

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ JUNE 11, 2017

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am

Holy Days: See bulletin for schedule of Masses.

Parish Office:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
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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



This Sunday the Church celebrates what we have experienced of God communicating with us –The Feast of the Holy Trinity.

This has often been referred to, perhaps unfortunately, as the Doctrine of the Trinity. More than a doctrine, the Trinity is a communion of persons.

God is not alone, aloof, distanced, other, beyond, an unmoved mover, or somewhere over the rainbow. God is experienced by us as Love. This love is very close to us. For this reason, we are never alone. The love of the Father for the Son, and the love which the Son has for the Father. The love they share is itself so real that it is expressed as a third person, the Holy Spirit. God is a ‘person’ with an inner life of love. Every love implies a LOVER and a BELOVED and a LOVE that unites them. These ‘three loves’ make up the love which is God.

One person who knew the Trinity not only as a dogma, but as Love in her life was Elizabeth Catez. At the age of 21, much to the disappointment of many young men, and one in particular who adored her, she joined an enclosed monastery. She entered the Carmelite community in Dijon, and was given the name Elizabeth of the Trinity.

The first time I visited a Carmelite monastery was in Quebec where, with a group of seminarians I once spent Christmas. I was shocked by:

- 1) The beaming joy on the faces of the sisters there –old and young alike- and
- 2) The bars on the windows of the convent.

Speaking to us through a metal grill, the sisters explained the reason for the bars. “People think it’s so that we won’t escape! But the opposite is true. If they knew how happy we are here they would all want to get in, and since there is not enough room we need the bars to keep them out!”

She wasn’t joking. And Elizabeth of the Trinity believed the same thing. She not only believed it, she experienced it, as evidenced in some of the letters and notes she wrote:

“I have found heaven on earth, since heaven is God, and God is in my soul.”

“A soul united to Jesus is a living smile that radiates Him and gives Him.”

“I can’t find words to express my happiness. Here there is no longer anything but God. He is All; He suffices and we live by Him alone.”

Each of us has been created in the image of the Love which is the Blessed Trinity. We do not need to enter a Carmelite convent to experience it. Our soul was created out of Love, and was created for Love. Why should we settle for anything less? May the Holy Trinity be received by each of us today, and may all of us - those who live behind bars and those who do not - be filled with heaven itself.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

Monday

8:30 am

June 12

Gilda Gutlove

Tuesday

8:30 am

June 13

St. Anthony of Padua

Pasquale Manganello

Wednesday

8:30 am



June 14

Flag Day

Catherine Trantola

Thursday

8:30 am

June 15

People of the Parish

Friday

8:30 am



June 16

Mary Donley

Saturday

5:30 pm

June 17

Paul Dattoli

Sunday

8:30 am



June 18

The Most Holy Body and Blood of

Christ; Father's Day

10:30 am

Yousef Mashini

Frances & John Poletto

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." (John 3:16)

Is your love unconditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love? Are you generous with your time, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,677.00

Father's Day to Date.....\$ 740.00

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"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

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

Amen.



Deacon Stan Fifteenth Anniversary

Please join us for coffee and cake in the McCarthy Center after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday to congratulate Deacon Stan Fedison on the Fifteenth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Diaconate.

Eleventh Annual Father's Day Food Pantry Collection

On Father's Day weekend, Saturday June 17 and Sunday, June 18 we are asking you to help us provide supplies to the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary which Fr. Sean attended and graduated from and the local food pantries, The Helping Hand Food Pantry in Hillsdale, St. Andrew's Food Pantry in Westwood and the Tri-Boro Food Center in Park Ridge. You can drop donated items at any three weekend Masses. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.

Last Sunday's Picnic was a great success. Thank you to Jerry Lubrano for chairing the event this year, and thank you to all who contributed and worked so hard to make the day so enjoyable. Thank you to all who helped preparing food on Saturday morning, under the direction of chef Dave De Palma, others helped with the set up of tents, tables and chairs. Thank you to all who helped serving food or grilling, and also with the break down and clean up. A special word of thanks to our Sponsors and Donors:

- Marc's Deli of Park Ridge
- Rockland Bakery
- Shop Rite of Hillsdale
- Sant Egidio Restaurant, Ridgewood
- Stella Restaurant, Ridgewood
- John Osso of Bensli Restarant, Old Tappan
- Casa Del Sol, Hillsdale
- Tom Strahle and Jim Branigan - The Coca-Cola Company
- Mayor Carlos Rendo – Beer Keg
- Abbey Ice Co., Spring Valley
- Ice Cream Truck – Carol Frank
- Clams – Kevin and Cathy McGovern
- Red Apple Rest - Music
- Jumpin Jims, Bounce House and Popcorn machine
- Galaxy Gardens – Table Arrangements
- Nancy Michaels – Children's Games
- Chris Ganowski – Face Painting
- Twin Boro Termite and Pest Control



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 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 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!

Calendar for June and July

Wed, June 14	4:30 pm LOF Catechist Orientation 7:30 pm LOF Parent Orientation Mandatory Meeting
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



Pope Francis Says: : "Let us allow ourselves to be humbly led by the Holy Spirit in order to avoid taking the wrong road and closing our hearts." *June 4, 2017.*

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

This week's question: What two words describe the doctrine that there is one God in three distinct persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

Prior week's answer: First Friday devotion is dedicated to the Sacred Heart and observed by assisting at Mass, receiving Holy Communion, making an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, reciting the Litany of the Sacred Heart and making reparation for our sins for nine consecutive First Fridays. The devotion began in the seventeenth century after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. 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.**

REGISTER FOR FAITH FORMATION

2017-18, Grades 1-8

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.

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.

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 made casseroles, baked cookies and served for St. John's 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

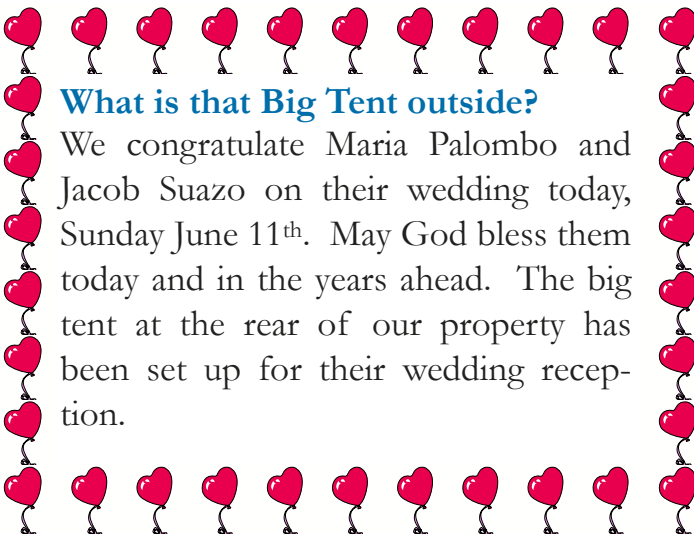
Respite Care Our parishioners would like to assist one another. Are you a caretaker or someone who needs a hand? A ride to an appointment? Or errands run? Or a meal delivered to your door? If yes, your fellow parishioners would like to help. Please contact Judi Quinn. 201-391-2826 or judiolmc@yahoo.com if you would like to respite care or would like to help. All requests will be kept confidential.

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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, June 17, 2017 at 12:00 noon. 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.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, NJ, is hosting various co-ed summer enrichment courses through its popular Summer@theheart program. Courses, beginning July 10 and running through Aug. 3, are open to students of several age levels. Two large sessions and four mini sessions are held Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Courses include Broadcasting, STEAM (Art Meets STEM), Young Artists Workshop, Personal Leadership, Beginning Theatre, T-shirt Quilt Making, and many more! For more information or to register, visit www.ihanj.com or contact Kelly Tweed at ktweed@ihanj.com or 201.445.6800.



What is that Big Tent outside?

We congratulate Maria Palombo and Jacob Suazo on their wedding today, Sunday June 11th. May God bless them today and in the years ahead. The big tent at the rear of our property has been set up for their wedding reception.



St. John's Academy News!!!

First Communion

The entire SJA student body celebrated a special Mass with our First Communicants on May 24 at St. John the Baptist Church. Our second graders and their guests were treated to a lovely reception in the Parish Center. May God continue to bless all of our students!

SJA Tricky Tray

This year's SJA Red & White Tricky Tray Gala was an amazing success thanks to many volunteer parents, donors and parishioners! Our total raised was over **\$95,000!** Special thanks to the Gala committee for a job well done!

Life Source Hospice is seeking volunteers to be part of our elderly patients' end-of-life care. Volunteers serve as friendly bedside visitors to patients throughout Bergen County and provide them with much appreciated companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them. Volunteers also provide support to family members. Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit on evenings and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of one year. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experienced hospice professionals. For more information, please contact Life Source Hospice at #201-967-4313 or kiplifesourcehospice@yahoo.com

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.