

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 2, 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



This Tuesday, July 4th, we celebrate the 241st Anniversary of the birth of our nation. This nation was founded by distancing itself from the British Monarchy.

The signers of the Declaration of Independence deemed it a self evident truth that all men and women are endowed by their Creator with certain “unalienable rights.”

Thomas Jefferson first used that phrase in 1776 as a rebuttal to the ongoing political theory of the day: The Divine Right of Kings; i.e. chosen by God, a Monarch is accountable only to Him, and need only answer before God for his actions. This fallacy was exposed by the Declaration of Independence.

We do not owe blind allegiance to anybody, even if they do wear a crown. The monarch is not our ultimate authority. The Creator is, who bids us pay allegiance not to the Divine Right of Kings, but to the unalienable rights of every person, created in His image and likeness.

Our nation is founded on unalienable rights. What does that mean? They are not alienable—they cannot be alienated or taken away, they are not transferable; they are innate.

Among these unalienable rights are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Life is a gift from God, and it is holy, from conception to natural death. Our life is very short, and is a preparation for life after death, which will last for all eternity. Our life is an expression of God’s love for us. The way we live eternity will be determined by how we live now.

Liberty. Freedom. Contrary to mainstream belief, Freedom does not mean to do what I want when I want. Our Liberty can never be subjective, according to what pleases me, but is always linked to God the Creator and to others. All liberty, all freedom is tied to responsibility.

The Pursuit of Happiness. Happiness is not a given, it needs to be pursued! The happiness we will experience on July 4th—no work, parades, hotdogs, baseball games and fireworks—is a foretaste of the real happiness promised in the Gospel; that which will no longer be pursued but experienced in its fullness in heaven. As we celebrate Independence Day, may each of experience that heaven can begin here on earth, and be grateful for the Life, Liberty and Happiness we have.

Before going to the parade, or lighting the barbeque, or putting ice in the cooler; why not come to morning Mass? The liturgy is an experience of heaven. Your parish community will be here in the church at 8:30am, waiting to celebrate with you.

Fr. Sean

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Saturday

5:30 pm



July 1

St. Junipero Serra
Vincent Savarese

Sunday

8:30 am
10:30 am



July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

James Horris
Helen F. Monaghan

Monday

8:30 am

July 3

St. Thomas
James Horris

Tuesday

8:30 am

July 4

Independence Day
John Trombetta

Wednesday

8:30 am



July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am

July 6

St. Maria Goretti
Rosemary Lukac

Friday

8:30 am

July 7

Amanda McGovern

Saturday

5:30 pm



July 8

Virginia Offer

Sunday

8:30 am
10:30 am

July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish
John B. Feery

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said "the world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,811.00
Assessment Collection.....\$2,550.00



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.

The invitations went out this week so look in your mailbox and send it in as soon as possible, space is limited!

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

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.

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.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!!

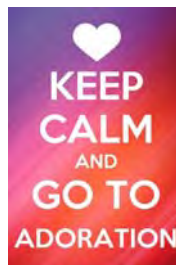


Drivers Needed!!!

Can you transport the residents from Waterfront on Broadway to 10:30 Liturgy on Sundays? Please contact Deacon Stan if available. stanfedison@aol.com

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.



Nocturnal Adoration - July 7

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, July 7, and continue through the night ending at 6:30AM on Saturday, July 8. 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.



TNT Hoops Summer Basketball Camp

This summer basketball camp is for boys and girls in grades 1-8. The camp runs from July 17 to July 20 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm here at Our Lady Mother of the Church. For more information call (201) 788-2905 or email tnt-hoops.@optonline.net and visit our website www.tnthoops.webs.com. Brochures are available in the church lobby.



We want to thank you for your extraordinary graciousness and generosity in responding to the Eleventh 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 included all of the supplies that were suggested as donations and a large collection of shampoo and related hair products. We even received a cash contribution to be given to the seminarians. May God Bless You All for your compassion.

FAITH FORMATION



Lighting Our Faith is Going Great!

Thank you for all the planning and hard work by our volunteers. Forty-eight students are enthusiastic, singing, making crafts, playing, snacking and learning their faith. All parents/guardians are welcome for the closing prayer and presentations. Each class will present, you won't want to miss their hard work! Our service project, Operation Backpack, will be a collection of school supplies to be donated to Family Promise.

Calendar for July

Wed-Fri	
July 5-7	7:55 am-12:35 pm Lighting Our Faith Grades 3-6
Fri, July 7	10:30 am Closing Liturgy-All are Welcome!
July 10 - August	Limited Hours Due to Vacation



Pope Francis Says: "Each one of us is precious; each one of us is irreplaceable in God's eyes." June 25, 2017.

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

This week's question: Who was a Roman Catholic Spanish priest and friar of the Franciscan Order who founded Spanish missions in California whose Feast Day is July 1 and was made a saint Sept. 23, 2015 by Pope Francis.

Last week's answer: A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy place to honor God or a saint, to do penance, ask a favor, or to give thanks for something. The feast of Corpus Christi honors the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of Christ. Congratulations to Mia 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.

Traveling Chalice- To Pray For Vocations

Fr. Sean has donated a chalice as a focus for family prayer to pray for Vocations. God bless the Lengel Family who took the chalice home. Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week. This is a way to foster family prayer and praying for vocations. **Please consider reserving the Chalice for your family during the summer.** To reserve the Chalice, please e-mail Faith Formation: faithformationolmc@gmail.com.



Prayer for Our Country

Heavenly Father,
You are the real foundation of nations,
raising them up to serve and care
for the people dwelling in their boundaries.
I thank you for making me a citizen of this land
of freedom and unlimited opportunity-
these United States.
Send forth your Spirit to this country
and make it a source of wisdom and strength,
order and integrity throughout the world.

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Green Nights Basketball Camp

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site of the 29th annual Green Knights Basketball Camp this summer for boys ages 9 to 15. The camp runs in three sessions: July 10-14; July 17-21; and July 24-28. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Great fun & competition...guest lecturers...free basketball & player jersey to each camper! Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website www.sjrnj.org.

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 or 201.445.6800.

The Parish and Faith Formation offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 in observance of Independence Day.

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 kiplifsourcehospice@yahoo.com

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What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

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Our parents and grandparents used to say to us, "Nothing worthwhile is ever easy. You have to work at it." Anything of substance and value requires patience, effort, and careful planning. If it were easy to do, there would not be much value in it. Maybe it took years to learn, but there comes a point where experience teaches what our stubbornness refused. Easy come, easy go!

Jesus says the same thing about faith. Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus, the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).