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Saint John's Academy
The parish school of
Our Lady Mother of the Church*



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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
 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

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Faith Formation Office

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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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Toddlers Mass

Every First Saturday
 at 4:00 pm

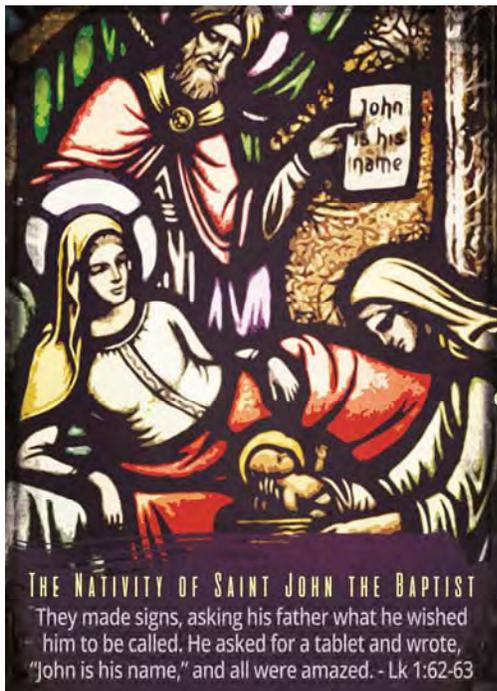
Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
 5:00 pm

Father's Day in Memory/Honor of...

George Allen
 Fritz Arndt
 Nicholas Augusta
 Michael Balsamo
 Paul Balsamo
 Peter J. Bellantoni
 Peter Bernich, Sr.
 Vernon Bigge
 Thomas Boyle
 Peter Brennan
 Manuel "Bito" Carrion
 Louis Cattuna
 Jose Castillo
 Anthony Conti
 John DeDea
 Michael DeJoseph
 Michael A. DeJoseph
 James Delaney
 Frank DeRosa
 Joseph Dettan
 Richard L. Eichenlaub
 Harry Ferrante
 Joseph Fitzpatrick
 Michael Flynn
 Mario Fontana
 Michele Frabasile
 Salvatore Franco
 Guy Gallagher
 John Gallagher
 Roy Gormley
 George F.X. Hicks
 Joseph Hinkle
 Kevin Hinkle
 Michael Keenaghan
 Patrick J. Kelly
 Alex Kinnear
 Ross Kinnear
 John Lackner
 Eugene Latrenta
 John Leonard
 Yousef Mashini
 Patrick J. McDonald
 Harry Meitzel
 Frank Meredith, Sr.
 Anthony Merlino
 John Michaels
 Henry Miller
 Robert J. Mitchell

Frank P. Monaghan
 Edward Moylan
 Edward Moylan, Jr.
 John Mullins
 John H. O'Donnell
 Antoni Orlowski
 Joseph Panella
 Michael Pascale
 Vito Perrulli
 Fred Plapper
 George Plummer
 John Poletto
 Thomas Romano
 Victor Ronchetti
 John Sansevero
 Michael Sansevero
 Karl Schwake
 Fred Sciarra
 Michael Smith
 Dominick Spinella
 Robert Swanberg
 Larry Tripaldi
 James Ulsh
 John Uram
 Joseph Walsh
 Harold Whitney
 James Whitney
 Charles Whittlesey
 George Wren
 Edward Zank
 Edward Zega
 Joseph Zisbo
 Jerome Zweigbaum



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



I recently met a young couple who were married last year. They were very much in love and were proudly holding their newborn baby, Tobias.

Today we celebrate the birth of another baby. None of us have met him, but his birth is rightly remembered.

Indeed, no other saint in the liturgical calendar (not including Jesus and Mary) has the event of their birthday celebrated.

He would grow up to have no equal, for there was no other greater born of woman.

His mother was well past her childbearing years, and his father lost the ability to speak, so surprised was he to think they had actually conceived. Were you ever lost for words, dumbstruck, gob smacked, did your jaw ever hit the deck? His dad experienced all of this, and it lasted the nine months of his wife's pregnancy, so incredulous was he at the thought that they would have a baby.

Then they had to choose a name. Not an easy thing to do. They could not Google babycenter.com to consult the most popular baby names (Liam, Noah, Oliver, Logan, Lucas, Elijah and James are among the top picks for 2018). Neither did they go the conventional route and call him after his dad, his granddad, or uncle. To the surprise of the whole family, the mom said he would be called John, which his dad confirmed when asked what he thought. We know him as John the Baptist, and the whole church, East and West, celebrates his birth today.

From his birth he was a Nazirite, which meant three things: he would drink no strong liquor, never cut his hair, and never touch a corpse (no future as a pall bearer).

Seems odd to us. But it's not so crazy.

Truth is all of us are called to be Nazirite. To abstain from strong liquor does not mean we are to become puritanical tea-totalers (no Jack Daniels, Cosmopolitans, Manhattans, or Margaritas for you!), but rather that we do not look for a life of ease, of comfort. Just as the drunk loses all inhibitions, knows no boundaries, and says and does stupid things, the one who looks for a life of ease, for the easy way out, never accepting the least problem, responsibility, difficulty or suffering, becomes a fool.

To never cut our hair. This too points to something else. It does not mean no more trips to the salon or the barbers, but that our strength comes from God. In the measure we trust in God, we lean on him, seek him, abandon ourselves to him, we are strong. Samson let Delilah deceive him into giving away the secret of his strength, she cut his hair and he became a weakling. Our strength comes from God, and can only come from him.

To never touch a corpse or come in contact with the dead. This does not mean that John had no future as a pall bearer or that he'd never get a job at Becker or Spearing Funeral Homes. To never touch the dead was a sign of being called to life. To experience life, not death. This life, victorious over death has been given to us also. As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist, may each of us accept to be Nazirite as we enter the summer months.

Fr. Sean

JUNE 24, 2018

Saturday

5:30 pm



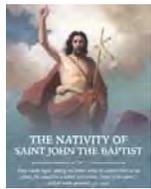
June 23

Stephen Vitone

Sunday

June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



8:30 am

Adele Dattoli

10:30 am

Eileen Catherwood

Monday

June 25

8:30 am

Paul E. Travers

Tuesday

June 26

8:30 am

James Whitney

Wednesday

June 27

8:30 am

St. Cyril of Alexandria



Joseph Walsh, Jr.



Thursday

June 28

8:30 am

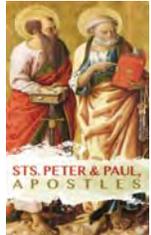
St. Irenaeus

Friday

June 29

8:30 am

Ss. Peter & Paul



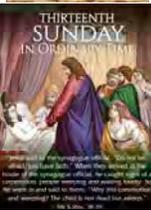
Daniel Flannery

Saturday

June 30

5:30 pm

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church



5:30 pm

Flora Zangoglia

Sunday

July 1

8:30 am

Eileen Catherwood

10:30 am

Mate Klarin

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." (Acts 13:25)

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centered" lives, not "self-centered" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,177.00

Father's Day Total..... \$ 1,023.00

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, July 7th at 4:00pm. We hope to see you here.

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 Randażzo, Ron Ruiz, Carol Schmidt, Bro. Kevin Smith, 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, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan
Amen.

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



Dot Brennan

Requested by The Offer Family

Mass Book for 2019 is Now Open

Please come in to the Parish Office and schedule some Masses!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in June. It is time again for our July collection which will be held the weekend of July 7th and 8th. **The special needs and requests for this month are: paper towels, napkins, laundry detergent, diapers in assorted sizes 3-6, coffee and cake/baking mixes.** 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

FAITH FORMATION



Lighting Our Faith starts tomorrow!

Our theme, the Book of Proverbs, will be a focus for prayer and crafts.

Proverbs 1:10 "My child, when sinners tempt you, don't give in!" Please join in prayers of Thanksgiving for all our volunteers who have answered the call to share their faith. Please prepare your child for each day with sun block and a snack with a beverage, NO glass. For the first day please send in a labeled shoe box. Thank you!

Faith Formation Calendar

All Registration Forms Are Due

Mon, June 25 to 7:55 am to 12:35 pm **Lighting Our Faith** Religious Education Summer Program-No Class 7/4
Fri, July 6
Mon, Aug 6 to 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Fri, Aug 10 **SHIPWRECKED**-Vacation Bible School

REGISTER for Faith Formation 2018-19

Registration for Faith Formation is due. If you need forms, email: faithformationolmc@gmail.com. First grade students registrations need a copy of the Baptismal certificate. Registration as a parishioner is required.

New! Kindergarten Program

We will be adding a Kindergarten Class to Faith Formation on Wednesday afternoons. Please share with a Kindergarten family. Students entering Grade 9 will be contacted in July for Confirmation registration.

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 Forms are available in the lobby. Registration form is due by July 20.

QUESTION of the Week? Enter by e-mail to win a Gift card to DAIRY QUEEN!

This week's question: *What are the four cardinal virtues?*

Last week's answer: *The three theological virtues are faith, hope and love.* 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.



Pope Francis Says: *"We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. (1-2)." Laudatio Si Encyclical.*

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.

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.

Safe Environment Policy

Volunteers Compliance of the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment Policy is required for all volunteers and employees (18 years/older) who work/volunteer with children in our parish.

Contact Judi Quinn for necessary form or if you have any questions: judiolmc@yahoo.com

Safe Environment Policy requirements include:

- Attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop for Adults *see below (recertification of PGC is required every 3 yrs) Go to this link: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>
- Complete a Volunteer Application and Archdiocesan Code of Conduct
- Complete Criminal Background Check

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Saint John's
Academy News

Summer

The administration, staff and students of SJA extend to you our best wishes for a safe and happy Summer!

See you in September!



Frequently Asked Questions About Tithing

Is tithing still necessary in the Catholic Church today?

Tithing is absolutely still necessary in the Catholic Church today. When God introduced the concept of the tithe in the Old Testament He told the Israelites this contribution was necessary from them to support the work the work of the Levites and the poor in the community. Today our church still needs our support to pay the expenses and financial obligations it incurs as it operates in a commercial society. Salaries, benefits, insurance, maintenance, utilities and services fees are all expenses that never even existed when Our Lord first decreed that each of us was to give back a percentage of what we have. Additionally, we are still called to care for the poor among us.



We want to thank you for your extraordinary graciousness and generosity in responding to the Twelfth Annual Father's Day appeal for personal and cleaning supplies for the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, the Tri-Boro Food Center in Park Ridge, the Helping Hand Food Pantry in Hillsdale and the Saint Andrew's Food Pantry in Westwood who are the recipients of your donations. This year's appeal was an outstanding success exceeding last year's donations. Each of the recipient agencies expressed their profound gratitude for remembering their clients and their needs. On behalf of the seminarians and the food pantries and the people they serve, please accept their heartfelt appreciation. We have not detailed all of the items furnished but they include all of the supplies that were suggested as donations. We also received special contributions to be given to the seminarians. May God Bless You All for your compassion.

Family Promise of Bergen County

During the week of June 10-17 OLMC was the host congregations for 3 families. The 3 Moms and 5 children joined us each evening for dinner, social time and sleep. They left each morning at 6am to go to the Day Center in Ridgewood to shower and to prepare for their day of work, school and day care. The OLMC Coordinators were present each evening to welcome the families and the volunteers from our support congregations. (Church of the Presentation and Hillsdale United Methodist Church) We want to thank all of those volunteers who helped to provide food and good cheer and fun. We also want to thank the OLMC volunteers who did the initial thorough cleaning of the church kitchen and those who came on Sunday afternoon to set up the sleeping, dining areas and the cozy "living room". As the families were leaving us the following Sunday morning, other OLMC volunteers came at 7:45am to dismantle everything and return furniture, etc. to their original space. OLMC will again host families from Family Promise during the week of Aug. 26th - Sept. 2nd. Volunteers from OLMC will be assisted by the volunteers from Temple Emanuel of the Pascack Valley in providing dinner, companionship, and staying overnight. All those who have already signed up to participate during that week will be contacted in early August. It is always very rewarding to participate in this program. We recognize that the outreach of our community makes a big difference in helping families who are at a difficult time in their lives. It provides them with time and resources they need to move on to a life of self-sufficiency. The families always express their gratitude for our support and we are rewarded with meeting courageous folks and adorable children.

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.