

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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PENRECOST SUNDAY ~ JUNE 4, 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

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Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400

Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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Parish Picnic

Sunday
June 4, 2017

2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Rain or Shine
ALL parishioners welcome

Games~Music~Food

\$10 per person
\$25 per family
(3 or more)



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



Today we celebrate The Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost literally means 50 days, occurring, as it does, exactly 50 days after Easter. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Virgin Mary and the disciples as they were gathered in the Upper Room 50 days after the Resurrection. They were celebrating the feast of Shavuot, otherwise known as the Feast of Weeks in the Jewish Calendar. Shavuot was, and still is for our Jewish brethren, a feast commemorating the fact that 7 weeks after being freed from the slavery of Egypt, Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The Commandments were written in stone, carved by fire which came down from heaven.

7 weeks equals 50 days. Pentecost is the fulfillment of Shavuot: tongues of fire descend upon the disciples, and the new law of life is written in the stony hearts of men and women. The disciples are pierced by this love, as they receive the gift of God's Spirit.

There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. Can you name them? They are not special gifts given to some very special people. No.

They are "ordinary" gifts that are given to every Christian, to you and to me.

The Church believes that these seven gifts were "infused" into each one of us when we were baptized. They are not "special" because they are essential if we are to live a true Christian life.

Of course, what was "infused" or sown as a tiny seed at our baptism, has to be nurtured and tended, otherwise it will never bear fruit. Today, the Feast of Pentecost, these gifts want to grow within us.

Have they grown in you? Have they grown in me? Are these gifts bearing rich fruit in our lives?

WISDOM: is linked to Fear of the Lord, this gift helps us to know what comes from God, and what does not come from God. We need this gift of wisdom to understand our lives, and to evaluate our thoughts and desires and feelings. Without wisdom we can get into a fine mess. Wisdom allows us to discern a vocation, to choose a career, to choose who to marry, to know what to do in our retirement. Without wisdom we will certainly make the wrong decisions.

UNDERSTANDING: this gives an intuitive grasp of the truths revealed by God. Without this gift many dogmas of the Church, such as the Trinity, the Virgin Birth, the Real Presence of Christ in the Mass, may just baffle us. But with this gift, you don't need to be a theologian to understand what we believe.

KNOWLEDGE: helps us to grasp quickly the true value of created things, and their relationship to God. Without this kind of knowledge we can easily turn things like money, possessions, career, power, sex, health, into "idols" and false gods. And this can create havoc in our lives.

COUNSEL: enables us to bring the gift of knowledge to bear on all the concrete and personal decisions we have to make; decisions about how we conduct our relationships, use our sexuality, live our marriage; how many children we should have, how to bring them up, what to do with our money. ..etc.

PIETY: this gift perfects justice, because it moves us to help people out of love and reverence for God. Without Piety we are in danger of loving for selfish reasons, and helping others just to quiet our conscience, or to give money to the poor just to get them off our doorstep.

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FORTITUDE: produces supernatural strength in us, so that facing dangers, problems, temptations, difficult responsibilities, we stand firm, when by nature we would give in, or run away, or quit our marriage, or abandon our priesthood, or pack-in our job...

FEAR OF THE LORD: does not mean being afraid of God, but fearing that he lift his hand from our head, that he abandon us to our own desires and fancies. This gift produces in us such a love, reverence and respect for God, that it curbs our desire for an easy life, our thirst for fame, power and success, our lust for pleasure, and helps to free us from selfish and lazy ways, from addictions and bad habits. Fear of the Lord comes from knowing one's own weakness, and experiencing God's mercy there.

These seven gifts are not special graces given to special people. They are the ordinary gifts of the Holy Spirit, because without them, it is impossible to live a true Christian life: whatever our vocation.

Imagine a parent or a grand-parent today, without **WISDOM**. What a disaster! Or a Catholic trying to live their faith, or explain it to others, or to catechize or evangelize, without **UNDERSTANDING**!

Imagine high school or college students, living in the fast lane, without **KNOWLEDGE**. Where will they end up morally or sexually? Or imagine married couples trying to raise a family without the gift of **COUNSEL**. God help them, and God help their children!

Imagine a priest in a busy parish, without **PIETY**. Pity his parishioners. Pity the poor people who call at his door! And can any school teacher today survive without **FORTITUDE**? I doubt it.

And imagine you or me trying to live generous and loving lives without **FEAR OF THE LORD**! Impossible! That is why the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are not important. They are essential. May they grow within each one of us through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Pentecost, Fr. Sean



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Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

May 18, 2017

Reverend Sean A. Manson
Our Lady Mother of the Church
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Dear Sean,

I want to thank you for inviting me to come to Our Lady Mother of the Church to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was my pleasure and privilege to do so. You do have a wonderful community of faith there.

The liturgy was very prayerful and inspiring. The music was great. All the young men and women who were confirmed were so well prepared.

I am grateful for your warm words of welcome to me as well. You were very kind. Thanks too for your generosity and hospitality. The dinner was terrific as well.

Please be assured of my prayers, friendship and support. May God continue to grant you and your parish many graces and blessings. Each year that I come to your parish I get to see what an amazing job you are doing there as pastor. The people are blessed to have you as their shepherd.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ *Manuel*
Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

*Thank you!
Thank you so very much!*

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Saturday

5:30 pm



June 3

St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

Kevin L. Rew

Sunday

8:30 am



June 4

Pentecost Sunday; Parish Picnic

Pietro Maugeri

10:30 am

Mate Klarin

Monday

8:30 am

June 5

St. Boniface

Lee Tross

Tuesday

8:30 am

June 6

St. Norbert

George & Peter Lutz

Wednesday

8:30 am

June 7

People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am



June 8

Rosemary Lukac

Friday

8:30 am

June 9

St. Ephrem

Rosemary Lukac

Saturday

5:30 pm



June 10

Dot Brennan

Sunday

8:30 am

June 11

The Most Holy Trinity

Rosemary Chiavelli

10:30 am

Dorothy and Albert Aste

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,063.00

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



Dot Brennan

Requested by The Offer Family

Volunteer Drivers Needed!!



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

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, 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, and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

Deceased of the Parish: Dorothy Burke & Bill Weir

"A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.



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!

Welcome New Parishioners

Do you regularly attend Mass at Our Lady Mother of the Church but have never gotten around to registering? It's easy. Just get a registration card in plastic holders in the lobby of the church. Fill it out and drop by the Parish Office and hand it to Judi our secretary. You can also mail it! Registration is our only means of certifying anyone for sponsorship letters for sacraments.



Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, Lord,
and they shall be created.
And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God,
who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit
we may be truly wise
and ever enjoy his consolations,
through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

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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, Director, Office of Family Life at (973) 497-4324.



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



St. John's Academy News!!!

Meet Our New Principal

Faculty, staff, parents and students are excited for the future of Saint John's Academy!

Please join us in welcoming Suzanne Socha on Thursday, June 8, 2017 for a Meet the New Principal and Open House evening. The reception will begin at 6:30 pm in SHA's Holy Family Room.

Students and other school representatives will be available to give tours of the campus. Come and learn how SJA fulfills its mission of faith, academics and service for the young souls, minds and hearts of our school community!

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!

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
Wed-Fri July 5-7	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 is the First Friday devotion?

Prior week's answer: Pentecost is the feast is celebrated 50 days after Easter, often called the Birthday of the Church. Congratulations to Mason Hennessy for correctly answering last week's question. Everyone is welcome to enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to faithformationolmc@gmail.com. ***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: *"I encourage everyone to engage in constructive forms of communication that reject prejudice towards others and foster hope and trust today. We are called to live not as one without others, above or against other, but with and for others."* May 28, 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.