

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 10, 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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# 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

**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



'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. If he does not listen to you, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.'

How are we to understand all this? Is there to be a progressive harshness towards the brother or sister who has sinned against us, with increasingly grave consequences? Does treating them 'as a gentile or tax collector' mean writing

them off completely?

To understand Jesus' words, we need to first ask who is 'the brother, or sister' anyway? The answer is anyone at all. And what is the sin committed? That too can be anything at all. This being the case, all of us are included in this Gospel.

We have all been slighted or hurt by the attitude, actions, deeds, words, or even the silence of others. And what has been our response? To throw their sin in their face, drag them before the tribunal of the church? That would be easy, and perhaps for some that is what their idea of the church is. But it is not how Jesus thinks; for he also said 'There is one judge and law-giver, who are you to judge' and also 'If your brother sins against you seventy times seven, forgive him.'

What does it mean therefore to treat the offending party as a gentile or tax collector? We know the answer to that from the Gospels: Jesus loved them. In fact, others were scandalized that he went to eat in the house of tax collectors. Jesus dirtied himself with their sins. He himself became ritually impure so that sinners might not be excluded from the community. And to those who thought this was wrong, he had this to say: 'Tax collectors and sinners precede you into the Kingdom of Heaven.'

One of the twelve, Levi, otherwise known as Matthew, was a tax collector, as was Zacchaeus, who rejoiced when Jesus came to his house.

Jesus was heard praising Gentiles for having more faith than those in Israel. Gentiles could be esteemed in his eyes, and referred to as models to be emulated, as in the case of the widow of Zarahath, or Namaan the Syrian.

Rather than increasing sanctions and restrictions aimed at the uncooperative brother or sister, Jesus' words in today's Gospel can rightly be understood as meaning the exact opposite: if you have been offended, be willing to make the first move, and go to any length necessary to make the sinner welcome, even if that means getting the church involved.

Our parish, like any parish, is meant to be a place of refuge for the sinner, for the tax collector and the gentile. Do you know any? Why not invite them to Mass next Sunday.

Fr. Sean

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

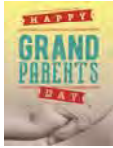
**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**September 9**

*St. Peter Claver*  
Coach Higgins



**Sunday**

8:30 am



**September 10**

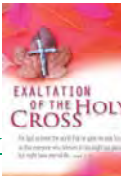
*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day*

Ann & Robert Witte  
Frank Lundy



**Monday**

8:30 am



**September 11**

*Patriot Day*

Jack D'Ambrosi

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**September 12**

*Most Holy Name of Mary*

People of the Parish

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**September 13**

*St. John Chrysostom*

Frank P. Monaghan

**Thursday**

8:30 am



**September 14**

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Richard Stabile

**Friday**

8:30 am

**September 15**

*Our Lady of Sorrows*

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**September 16**

*Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian*

Barbara J. Malone

**Sunday**

8:30 am

**September 17**

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday*

Laura & Frank Gatto

10:30 am

Linda & Harry Howard

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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

*"You, Son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." (Ezekiel 33:7)*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough and give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

**Receipts from Last Week.....\$5,814.00**

**Catholic University.....\$ 947.00**

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

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\* **Sunday Attire** \*  
\* People generally have no real problem wearing \*  
\* proper clothing when entering places that demand \*  
\* such attire. Would you ever consider attending a for- \*  
\* mal 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? \*  
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*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, Eugenia Pqrron, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, Rose Ann Tripaldi, Eric Vanderleifs, 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 this Weekend!**

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 this weekend. 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 200. 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.

## Special Noon Mass

A special Mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, NJ on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call (201) 768-7565. Also on Saturday is the New Jersey Recovery Advocates Rally at Liberty State Park. For more info visit their website [newjerseyrecoveryadvocates.org](http://newjerseyrecoveryadvocates.org).

## 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

**Welcome Back!** May God continue to bless all of our students, faculty, administration and school staff as they begin a new school year.

## Patriot Day

On this 16th anniversary the Saint John's Academy community keeps in prayer all of those affected by the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

## 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 11-20	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 (Choose Wed. or Thurs)
Thurs, Sept 14	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 Wed, 9/13 or Thurs, 9/14

Mark your calendars for **Wed, Sept 13 or Thurs, Sept. 14 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. 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: *Which relative of Jesus has a birthday 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. 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!!!

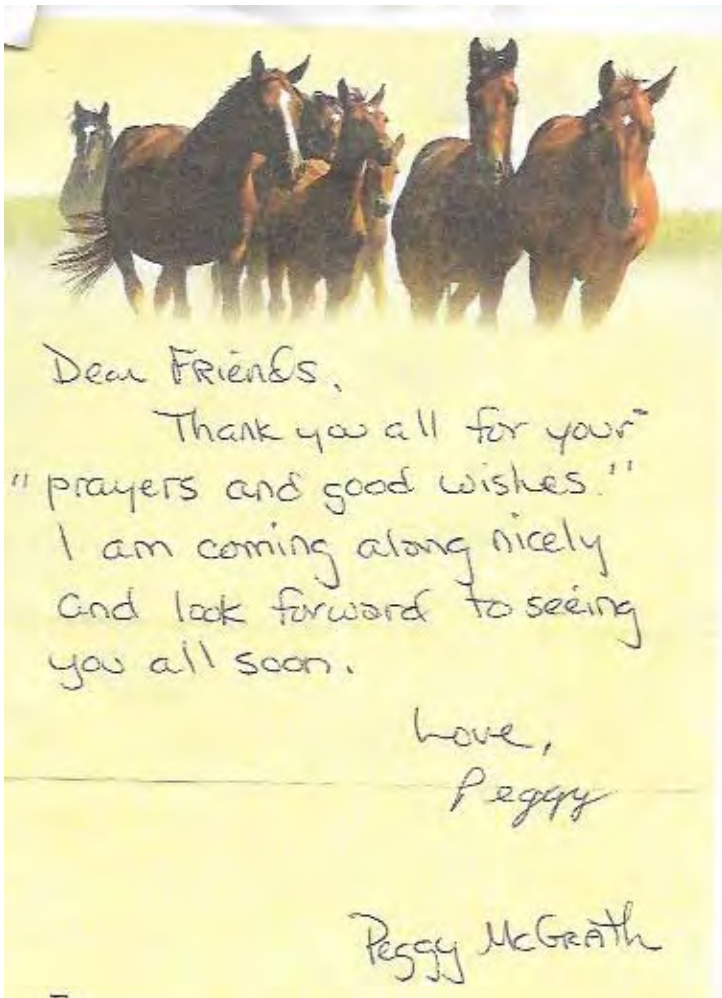
Can you transport the residents from Waterfront on Broadway to 10:30 Liturgy on Sundays? Please contact Deacon Stan if available. [stanfedison@aol.com](mailto:stanfedison@aol.com)

## 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



### At the Cemetery

A newly appointed young minister was contacted by the local funeral director to hold a gravesite service in a small country cemetery. Because the deceased had no friends and family left, there was to be no funeral, just the committal. The pastor started to the cemetery early enough, but he soon lost his way, causing him to arrive thirty minutes late. There was no hearse or funeral director in sight, just the workmen, who were sitting under a tree eating lunch. Moving to the newly dug grave, the minister opened his prayer book and read the service over the vault lid that was in place. When returning to his car, the preacher overheard one of the workmen say, "Maybe we'd better tell him that's a septic tank."



### Papal Blessings

Papal Blessings can be obtained from the from the Apolistic Nunicature in Washington, DC. Individuals named in a blessing must be practicing Catholics. In general, a Papal blessing is customarily sought on the following occasions: Priests' First Mass, parish religious events, e.g. Anniversaries, Religious Profession or Entrance into Consecrated Life, Anniversaries of Priestly Ordination, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, Wedding Anniversary, Birthday or General Blessing. If interested please contact Judi Quinn in the parish office at (201) 391-2826 or [judiolmc@yahoo.com](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com).

### 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**

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