!



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!!! Class of 2017

These are all the high schools that our graduates will be attending in the Fall. May God be with them all as they begin this next chapter in their lives! AHA-9, Bergen Cath-11, Don Bosco-2, IHA-8, Mary Help-1, Northern Highlands-4, Northern Valley-2, Paramus Cath-1, PV-1, Westwood-4.

Walkathon

SJA Students will be participating in their annual Walk-A-Thon for Technology on Friday, May 19, 2017.

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 May and June

Wed, May 17	6:30 pm	Celebration of Confirmation
Sun, May 21	10:30 am	Mass May Crowning Grade 2
Wed, June 7	7:30 pm	LOF Parent Orientation Mandatory Meeting
Wed, June 14 Mon-Fri	7:30 pm	LOF Catechist Orientation
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: In what sacrament is a baptized person "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ?

Prior week's answer: Our Lady of Fatima, who called herself Our Lady of the Rosary, celebrated the 100th Anniversary this weekend. 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: "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!



Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people with Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message and support the collection today!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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 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 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! This 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!

Have you ever considered sharing your gift of marriage with the engaged?

The Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Office is welcoming married couples, young, old and everyone in between, to consider sharing the Catholic vision for marriage in one of our two Marriage Preparation classes. First, a new revised Pre-Cana Program. Married couples would present this program to engaged couples, and guide them through activities while offering witness to the power of God's grace and presence in their lives. Whether you are presenting Pre-Cana now or always wanted to, please join us to discuss this new program: Date: June 15, 2017 at 7:30pm Location: Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark. Questions? Please call Deacon Jim Detura, Dir. Office of Family Life at 973-497-4324.

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 20, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call (201) 768-7565. Thank you to all who came out to support the Fr. Jim McKenna Memorial Fund Beefsteak and Reverse Raffle. It was a wonderful evening.



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 **126** donors pledging **\$36,640** which is **96%** 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!