

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 17, 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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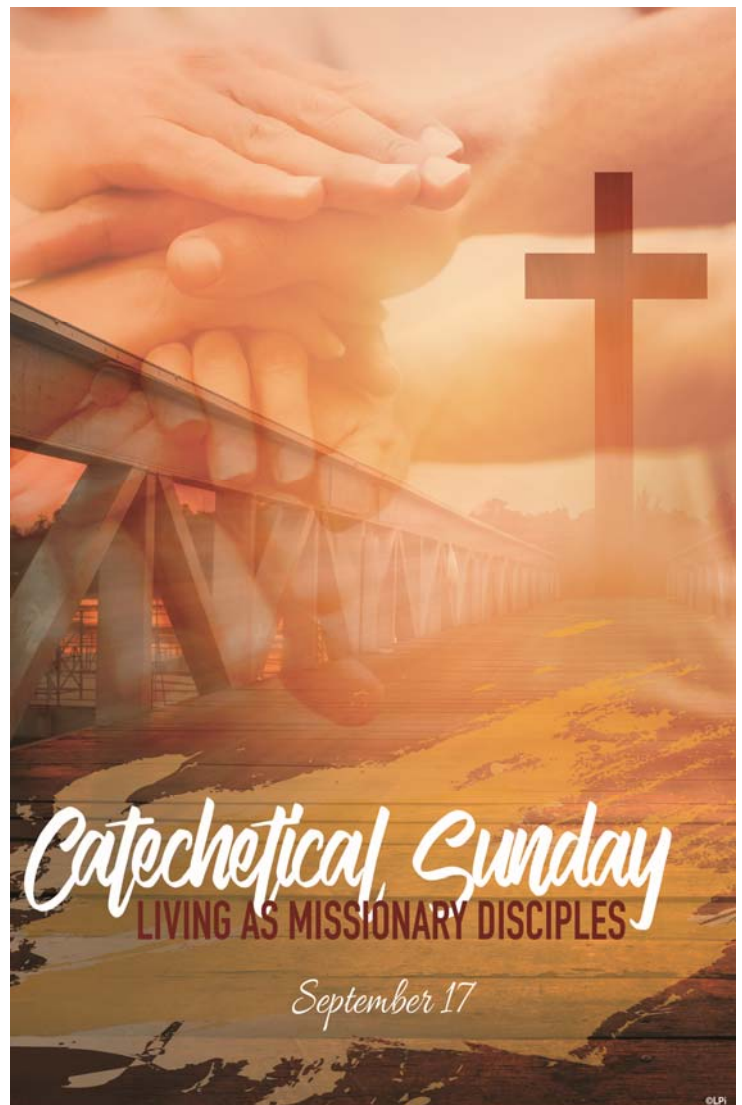
### Faith Formation Office

**Phone:** 201-391-7400

Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

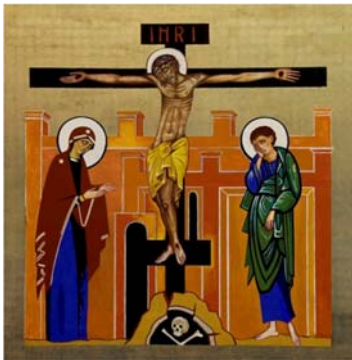
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**Mission Statement:** Called by our baptism and nourished by the Eucharist, the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, acknowledge our mission to teach, share and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we create a welcoming 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



This past Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Many of the faithful in the Archdiocese gathered at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark, to celebrate Mass with Cardinal Tobin to mark his having received the Pallium from Pope Francis. The Pallium is the lambs wool collar which signifies the Good Shepherd, who embraces the Cross in looking for the Lost Sheep. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross is central to our Catholic Christian belief, it is worthwhile reminding myself, and those of us who were unable to attend Mass that day, of what this Feast means.

All of us have a cross in our life. Our crosses can take many forms. The cross is always something tangible, specific. It may be something that happened twenty-five years ago, it may be an aspect of our personality, it may be a person we live with, it may be a sickness, it may be an injustice, it may be a situation in work, it may be the death of a loved one.

The cross is the instrument which the Enemy of our soul, the deceiver, the father of lies, uses to make us doubt God's love for us. He shows us our cross and says *'You see, if God is so good, explain this to me! Why would God allow this to happen to you? You know why? Because deep down he does not love you. If you were God, you would do a much better job. To hell with religion, the church, the priests, all this is nonsense, take your life in your own hands and fix it, because only you are able to.'* Well, in those or similar words.

The cross is always an experience of limitation, it is humbling. Eve had a cross in the Garden of Eden. God had placed her in Paradise, giving everything to her, with the exception of one fruit. She fixates on this, and cannot accept that she cannot have it. She believes the lie: 'you cannot have it, you cannot do what you want, your life is not the way you want, because God is mean, he is jealous of you.' She believes this lie and falls. Sin is always a result of rejecting the cross in our life.

The only one who has not doubted the love of God when confronted with the cross is Jesus Christ. He experienced all that we do, and when faced with the cross he cried out in our humanity "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabbachtani – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" To feel forsaken, cut off, abandoned, deprived of the face of God – this is the experience of Hell itself, it is the most terrible anguish a person can experience. Jesus Christ experienced this, he accepted it. We profess in the Creed *'He descended into Hell'* and yet he did not doubt God's love.

He embraced the cross, saying 'Even if I do not understand why this is happening, even if I do not see the meaning of this now, I know that you, my God, are love, that you love me, and that you will not abandon me to death.' The cross is the place where he meets the love of God.

What Jesus experienced in his flesh, we also experience Sacramentally in the liturgy. In God's own way, and in his own time, the Crosses in our life can become enlightened, and we begin to understand why they are there. When you think about it, God has always waited for us at a crossroads in our life. In front of the cross, we either throw everything out of the window, or transcend our selves through the grace of Christ and experience the love of God in that very circumstance.

Why is there such a mess in the world with terrorism? People who are burning with hatred and anger? So angry, so misguided, that 16 years ago they hijacked airplanes and flew them in the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing three thousand innocent people. So angry, so deluded, that they drive vans over pedestrians, murdering men, women and children in London and Barcelona. What could drive a person to do such a thing? The terrorists, all of them, without a doubt, have experienced some form of perceived injustice; they have been wronged by someone, or experienced some humiliation, either in their childhood or as adults. But for sure their cross has not been enlightened. The result being that they become justice makers, they take matters into their own hands, they take the place of God himself, and begin to fix things the way they see fit.

The Holy Humility of Christ! He could have called down a legion of angels to wipe out his enemies, those who were mistreating him, but he did not do so. He embraces the cross, not out of stoicism, or resignation, but really believing that God the Father loves him, and that he allows the cross as a means, the only means, to experience that love. May the cross which you and I have today be enlightened, may our crosses be, in virtue of Christ, an occasion for us to experience the immense love which God has for us.

Fr. Sean

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Saturday

5:30 pm



## September 16

*Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian*

Barbara J. Malone

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



## September 17

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time; Catechetical Sunday*

Laura & Frank Gatto

Linda & Harry Howard

## Monday

8:30 am

## September 18

Matteo Piccinich

## Tuesday

8:30 am

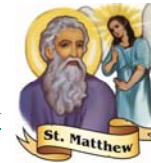
## September 19

*St. Januarius*

Sylvia Fariello

## Wednesday

8:30 am



## September 20

*Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul*

*Chong Ha-sang & Companions*

Tom Potter

## Thursday

8:30 am

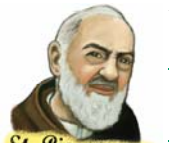
## September 21

*St. Matthew*

People of the Parish

## Friday

8:30 am



## September 22

George & Peter Lutz

## Saturday

5:30 pm

## September 23

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina; Autumn begins*

Rose & Joseph Scanapico

## Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



## September 24

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary*

*Time*

Vincenzina Mazza Greco

Bern Kettler

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's" (Romans I 4:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship-everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

**Receipts from Last Week.....\$6,289.00**



## SAVE THE DATE!!!!



### Jubilee Christmas Concert

On Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7:30 pm a Jubilee Christmas Concert will be hosted by Our Lady Mother of the Church to conclude the 50th Anniversary. Ciaran Sheehan and other Broadway and world class musicians will perform Christmas music along with a varied array of beautiful heart-felt Broadway love songs. The evening will include a champagne toast during intermission while Silent Night is sung and our parish Christmas Tree is lit. A magical evening filled with the spirit of Christmas.

*"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.*

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



**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.**

## 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.

## Liturgy of the Word for Children

OLMC will again be offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during select 10:30AM Masses between October and April. This is only possible with the help of our parishioners who volunteer to teach; you will only need to teach about 3-4 times and experience is not required. If you are interested in engaging with the children of the parish in this very meaningful way, a few times this coming school year, please let us know soon - we are organizing the teaching schedule! Please contact Pat Keenaghan at [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com). Volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment Policy.



## Saint John's Academy News Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Student Council

President: Natalie Pulido, Vice President: Jessica Sabino, Secretary: Jonathan Sirico, Treasurer: Thomas Staff and Executive Officer: Kyle Pasion

## St. John's PTG Golf Outing

Monday, September 25, 2017 at the River Vale Country Club. Spaces are still available! For further information, please contact: [sjagolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:sjagolfouting@gmail.com) or Yash Risbud at (917) 363-0740



## Our Lady's Guild Wine and Cheese Social

The "Guild of Our Lady" welcomes all the ladies of OLMC (young and old) to join us at our opening session on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> beginning with a Mass at 7:00 pm. There will be a short meeting at 7:30 pm to present a tentative schedule of activities and projects for the new season followed by a spread of various cheeses and delicious wines. **COME JOIN US! GET INVOLVED!!!**

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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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## 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.

# FAITH FORMATION



## Calendar for September & October

Sept 11-20	Mon & Wed office hours 9:30 am-1:00 pm
Wed, Sept 27	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, <b>Faith Formation Classes Begin for Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul</b>
Wed, Oct 4	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, <b>Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</b>
Wed, Oct 11	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, <b>Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. John XXXIII</b>
Wed, Oct 19	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, <b>Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Luke</b>
Wed, Oct 26	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, <b>Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Daria</b>

## 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)



**Pope Francis Says:** "War is the negation of all rights. Let us pray for those who have the responsibility to avoid war between peoples." September 13, 2017

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

This week's question: *Who is the head of a diocese? Bonus who is the head of our diocese?* Last week's answer: Mary, the Mother of Jesus, has a birthday celebrate on Sept. 8. 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).

## 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).

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



Fundraiser  
Tices Corner Marketplace  
Saturday, October 7  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Pink Heals is a non-profit organization with a mission is to provide support of women across the country by wearing her color Pink. The national “Cares Enough to Wear Pink” days are October 25th, 26th, and 27th. We would like to have every community adopt the resolution and wear pink on these days to show the women in the community they have the love and support of everyone around them. We support all types of cancer relief efforts and focus on women as a whole in whatever type of cancer they battle. As first responders, it is in our nature to care for the community; this is another way to show love and support. Women are the most important people in our lives whether they are our mothers, wives, daughters or sisters. The pink trucks serve as a memorial for those lost in the battle against the disease, and as an inspiration to those still fighting. They enable us to aid a community holding a fundraiser and generate proceeds that will stay in that community to help with bills, co-pays, research and/or general financial help for families that may be struggling. Through our t-shirt sales we will be able to keep our trucks on the road raising awareness and encouraging more communities to support their women as well. We encourage people to sign our trucks either as a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one lost. Wearing the pink shirts for the three days in October tie us all together as a National Pink Army. This unified front will help in the well-being and mental health of women who need love and support from the local community.



*A parish is not like a bus on which you pay your fare, and then sit passively to be driven by someone else to your destination. A parish is like a rowboat; there is a seat for everybody and by every seat there is a oar.*

## Safe Environment Policy

Volunteers Compliance of the Archdiocese of Newark’s Safe Environment Policy is required for all volunteers and employees (18 years/older) who work/volunteer with children in our parish. Contact Judi Quinn for necessary form or if you have any questions: [judiolmc@yahoo.com](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com). Safe Environment Policy requirements include:

- Attend a Protecting God’s Children Workshop for Adults (recertification of PGC is required every 3 yrs) Go to this link: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/index.cfm?>
- Complete a Volunteer Application and Archdiocesan Code of Conduct
- Complete Criminal Background Check



## Papal Blessings

Papal Blessings can be obtained from the from the Apostolic Nunciature 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).

**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)