

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 13, 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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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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: Photo of the Paulino family on the day of their eldest daughter, Magdalena's wedding.

At 11:00 pm on Saturday July 29th my phone was inundated with texts and calls from the Paulino family. I have known them since coming to the seminary 25 years ago, back then Simon Bolivar and Rocio were a young couple with two small children.

They lived in a small apartment in the Bronx, but they soon outgrew it as their family expanded. They are open to life, that is, they believed the words of their wedding vows, which said they would “accept children lovingly from God and raise them well in the Church”. By the time they had ten children, they could no longer fit in their tiny apartment. The eldest daughter, Magdalena, saw an Ad for a house in Park Ridge. Her Dad said “You must be crazy, we can’t afford to live in Bergen County, let alone in Park Ridge!” But they came to see the property anyway, which turned out to be owned by a widow, who herself had raised ten children in that house! When she met them, with their ten children, she told them they could live there. It was an answer to prayer.

That was eight years ago. They now have fourteen children, ten of whom still live at home with their parents. My phone was ringing off the hook on the 29th because, as you by now know, their house caught fire. Thankfully no one was hurt, but the home was completely destroyed and they found themselves out on the street literally with just the clothes on their backs.

They stayed that night here at the Rectory, we were camped out all over the floor like a band of gypsies! There was an outpouring of help and support the next day. As word spread, people began bring toiletries, clothes, shoes, towels, clothes, toys, book bags, socks, underwear, water, shampoo, diapers, candy... The Rectory was like Muldoon’s picnic!

I was impressed how well the family took it. They had lost everything, but were in peace. The mom, Rocio, told me “I just need five minutes in prayer, to clear my head.” She asked her eldest daughter to accompany her, and they went to the chapel to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

I’m not sure if she was aware that July 29th, the date of the fire, was also the Feast of St. Martha, the one who was fussing and fretting about everything, until Jesus told her: “Martha, you worry about so many things, but only one is necessary!” He was referring to her sister Mary, who instead of running around like a chicken without a head, was sat at his feet listening to him.

What did Rocio do when her house burned down, and she found herself on the street with ten children at 11 o’ clock at night? She sat at the feet of Jesus. After praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, I heard her say “The world is full of beds and clothes, these things can be replaced. I have my children with me, thanks to God.”

On their behalf I thank all of you who have helped them. There has truly been an outpouring of love and support from the communities of Woodcliff Lake and Park Ridge. They still need a home to live in. There is a link on the Borough website and our Parish Facebook page if you would like to contribute or help them in some way.

Fr. Sean

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday

8:30 am

7:30 pm

August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Anthony Merlino
Dominic Nobile

Tuesday

8:30 am

12:00 pm



August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Suzu Anna Rosen
George & Peter Lutz

Wednesday

8:30 am

August 16

St. Stephen of Hungary
People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am



August 17

Mary Mertz &
Bernadette O'Brien

Friday

8:30 am

August 18

Anthony Merlino

Saturday

5:30 pm



August 19

St. John Eudes
Mario Strambi

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Shawna Gong
James Whitney

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"He said, "come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (Matthew 14:29)

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$6,198.00



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'oevres ~ 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

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.

Going on Vacation?

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



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

Mon-Fri, Aug 21-28	9:15 am-12:00 pm, Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School
August-September 13	Mon & Wed office hours 9:30 am-1:00 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>

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

Parent Orientation Meeting for Faith Formation, 9/13

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 PM** for orientation to our 2017-18 Faith Formation Program. Your interest, assistance and attendance are an essential part in your child's faith development.

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

This week's question: *What Solemnity of Mary commemorates her entrance into heaven body and soul?* (Hint: This Feast is celebrated August 15.) The answer to last week's question: The Transfiguration was the manifestation of Jesus when he led his disciples to a mountaintop and the disciples heard God's voice. **Congratulations to Mia Hennessey** 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

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: *"In union with the whole Church, we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. Mary's Assumption shows us our own destiny as God's adoptive children and members of the body of Christ."* August 15th, 2014

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

The Assumption

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's death, Resurrection and Ascension. To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin-Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle. A.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven? This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God and place their lives in His Father's hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother and what He will do for each of US-His faithful people.

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 this weekend.

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