

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 16, 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.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to

5:00 pm

Parish Office:

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

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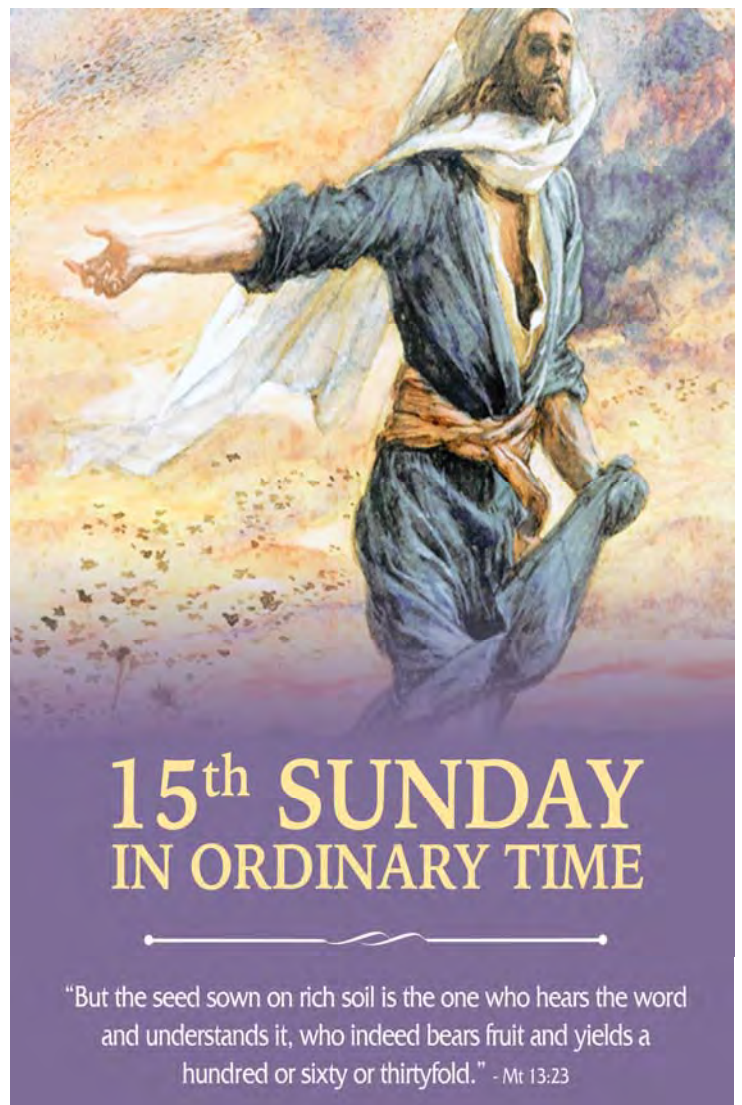
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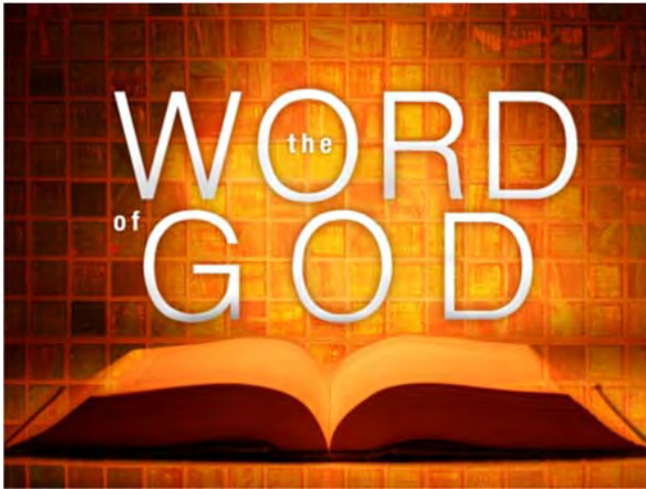
15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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



‘A sower went out to sow, and some seed fell on the path, some fell on rocky ground, some fell among thorns, but some fell on rich soil.’

This parable from today’s Gospel speaks to our life, it is very existential. The seed sown is the Word of God. God is the sower, who casts the seed of the Word into the world. But this seed does not automatically bear fruit, it depends where it falls. We can be the path, the rocky ground, the thorns or the soil. It depends how we listen to the Word, and our interior disposition, as to what happens to the Word we receive.

Those who are the ‘path’ do not understand the Word of God, the Bible, the Scriptures, and therefore even the events of their life. They will always listen with an angle, an analytical pre-

condition, which wants to dominate the Word; they compare notes with what they think they know, and reject that which does not appeal to reason or seems intelligible. The Word never arrives to their heart, but always stays in their head, and soon after that disappears completely.

We can be the rocky ground. For others, the readings in Mass are great, the homilies are wonderful, they feel good when they leave Mass, but the Word does not make a difference in their life. Some trial or tribulation comes along and the Word is immediately forgotten. The last place they seek help when faced with the daily difficulties in life is the Word of God. Friends, social media, their own reasoning’s are the staple go-to’s when decisions need to be made.

Others are the thorns. They are more worried about their summer vacation, or their new car, or painting the living room, or getting into college, than they are about listening to the Word. The anxieties of life and the lure of riches choke whatever was sown.

But there are others who are the rich soil, and who bear fruit.

Another word for soil is ‘humus’, the same etymological root as ‘humility’ or ‘homo sapien.’ We are made of the earth, and our deepest truth is humility. Humility is the truth. Only the humble can listen to the Word of God and see it bear fruit in their life.

A man called Jack once told me that he was always the path, the rock or the thorns. He thought he listened to the Word, but one day realized he didn’t. This realization came to him when he heard the reading about Jesus before Pilate, and Pilate’s wife told her husband what had been revealed to her in a dream - not to condemn this innocent man. Jack said that the realized he never listened to his wife. Sure, he heard her, but he never listened to what she said; he had written her off a long time ago. The Word effected a change in him, and the relationship with his wife, Joan also changed dramatically. Their marriage, and their family life was rejuvenated.

That’s all well and good. But first we need to listen to the Word of God. When do we do that? Sunday Mass is one option, but it’s not easy to listen then, there is so much else going on, we can get distracted. That is why every Wednesday evening during the summer months, at 8:00 pm in the Adult Ed classroom, there will be a celebration of Evening Prayer. Why not come in the middle of the week to listen to the Word of God, the Psalms and a Gospel. Come and spend time with the Word, you will discover that it is not sown in vain.

Fr. Sean

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



July 15

St. Bonaventure
Mary & Pasquale Bellantoni

Sunday

8:30 am



July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Frank Gatto
Kristen Miller

10:30 am

Monday

8:30 am

July 17

Paul Giblin, Sr

Tuesday

8:30 am

July 18

St. Camillus de Lellis
Virginia Offer

Wednesday

8:30 am

July 19

Vita Sudano

Thursday

8:30 am



July 20

St. Apollinaris
Tom Potter

Friday

8:30 am



July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi
George & Peter Lutz

Saturday

5:30 pm



July 22

St. Mary Magdalene
Linda Marcus

Sunday

8:30 am

July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mary Mertz & Richard Turpak
Vito Gironda

10:30 am

Going on Vacation?

Visit www.masstimes.org for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass Schedule, throughout the USA.

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, Peg McGrath, 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.

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. If effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$7,066.00



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!

Golden Anniversary Menu

Cocktail Hour Under the Tent With Live Jazz Music

Wine and Spirits ~ Imported Cheeses ~ Hot Hors d'oeuvres ~ Antipasto Platter ~ Vegetable Crudités

Dinner & Dancing in McCarthy Center

Varied dinner selections include: Pasta Station: Penne, Vodka, Rigatoni Basilico, Tortellini Primavera, Land and Sea Selections include: Beef Florentine, Center Cut Pork Madeira, Chicken Marsala, Chicken Francese, Salmon with Dill Sauce, Tilapia with White Wine Sauce, Eggplant Rollatini, Momma's Meatballs, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Green Salad.

Viennese Hour Under the Stars

Assorted Desserts, Pastries and Cookies

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.

Your support and kindness is greatly appreciated

Sister Frances Memorial Parish Library has great summer reading selections!

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

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.

How Should We Dress??

People generally have no real problem wearing proper clothing when entering places that demand such attire. Would you ever consider attending a formal dinner or a wedding in a tee-short and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house?

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.



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.

Reason, Season, Lifetime

People come into your life for a **reason, a season or a lifetime**. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person. When someone is in your life for a **REASON**, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a god send and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end.

Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you have sent up has been answered.

Some people come into your life for a **SEASON**, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons, things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendships clairvoyant.

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for July and August

July 10 through August 31

Monday & Wednesday office hours 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Vacation Bible School

Are you interested in VBS here, at OLMC? We would like to offer this! Please suggest which week August 21st or August 28th that would work for your child/children grades K through 5 by e-mail to faithformationolmc@gmail.com. Hopefully we will have volunteers who can help and sufficient interest.

Register for Faith Formation 2017-18, Grades 1-8

Is your child entering 1st grade? Register now for Faith Formation! Faith Formation classes are for grades 1 through 6 and meet weekly. Youth JAM for grades 7 and 8 usually meets on the third Sunday of each month. Please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com to request forms.

Is God Calling You to Share Your Faith???

Consider being a catechist or aid for Faith Formation! Training provided. Protecting God's Children certification for volunteers 18 or older is required. Please consider and e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

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

This week's question: The pope is the successor of which apostle?

Congratulations to Katelyn Meehan who won the last Question of the Day in LOF answering "*Real Presence*", the name of the doctrine on the Holy Eucharist that says Jesus is wholly present - body and blood, under the appearances of bread and wine. There were no entries for 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 \$5 gift card to Dairy Queen.*

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 Malone 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.

Pope Francis Says: "The Lord is waiting for us in order to



help us, but this does not mean He will magically take away our difficulties. Jesus does not take the Cross from us; rather He carries it with us. When we come to Jesus, we receive peace, a peace that remains even in trials and difficulty." Homily July 9, 2017

Volunteer Drivers Needed!!



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

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.

JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



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.

Treasures From Our Traditions

We return to using the green vestments of Ordinary Time on Sundays. Changing colors gives a sense of the progress of faith through the seasons of life. For centuries, the number of colors and the reasons underlying them were left to local custom. Over time, we settled on six colors to express the character of a day or season: white, red, green, violet, black and rose. Black is seldom seen these days, replaced by white or violet. Rose, really a dusty pink shade, appears at most twice a year. What does the color green suggest to you? Green is new growth, olives, evergreens, glistening emeralds, ripening pears and fields a high summer. It suggests renewal, healing, fertility, peace and harmony. In medieval Europe, green was the favorite color of brides! Did you know drivers of green cars are the least likely to be stopped for speeding? Is it because of their own feelings of harmony and well being, or because law enforcement officers are filled with serenity when they see a green car whiz by? Take out a paint chart today and marvel at the many hues and names of green. The church figured it out centuries ago: color really matters.

The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (www.servidoras.org or www.ssvmmissions.org), a missionary Institute of religious sisters, are happy to be given the opportunity to speak at Our Lady Mother of the Church for the mission appeal on August 12/13. From our beginnings in San Rafael, Argentina in 1988 we have grown to over 1200 sisters missioning in almost 40 different countries throughout the world. We strive to go where the presence of religious sisters is most needed. Although we are an international community, we have been blessed with many vocations from the United States a bit over 100 at present. This appeal allows us to inform the members of your parish about our mission work in Brazil. As you may imagine, our missions in places like Brazil are in great need of support. The sisters work in an elementary school and in a nursery school, providing education for children and teenagers. They also have a home for persons with special needs. Since most of the school students and residents in the houses of mercy come from poor families, the sisters also take care of the families by giving them some assistance. As you may know, Brazil is not economically stable at present. Thank you, Fr. Manson, for giving us this opportunity to speak at Our Lady Mother of the Church and share with you about our mission in Brazil. As we daily strive to help those in need, we are most grateful to all of you for your prayers, contributions and generosity, truly a grace from God and a consolation for our missionary sisters. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you as well!

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