

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 3, 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:

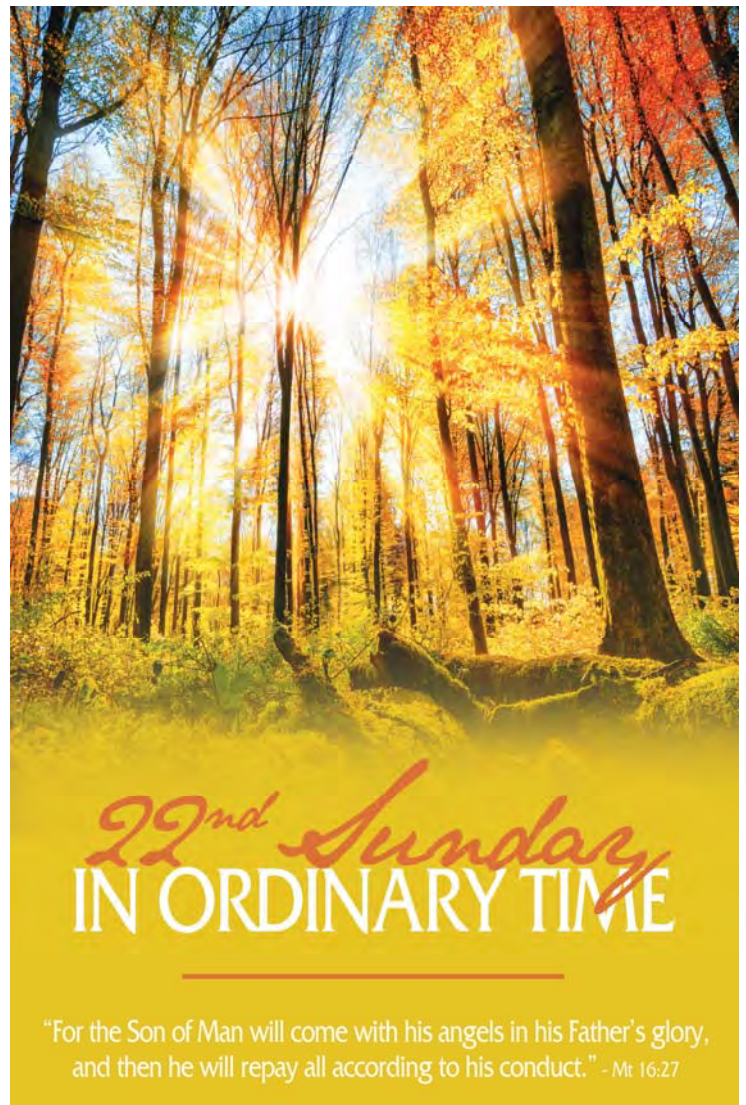
Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm  
Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm  
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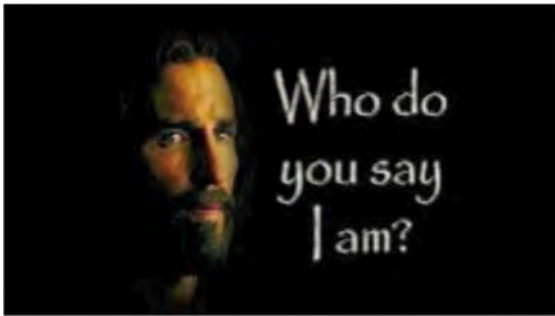
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**Mission Statement:** Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming 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



“Who do you say I am?”

The question Jesus put to the disciples last week is also asked of us again today. It can be answered in many ways.

The answer can depend on one’s mood, or circumstances, or feelings, or peer pressure, or cultural influences, by one’s own prejudices, whims, and fancies.

Jesus identity –who he is –can easily be obscured, or replaced by who we want him to be. Our image of him can be filtered, formed by our own preconceived wishes and desires.

For some He is a role model –sublime, but ultimately unattainable.

For others, he is the great social reformer, come to put things right, if only we would follow him.

Or he is the genie in a bottle –summoned and invoked to fix whatever problem needs fixing next.

Or he is the political liberator par excellence –come to do away with all injustice, replacing evil structures with better ones.

For others, he is an alienation from all worry and stress, a comfortable refuge, not to be sullied by the harsh reality of daily life.

For others yet he is the misinterpreted, the misunderstood, the one who needs to be re-read, re-studied and re-examined, and liberated from the ultra conservative or ultra liberal (depending where you stand) all in the name of –ultimately- furthering a personal agenda, which would have much more gravitas if Jesus himself were in my corner.

For others he is a memory, a tamed substitute for the fire that once burned within. For others, he is forgotten all together.

A friend of mine once sent me a text message from the fourth floor of Sloan Kettering Hospital in Manhattan, where she had just undergone cancer surgery, it read: “J.C. Should come here 2 ask everyone on this floor ‘Who do u say I am?’ Would love 2 hear the answers!”

The question is asked of all of us, especially in moments of difficulty or crisis.

What is your answer?

Fr. Sean



# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**Sunday**

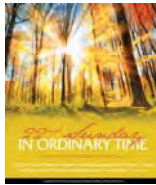
**September 2**

Joseph Miller

**September 3**

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am



Ralph Malpai

10:30 am

Anthony Merlino

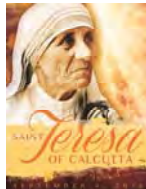
**Monday**

8:30 am

**September 4**

*Labor Day*

Mary Mertz



**Tuesday**

8:30 am



**September 5**

*St. Teresa of Kolkata*

8:30 am

Patrick J. Kelly

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**September 6**

People of the Parish

**Thursday**

8:30 am

**September 7**

Mary & Thomas Connolly

**Friday**

8:30 am



**September 8**

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Lois Dion



**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**September 9**

*St. Peter Claver*

Coach Higgins

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**September 10**

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day*

10:30 am

Ann & Robert Witte

Frank Lundy

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matthew 16:26)*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

**Receipts from Last Week.....\$4,916.00**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of September in memory of



**Jack D’Ambrosi**

Requested by Karen & Emily D’Ambrosi and Jacqueline Scales

*For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.”*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**“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.

## Book of the Month! Interested in starting a book club? Check out the Sister Frances Memorial Parish Library!

If reading is your interest, consider joining a Book Club right here at OLMC. Sign up in the Library, (on the stage) while your browsing and leave a suggestion for a book. Nominate a book you've read for Book of the Month, see envelope in library. We recently received a nice collection of tween books from the Meehan Family, THANK YOU! Come and borrow!

## Thank You All Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Thank you servers, bakers and casserole makers for your generous help to make our trip to Eva's Kitchen possible. We were able to serve approximately 220. Our next date will be Saturday December 2 at St. John's Newark. Contact Deacon Stan for casseroles [stanfedison@aol.com](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com) or Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto: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** Do you need a helping hand? A ride to the doctor? A meal delivered? Or errands run? Our parishioners would like to assist one another. If you answered yes, know that we would like to help. Please contact Judi Quinn. 201-391-2826 or [judiolmc@yahoo.com](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com). All requests will be kept confidential. If you would like to be a helper, please e-mail Judi Quinn.

**Question?**  
**What do the letters INRI on the top of the crucifix stand for?** The letters indicated are an abbreviation for the Latin text, **Jesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum (Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews)** which is the inscription which Pontius Pilate had placed on the cross.

## 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.



## 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](mailto:shagolfouting@gmail.com) or Yash Risbud at (917) 363-0740.

## Imposition of the Pallium

A special Mass celebrating the Imposition of the Pallium for Cardinal Joseph Tobin will take place on Thursday September 14th at 2:00pm in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Our parish is invited to join with the rest of the Archdiocese in attending and celebrating this Mass together with the Cardinal. If anyone would like a ride, or wants to car-pool, please let Fr. Sean or Fr. Siffredus know.



## Building Work Update

After a very slow start due mainly to bad weather at the beginning of the summer, our building renovations are back on track. The wheelchair accessible ramp is finished, awaiting the installation of the railings, and the new bathroom in the front lobby is awaiting a few finishing touches, but is fully functional. We have begun renovations on the men's bathroom in the main lobby, and renovation work on the women's bathroom will begin after September 23rd. We ask the men to please use the new bathroom in the front lobby while renovations are going on.



## 9/11 Anniversary

Please join our local community in commemorating the anniversary of 9/11 on Monday September 11th at 7:00pm at the Jack D'Ambrosi Ballfield. This is an important moment for us as a town to come together in prayer, and to support those who were directly affected by the terror attacks sixteen years ago.



# FAITH FORMATION



## Calendar for September

Sept 5-13	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 in the Church
Wed, Sept 27	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, <b>Faith Formation Classes Begin for Grades 1-6</b> <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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to request forms.

## Is God Calling You to Share Your Faith???

**Consider being a catechist or aid for Faith Formation! We need you!** 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)

## 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).



**Pope Francis Says:** *"May the Virgin Mary obtain for us the grace to be enlivened by the Holy Spirit, so we can witness to Christ with evangelical honesty."* August 25, 2017

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

This week's question: **Whose birthday is celebrated Sept. 8?** Last week's answer: Our Lady Mother of the Church parish is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and is the youngest parish in the Archdiocese of Newark. Congratulations to Mason Hennessy! 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 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).



This summer Lighting Our Faith program collected school supplies for Family Promise, Ridgewood. We received the following note: Dear OLMC, A sincere note of thanks for your help and generous collection for our students. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Family Promise"

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)

## 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.

# SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

## A Prayer for Back to School

Our Heavenly Father,

In a season of life when parenting decisions seem to loom larger than life itself, we humbly ask for your guidance.

While the shoes still smell new... and the pencils point crisply, our hearts sense the need

for a stronger connection with your love and a deeper reliance on your grace.

Would You help us to remember that You know every thought we have as a parent? Would You remind us that the feeling of having our hearts walk around outside our bodies is one You are ever so familiar with?

And would You provide the wisdom from above as we walk this new ground for a new school year?

We praise Your name for doing so.

In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen.



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### 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**



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.**

**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 [kiplifesource-hospice@yahoo.com](mailto:kiplifesource-hospice@yahoo.com)

**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?