

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 28, 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:

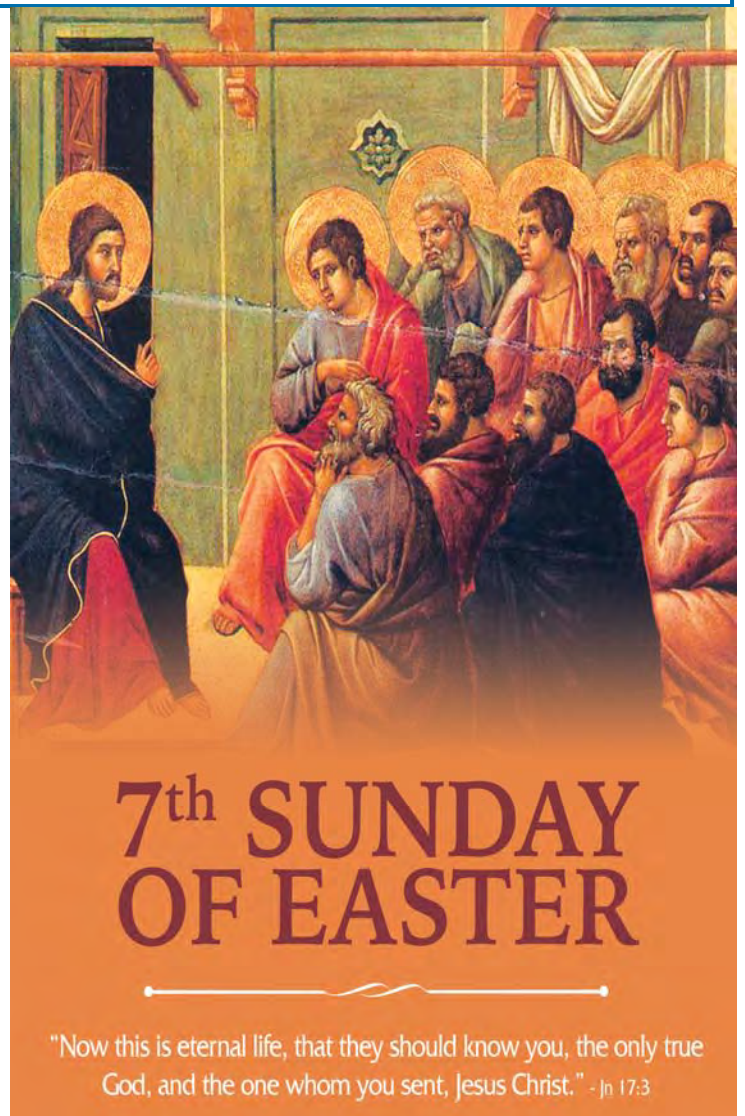
Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
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Mission Statement: Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by 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



On Thursday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Forty days after Jesus rose from the tomb he ascended into heaven to the right hand of the Father.

The number 40 denotes fullness, plenitude. The people of Israel sojourned 40 years in the desert before entering the Promised Land; Jesus spent 40 days and nights being tempted in the desert after his Baptism. Forty also denotes healing - the word quarantine literally means 40 days; it also signifies maturity - a man begins to be mature at age 40. We speak of 40 as middle age, but that is inaccurate. Our culture thinks that 18 is the age of maturity, which is laughable. Do you remember how you were at 18yrs of age? No, we begin to mature at 40. There is a time of maturity in the forty days the disciples spend with Jesus after his Resurrection, and on the 40th day they witness his Ascension into heaven.

Jesus ascends in the flesh, not only in the spirit. He rose from the dead in the flesh - "Look, it's me" he will say, "I'm not a ghost, put your finger in the holes in my hands, put your hand in my side, do you have something to eat?" He rises from the tomb in the flesh, and this same flesh, this body, ascends into heaven. The opening prayer of the Mass says 'His Ascension is our exultation.' Our humanity, our human flesh, has been taken to heaven.

This truth is expressed in the words of the Gospel today: "I have been glorified in them." Jesus speaks of our glorification, our participating in the Glory which he shares with the Father. This Glory is a share in the life of God himself. We do not experience God in the clouds, but in the events of our daily lives and especially in other people. This was brought home to me this past Tuesday evening, when our parish was invited to participate at the Liturgy presided by Cardinal Tobin, and then to a Town Hall meeting in which there was an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and make remarks or suggestions. But before all this happened, the Cardinal met with the priests of the Deanery for over two hours. We ate together and he listened to us. It struck me as an act of humility on his part. The first thing he is doing, having come to our Archdiocese, is to get to know the priests and the people of the parishes. What struck me was his willingness to simply be present, he was here and he listened. He is a man of the people. I felt for him, this was the thirteenth Deanery meeting he has done, with fourteen more remaining! He is doing about two of these meetings every week! It can't be easy for him. I think all this bodes well for the Archdiocese. The Cardinal has great hope and confidence for the future of our Local Church. I think exciting times are ahead for us as Catholic Christians in the Archdiocese of Newark.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

5:30 pm



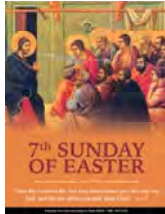
May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury
Charles Sackermann

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Anthony Merlino
Rosemary Lukac

Monday

8:30 am

May 29

Memorial Day
James T. and Virginia M. Horris

Tuesday

8:30 am

May 30

Mary Harmony

Wednesday

8:30 am



May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rosemary Lukac

Thursday

8:30 am

June 1

St. Justin
Rosemary Lukac

Friday

8:30 am

June 2

Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Rosemary Lukac

Saturday

5:30 pm



June 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
Kevin L. Rew

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

June 4

Pentecost Sunday; Parish Picnic
Pietro Maugeri
Mate Klarin

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"I am praying for them..." (John 17:9)

Prayer is the foundation of our faith and the foundation of stewardship. Pray on good times and bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,091.00

Assessment Collection.....\$2,088.00

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



Dot Brennan

Requested by The Offer Family



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!

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, Lt. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

Memorial Day The Parish and Faith Formation Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day.



Picnic

SAVE THE DATE!!

Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic will be Sunday June 4th from 2-6pm. Please take the opportunity after Mass to purchase tickets for this event, all are invited to bring a desert to share at the Picnic. If you are able to help in some capacity this will be appreciated. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby, we could particularly use help with the set-up, food preparation and serving, and the clean-up.



Thank You: Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

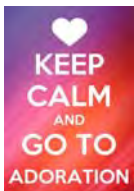
This year's appeal, *Sharing God's Blessings* is a perfect opportunity to reflect on God's generosity to us and to share the blessings we have been given with those around us. This year our parish goal is **\$39,000**. We are off to a good start, with **130** donors pledging **\$38,640** which is **99%** 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!



I am in receipt of a thank you card for our parish's continued support to the food pantry and that our generosity will help feed many families. This month they have requested the following items for our collection in June, **mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, baked beans, jelly and paper towels**. Thank again for your dedication in assisting our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Deacon Stan



You are invited to spend one hour each month in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament where the mind and heart more easily give themselves to communion with Christ. The Nocturnal Adoration Society meets each month on the First Friday evening in The Sacred Heart Chapel of Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. The next adoration will start after the 8PM Mass at OLM on Friday, June 2, and continue through the night ending at 6:30AM on Saturday, June 3. All are welcome and encouraged to come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. Visiting in this way is a sign of gratitude, an expression of love and an acknowledgement of the Lord's presence. Any questions please call (201) 661-0618.



St. John's Academy News!!!

SJA Band Members Perform in Washington, D.C.!

Members of the SJA band program joined students from 18 schools throughout New Jersey to play at a concert at the Sylvan Theater, overlooking the Washington Monument. Students were chosen for their commitment and advancement in our band's program. Congratulations!

Virtue in Practice

This month's Virtue in Practice is ZEAL. Our students are learning about St. Paul, St. Dominic and St. Francis Xavier!



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 is greatly appreciated

FAITH FORMATION



Lighting Our Faith is getting ready for a great program! Our catechists and aides will meet June 14th for our kick off on June 26th. We will develop the theme of the Beatitudes, especially at our closing each day. All parents/guardians are welcome to join us for our closing prayer and presentations. Each class will present, you won't want to miss their hard work!

Thank you to Grade 2 for a lovely Crowning of the Image of Mary at the 10:30 am Liturgy.



Calendar for May and June

Wed, June 7	7:30 pm LOF Parent Orientation Mandatory Meeting
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 feast is celebrated 50 days after Easter, often called the Birthday of the Church?

Prior week's answer: : Saint Dominic received the Rosary from the Blessed Mother in 1214 as a means to convert the Albigensians and other sinners. 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.**

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!** 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.

REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION 2017-18

Is your child entering 1st grade? Register now for Faith Formation! Registration for Faith Formation 2017-2018 is now taking place. Please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com to request forms.

Pope Francis Says: *"We are called to live not as one without others, above or against others, but with and for others.."* May 22, 2017.



Traveling Prayer Cross

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! May God bless the Brodsky Family who hosted the Cross. This is a way to foster family prayer and praying for one another as a family. **Please consider reserving the Cross for your family during the months of May and June.** To reserve the Cross, please e-mail Faith Formation: faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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!

Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Thank you to all who signed up for June 3! You are most generous! Our remaining schedule for 2017 will be September 2nd (Eva's Kitchen) and Dec 2nd. Please note Sept. 2 is Labor Day weekend, if 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. DRIVERS NEEDED: Can you transport the residents from Waterfront on Broadway to 10:30 Liturgy on Sundays? Please contact Deacon Stan if available. stanfedison@aol.com

Woodcliff Lake Educational Foundation Run for Education

The Woodcliff Lake Educational Foundation will host its 31st Annual Run for Education on Sunday, June 11, 2017. This year the 10K and 5K will cross Woodcliff Avenue, The races should be completed by 11:30 am, The Woodcliff Lake Police will have parts of Pascack Road and Woodcliff Avenue fully or partially closed off.

MAY 28, 2017 Seventh Sunday of Easter

"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." The Easter season is resplendent with the joy of eternal life. Jesus conquered death through his resurrection and promises all believers a share in this miraculous triumph. The gates of heaven have been opened for us by the great sacrifice of our Savior. All good things lie in wait for us who know "the only true God" and his Son, Jesus Christ.

When we gather together in our communities of faith, it's easy to remember all of this. We share common beliefs and practices with those friends, family members, and neighbors who attend our church. But carrying the joy of Easter with us out into the "world" can be more of a challenge. Once we step outside the safe confines of our parish or home, we encounter those who do not know the true God. We work with, study with, encounter, or gather with many people who have forgotten, abandoned, or never even known Jesus. Sometimes this can make us hesitant to share our joy, or even apologetic for our beliefs. But of course, we are called to be witnesses of what we believe, not cowards who hide it from public view.

So let us take courage from today's Gospel. Jesus himself offered prayers on behalf of his followers. "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for the ones you have given me." As the followers of Christ, we have the benefit of his own desire to help us, to strengthen us even amidst the challenges that we face. He knows that we "are in the world" even though he is not here in the same way. And he has asked God the Father to share his divine blessings with us even as we make our way in this world.