

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 27, 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:

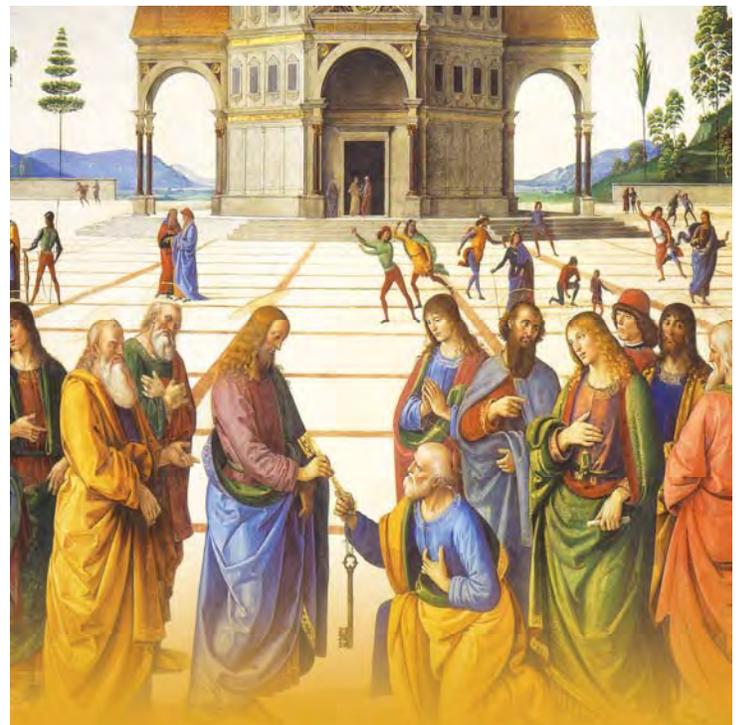
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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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



THE ECLIPSE OF GOD

The Solar Eclipse experienced across the continental USA on Monday seemed an analogy for much of the news feeds that played out in the preceding week.

The media had reported on the planned removal of a Statue of General Robert E. Lee in Charlottesville Virginia; which morphed into images of alt- right protestors, Neo Nazis, White Supremacists, KKK; clashing with Black lives Matter protestors, and the ensuing mayhem, violence, pepper spraying, road rage and ultimately murder. This was followed by reports of a terrorist attack in Barcelona, and then

by the shooting of six police officers around our country, two of them fatally.

One thing all of these stories had in common was vitriol, hate, and finger pointing. When others are demonized, pigeon-holed, and 'blamed,' common sense and decency always take a back seat.

The Solar Eclipse was experienced in different ways, depending on where you were in the country. Some towns experienced a total blackout: *'the crickets started chirping;'* other places only experienced a partial eclipse – it happened but it was almost unperceivable.

The mayhem reported in the media was also an experience of Eclipse. Not of the Sun, but of the Son. In the measure the light of God's love is diminished, hatred and darkness will always increase. Sometimes this is very noticeable, other times it is not, but nevertheless it is happening. Saint Mother Teresa once said "Words and actions that do not increase the light only increase the darkness."

As a small boy growing up in the UK I remember seeing the BBC News reporting on the violence in Northern Ireland. People were bombing each other, there was bloody murder in the streets. Then it dawned on me, I think I was nine years old, that those killing each other were all Christians – the Protestant Orangemen versus the Catholic IRA. How could it have come to that, I thought.

The same way the alt. right can hate snowflakes, or a police officer can be gunned down, or a driver from Ohio can feel justified in murdering someone in Charlottesville, or a conservative can hate a liberal, or a Democrat can loathe a Republican.

In the measure, we lose contact with the truth of who we all are, that is, created in the image and likeness of God, light from light, darkness can invade the heart and justify the vilification of others, especially those who do not hold my views.

The antidote is found in the Gospels, of last Sunday, and this Sunday. Jesus breaks down all the prejudices which become ingrained when people experience an Eclipse of the heart. He is the light of the world. In him we discover, we rediscover, that no matter who we are, – black, white, liberal, conservative, - we are children of one Father.

Fr. Sean

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



August 26

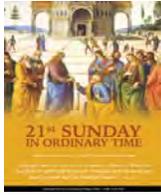
Angela Dicicco

Sunday

August 27

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am



Vincenzina Mazza Greco

10:30 am

Carmela Stagnitta Strianese

Monday

August 28

8:30 am

St. Augustine

Lillian Dell'Aquila

Tuesday

August 29

8:30 am



The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

James T. & Virginia M. Horris

Wednesday

August 30

8:30 am

People of the Parish

Thursday

August 31

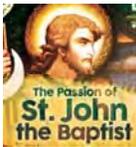
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Anthony Merlino

Friday

September 1

8:30 am



World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Nanci McDonald

Saturday

September 2

5:30 pm

Joseph Miller

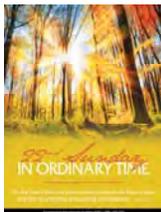
Sunday

September 3

8:30 am

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am



Ralph Malpai

Anthony Merlino

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" (Romans 11:35)

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

Receipts from Last Week.....\$4,542.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,760.00

Assumption.....\$ 955.00

Receipts From Aug. 13.....\$4,542.00

Missionary Collection.....\$1,760.00

Food Pantry



Welcome back from summer vacation to all. Our next food collection for the Tri Boro Food Pantry is scheduled for the weekend of Sept 2nd and 3rd and here are the special items that we need at this time. Fruit juice containers that children can put in their lunch boxes now that they are headed back to school. Also for their lunch boxes we can use small bags of snacks such as cookies, chips and granola bars. Finally, we could also use cans of Spaghetti or Chef Boyardee. Thanks in advance.

Deacon Stan

"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, Francesca DeMarco, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Thomas Kneeshaw, Vivienne Knopp, Melissa Latrenta, Jessica Livingstone, 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.



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.



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.

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

Thank you volunteers for your generous response for September 2! Casserole makers please pick up your pans and recipe on the stage today. Our next date will be Saturday December 2 at St. John's Newark. Contact Deacon Stan for casseroles stanfedison@aol.com or Pat Keenaghan patkeenaghan@yahoo.com to help 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.

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.



On August 13th OLMC concluded a two-week commitment to provide a temporary shelter to families from Family Promise of Bergen County. Among our guests were two delightful 5-month-old babies. Our volunteers who prepared and served dinner or stayed overnight enjoyed (and competed for) the opportunity to hold and play with them. Our guests have expressed their profound gratitude for all of the volunteers who prepared a welcoming environment, provided delicious food, spent time with the children and shared wide-ranging conversations. **During the week of September 10th - 17th OLMC will again have the opportunity to serve as host for families in need of temporary shelter. Please keep the families and the volunteers in your prayers. For further information contact Pat Hourigan (201) 391-9269.**



Saint John's Academy News
St. John's PTG Golf Outing
Monday, September 25, 2017 at the River Vale Country Club. Schedule: 11:30 am Registration and driving range, box lunch, 1:00 pm Shotgun start, 6:00 pm BBQ Dinner with Tricky Tray, prizes and raffle. Please consider supporting St. John's Academy on behalf of your business or family. To register, or for further information and pricing, please contact shagolfouting@gmail.com or Yash Risbud at (917) 363-0740.

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

Sunday Attire
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 dressed in a tee shirt and shorts, or a tank top and swimming trunks? Why be rebellious in God's house?

FAITH FORMATION



Thank you for a great Mighty Fortress VBS!

Thank you Maria Svecak, Margaret Meehan, Ghada Maney and Debbie DiPiazza for all their help to make our Vacation Bible School a success. Pictures of VBS will be on display in the lobby. Our theme Mighty Fortress was shared in Storytelling, Bible Challenge, Great Hall of Snacks, Tournament Arts & Crafts and Tournament Games.

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>

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.

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.

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

This week's question: *What parish is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and is the youngest parish in the Archdiocese of Newark?* The answer to last week's question: *Pope Pius X was the Pope in the early 20th century reestablished the practice of allowing children to receive First Holy Communion at the age of seven* **Congratulations to Mia Hennessy** 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 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: *“When we are feeling sad, when it feels like everything is going wrong, we should remember: “God loves me. God never abandons me”.*
August 22, 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

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



Nocturnal Adoration - September 1

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, September 1, and continue through the night ending at 6:30AM on Saturday, September 2. 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.

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 kiplifsource-hospice@yahoo.com

Do you know someone who is no longer part of our 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

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Does the pope choose his own name or is it given to him? Why does it change?

A

The pope picks his own name. Although all of the popes since the Middle Ages have done so, it is not required to change your name. The first pope to change his name was John II in 533. His given name was Mercury, the name of a pagan god and he felt that his was not an appropriate name for the head of the church and he changed it. The last pope to keep his given name as pope was Marcellus II in 1555. Pope John Paul I was the first to choose two names. Until the election of Pope Francis in 2013, the last pope to choose a new, unused name was Pope Lando in 913.

When a pope chooses a new name, it might indicate his hopes and intentions for his reign, or tell us about his view of spirituality; it might also reflect continuity with a predecessor. In the early thirteenth century St. Francis of Assisi had a vision in which Jesus commanded him, “Repair my house, which as you see is falling into ruin.” In choosing St. Francis as his namesake, Pope Francis was pointing to one of the world’s most beloved saints, who embraced radical simplicity, poverty, and care for the poor. As Pope Francis himself put it, “Oh, how I would like a church which is poor and for the poor!”

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