

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD ~ AUGUST 6, 2017

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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.

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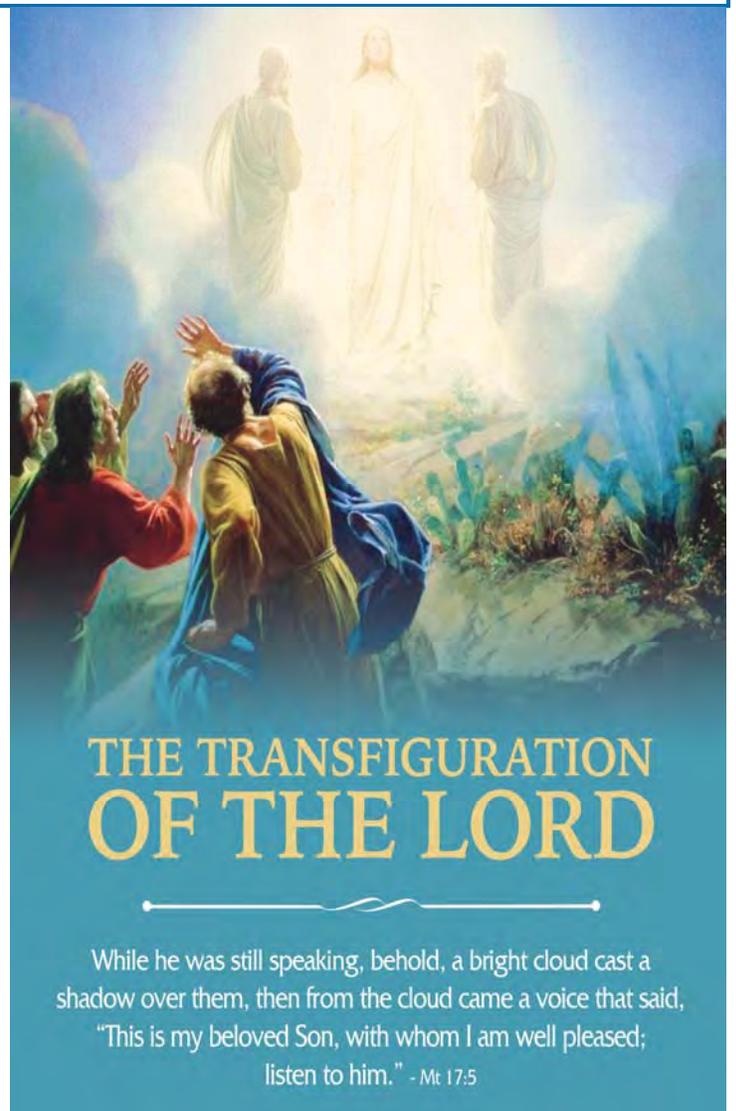
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While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt. 17:5

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



Left: Church of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor

Today, August 6th, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Pope Paul VI had a great devotion to this feast, and he died on this day in 1978. Today's Gospel begins: "Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them..." but it omits the first words of the verse as they appear in Scripture. In the Bible it reads "Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James, and John..." Six days after what? This time frame situates the Transfiguration six days after the Profession of Faith of Peter, which occurred on the day of Yom Kippur, the day when Peter declared that Jesus was the 'Christ, the Son of

the Living God.'

In the Jewish liturgical calendar, the Feast of Sukkot, (or Tents/Shelters) falls six days after the Feast of Yom Kippur. Because of this we know that Jesus was transfigured on the Feast of Sukkot. Hence Peter will say "Lord it is good that we are here, if you wish I will make three tents..."

We are Catholics, what does Sukkot have to do with us? Sukkot was a remembrance of the 40 years spent in the wilderness, when the Israelites were led by God thru the desert, from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of Canaan, the Promised Land.

Sukkot is still celebrated today, and in Orthodox Jewish communities you can see the sukkah, a walled structure made of branches, built outside the house. Sukkot lasts a week, and throughout the holiday meals are eaten inside the sukkah and some people sleep there as well. Eating and sleeping inside this temporary dwelling makes present the experience of the desert, which was the most awful experience for the Israelites. They had no homes, they were constantly travelling, they had no source of food or water, they were itinerants on the face of the earth.

But in retrospect, looking back on their 40 years in the desert, the Israelites realized that this was actually the most wonderful time in their history as God's people. They were totally dependent on him. God provided for all their needs, he gave them manna, water, and provided shelter. They lacked for nothing because they learned to rely on him alone.

I was fortunate to experience a taste of this during the 2x2 mission a few weeks ago. Together with 700 others, including 60 priests, 200 seminarians, married couples and single people who aged from 18 to 78 yrs old. We were sent out two by two as Jesus sent his disciples. Our companions were chosen by lottery, and then a city of destination also by lottery. In my case we were not two, but three, I had two companions: Paul, a young man from Hawaii who is the seminary of Miami, and George, a young man from Laredo Texas who is in the seminary here in Newark. Together with everyone else we were sent out all over the country, our destination was Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

We went for eight days, with nothing, no money, no phone, no bag, no appointments, invited to go and visit priests, to announce to wish them the Peace of Christ and to share our experience of the Gospel. I went with fear, knowing that we could sleep on the street, or not eat. We were to be dependent on God. I can say that we returned rejoicing, having experienced the Transfiguration.

All of us can say the same thing. When faced with precariousness, uncertainty, when we are not in control, when we fear for the future, Christ gives us memorials of his Resurrection, as experienced in the Transfiguration.

Fr. Sean

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Saturday

8:30 pm



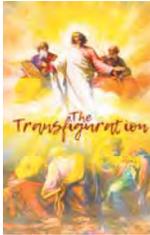
August 5

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Phil McGovern

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Kevin O'Brien
Anthony Napolitano

Monday

8:30 am

August 7

St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
John Nardone

Tuesday

8:30 am



August 8

St. Dominic
John F. Monaghan

Wednesday

8:30 am

August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Jose Meirinho

Thursday

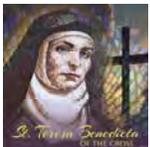
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August 10

St. Lawrence
People of the Parish

Friday

8:30 am



August 11

St. Clare
Rose Milo

Saturday

5:30 pm

August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Sr. Mary Therese Eichenlaub

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



August 13

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sara Pia
Gertrude Carpenter &
Donald & Alan Bozzone

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." (Matthew 17:2)

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

Receipts From Week of 7/23/17.....\$6,406.00

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,291.00



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 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, Melissa Latrenta, Barbara Maran, 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 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.



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.

Invitation to Become a Member of the Auxiliary of the Little Sisters of the Poor

As a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, you will join a group of women who are dedicated to helping the Little Sisters of the Poor in their care of the elderly at St. Joseph's Home in Totowa, NJ.

Founded in 1910, the Mission of the Ladies Auxiliary remains the same, to give financial aid to the Little Sisters whose self-sacrifice and dedication is their gift to God and the work of each Auxiliary member is their sharing in this dedication. We schedule a number of fund-raising events throughout the year, among them, our Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show, the Christmas Boutique and a February event. We meet once a month from October to May.

If you have any questions please contact Marguerite Lombardi at 973-684-3479 or Lily Shue at 201-788-2323 (leave message). There are flyers in the church lobby. We look forward to having you join us

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



Jose S. Meirinho

Requested by Marcia and Marly

Going on Vacation?

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

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.



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.

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for August & September

August-September 13	Mon & Wed office hours 9:30 am-12:30 pm
Wed, Sept 13	4:00 pm Catechist Orientation
Wed, Sept 13	7:00 pm Mandatory Parent Orientation
Wed, Sept 27	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes Begin for Grades 1-6 <i>Feast of St. Vincent de Paul</i>

Vacation Bible School ~ Last Chance!!!

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: *What happened when Jesus lead his disciples to a mountaintop and the disciples heard God's voice?* (Hint: This Feast is celebrated today, August 6) The answer to last week's question: *St. Ignatius Loyola was the founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order?* Pope Francis is a member of this order and his feast day is Monday, July 31st. Congratulations to Mia Hennessy for July 17, Gina Toter for July 23 and Mason Hennessy for July 30. 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

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.

Traveling Chalice—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.



Pope Francis Says: *"Like Saint Ignatius of Loyola, let us be won over by the Lord Jesus and, led by Him, place ourselves at the service of others.."* July 30th, 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

Current 8th Graders

Coop High School Entrance Exam Information

This fall, eighth grade student seeking admission to Catholic high schools will take a new test to assist the school staff in evaluating freshmen candidates called the High School Placement Test (HSPT) produced by Scholastic Testing Services. The exam measures scholastic aptitude in verbal and non-verbal abilities and achievement in reading, language arts and mathematics. Specific information about the dates and procedures for registering for the 2017 COOP will be available on the COOP website, <http://njcoopexam.org>. Online registration opens on September 1, 2017 and the exam is scheduled for Friday November 10, 2017.

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Softball

Two 90-year-old women, Vivian and Edith, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear Edith was dying, Vivian visited her every day. One day Vivian said, "Edith, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, and we played all through high school. Please do me one Favor: when you get to heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there."

Edith looked up at Vivian from her death bed, "Vivian, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you." Shortly after that, Edith passed on. At midnight a couple of nights later, Vivian was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, "Vivian, Vivian." "Who is it?" asked Vivian, sitting up suddenly. "Who is it?" "Vivian-it' me, Edith." "You're not Edith. Edith died." "I'm telling you, Vivian, it's me," insisted the voice. "Edith! Where are you?" "In heaven," replied Edith.

"I have some really good news and a little bad news." "Tell me the good news first," said Vivian. "The good news," Edith said, "is that there's softball in heaven. Better yet, all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired." "That's fantastic," said Vivian. "It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?" "You're pitching Tuesday."

Do you know someone who is no longer part of or parish or someone who no longer attends Mass?

If so, begin to pray and think of ways you can invite that person to be a part of our parish. As we prepare for the celebration of the Eucharist each week, we want to reach out to as many people as possible. Think of young people who may not look to the church to help them find meaning in their lives. Think of those who may be angry with the church. Reach out to them, because we want everyone to be a part of this great parish. Think of those who left and went somewhere else-invite them back and tell them what is going on here at OLMC. We want to reach out to everyone and move together as a human family toward greater unity and reconciliation.

"One of the best ways to persuade others is with your ears-by listening to them." Dean Rusk

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 kiplifesourcehospice@yahoo.com