

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 30, 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  
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

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to  
5:00 pm

A painting of a man in a white tunic and brown pants, holding a staff, standing in a field. The background shows a landscape with a cross on a hill. The painting is overlaid with a cracked, stone-like texture.

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

**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



At the beginning of July, we had the joy of hosting three seminarians in our parish. They helped out while they were here, particularly by painting our life-size Nativity figures.

More than one of you was jolted to attention on entering the parking lot and finding the huge figures standing there!

I asked the seminarians if they would share a little of their stories with us. So here is the first installment!

My name is Giovanni Cuzziol, I'm 31 years old, and I'm from Rome, Italy. I'm the first of three, with two sisters after me. My father is a doctor and my mother stays at home. I had a pretty ordinary life, I went to school, graduated high school, and went to college. During college, I was able to work and study at the same time, and eventually I earned a BA in Political Science and International Relations. But I wasn't enough for me. I wanted more for my life and myself. So where to go to find new opportunity for my future? Of course, the United States of America! For some reason, I was always passionate about the USA and my dream was to live and work in this great country. In 2011, I came to this country to continue my education and eventually I graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a MA in Criminal Justice. Also, I applied for a work visa and it was granted to me for one year, renewable.

My lifelong dream and project was almost fulfilled, I just needed a job to ensure my work visa. And I was lucky enough to actually find a job! At that moment, my project was basically fulfilled, my dream for which I fought a lot was realized. Everything perfect. But there was just one, single, problem: I wasn't happy. I had everything that I wanted in my life, and for some reason I was not happy, I felt unsatisfied because something was missing. It was disconcerting to realize that, after all the efforts made to reach that point, my situation was unresolved. I found myself alone, never satisfied, looking for more, for something, and everything seemed almost absurd. But God had mercy of me and came to my help.

I met the Neocatechumenal Way in Bergenfield and by participating in a community, I realized that the missing part was Jesus Christ. My life was absurd and pointless because God was not in the picture. Thanks to the Neocatechumenal Way I started to discover myself, my reality of sinner; I began to realize how enslaved I was to my sins, that deep down I was unable to love anyone except myself. I realized that I always lived my life in a very selfish way, only thinking about myself. Most importantly I discovered the love of God: he never judged me although I lived like a truly pagan. He loved me the way I was: a sinner.

Out of gratitude for the graces that the Lord gave me I'm now in a seminary in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Africa, one of the poorest and dangerous country (just Google it). Besides the amount of uncomfortable situation (no power, no running water, lots of insects, snakes, diseases) and crisis I witness that is possible to live and to experience the providence of God that never abandoned me in these four years in Africa. I'm experiencing that happiness come only by doing the will of God, which for me is to stay in Africa. I just spent two weeks in Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish in Woodcliff Lake and I'm thankful for all the people that I met there. I'll keep all of you in my prayers. Remember to pray for me and the mission in Congo.

*Giovanni*

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Saturday

5:30 pm



## July 29

*St. Martha*

Robert Brinster

## Sunday

8:30 am



## July 30

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

George Munderville

10:30 am

Anthony Merlino

## Monday

8:30 am

## July 31

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

## Tuesday

8:30 am

## August 1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

People of the Parish

## Wednesday

8:30 am



## August 2

*St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter*

*Julian Eymard*

Carmella Crane

## Thursday

8:30 am

## August 3

Audrey O. McDonald

## Friday

8:30 am



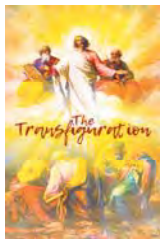
## August 4

*St. John Vianney*

Frank Castro

## Saturday

5:30 pm



## August 5

*The Dedication of the Basilica of*

*Saint Mary Major*

Phil McGovern

## Sunday

8:30 am

## August 6

*The Transfiguration of the Lord*

Kevin O'Brien

10:30 am

Anthony Napolitano

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)*

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God's plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

## Going on Vacation?

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the locations of Catholic Churches and a Mass Schedule, throughout the USA.



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 have gone out 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**

*"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.*

## 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](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com) if you would like to respite care or would like to help. All requests will be kept confidential.



## Bethlehem Handicrafts

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses on September 9th and 10th Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.



For two weeks beginning this weekend, OLMC will be hosting families in need of temporary shelter. Our guests will be arriving each evening at 6:30 to enjoy a meal provided and served by our volunteers. After dinner, some of our young volunteers will come to play with the children and to share a story time. Private sleeping areas will be set up in McCarthy Center. Our guests will be leaving each morning at 6am to go to camp, school or work. We are very grateful to the many parishioners who are sharing their time and talent to provide a safe haven for families at a difficult time in their lives.

The Bread and Wine will be offered for the month of August in memory of



**Jose S. Meirinho**

Requested by Marcia and Marly

## 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.

## Study the Bible

A young boy had just gotten his drivers permit and asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son. "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut and we we'll talk about the car." The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, I've been real proud. You brought your grades up and I have observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I am really disappointed you didn't get your hair cut." The young man paused a moment and said, "You know, Dad, I have been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Sampson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair and there's even a strong argument that Jesus had long hair." To this his father replied, "And did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?"

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> or August 28<sup>th</sup> that would work for your child/children grades K through 5 by e-mail to [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).

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

This week's question: *What saint was the founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order?* (Hint: Pope Francis is a member of this order and his feast day is Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.) The answer to last week's question: *St. Joachim and St. Anne were the parents of Mary, Mother of God. Their Feast Day is celebrated July 26.* 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com). *All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a \$5 gift card to Dairy Queen.*

## Traveling Prayer Cross

### Pray With and For your Family

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. **Please consider reserving the Cross for your family during the summer.** This is available to all families in the parish. To reserve the Cross, please e-mail Faith Formation: [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto: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. The chalice is available to take home for a week. Please use this to foster family prayer and praying for vocations. This is available to all families in the parish. **Please consider reserving the Chalice for your family during the summer.** To reserve the Chalice, please e-mail Faith Formation: [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).



**Pope Francis Says:** *"How beautiful it is to see when young people are "street preachers", joyfully bringing Jesus to every street and every corner of the earth!" July 2, 2017*

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](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com)



**Yes! It is that time again. Fellowship Coffee starts again in September. The new dates are on the board next to the kitchen window. Please sign up for a Sunday! This is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and spend some time with your faith community.**

## JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

**Q** Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

**A** Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? “Ordinary” is not in contrast to “extraordinary” or “special” but rather stresses the Latin language notion of “ordinal” or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a “measured” time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus’ incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection.

Ordinary time offers us the measured opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence. As we experience the season of ordinary time, let us immerse ourselves in the extraordinary task of deepening our relationship with Christ in the ordinary events of life.

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The Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará ([www.servidoras.org](http://www.servidoras.org) or [www.ssvmmissions.org](http://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 [kiplifeshospice@yahoo.com](mailto:kiplifeshospice@yahoo.com)

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