

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 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:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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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



Archbishop
Thomas
A. Boland lays
the cornerstone
of the church

This weekend marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of our parish.

On Saturday September 23rd, 1967, Archbishop Boland signed a Decree establishing the territory of a new parish in Woodcliff Lake. The name of the Parish was to be 'Our Lady Mother of the Church' a title which was promulgated at the recently concluded Second Vatican Council.

Since that time the parish has thrived and grown into the vibrant faith community we know today. We remember and pray for all the priests and pastors who have served here over the past fifty years, beginning with Fr. Mark Dooley and Fr. Joseph Beggans, who came to Woodcliff Lake in 1966 and began celebrating weekday Mass in a house, and Sunday liturgy at the school auditorium.

We remember our first Pastor, Fr. John McCarthy, who came here in 1967 and began the work of building the new church. Fr. McCarthy retired in 1980, and you may not know that he is buried on the grounds outside the church. It would be appropriate for us to have a special graveside service this year to remember him, and to pray in thanksgiving for him.

In the thirty seven years since Fr. McCarthy retired there have only been five other Pastors: Fr. Edward Cooke, Fr. Thomas Arminio, Monsignor Cajetan Salemi, Fr. Rich Kelly and myself. There have been many more priests who have served us as parochial vicars or weekend assistants. And of course, not to forget our one Deacon, Stan Fedison.

This Anniversary is an occasion to remember and pray for the all the clergy who have spent their lives ministering in this part of the vineyard. Many of you have fond memories, of events in your lives - the joyful and the tearful – in which these clergy were integral parts of those experiences.

But a parish is not a parish without the people. It is the parishioners of Our Lady Mother of the Church, past and present, who make this faith community what it is. As Pastor, I wish to congratulate all of you on this Anniversary, and thank you for the joyful experience of ministering to, and with you, here at Our Lady Mother of the Church.

We look back at the amazing things that have been done, and we look forward to the future with hope and excitement at what lays in store for our wonderful church.

Fr. Sean

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina; Autumn begins

Rose & Joseph Scanapico

Sunday



September 24

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

Vincenzina Mazza Greco

10:30 am

Bern Kettler

Monday

8:30 am

September 25

Bern Kettler

Tuesday

8:30 am

September 26

Ss. Cosmas & Damian

Dot Arndt

Wednesday

8:30 am

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul

Sara Pia

Thursday

8:30 am

September 28

St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

Virginia M. & James T. Horris

Friday

8:30 am



September 29

Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Michael Frabasile

Saturday

5:30 pm

September 30

St. Jerome

Special Intention

Sunday



October 1

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

8:30 am

Domenico Tarabocchia

10:30 am

Anthony Merlino

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"So the last will be first and the first last"

(Matthew 20:16)

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$6,104.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,814.00

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 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.

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 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 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. 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. Volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment Policy.



Saint John's Academy News National Junior Honor Society

We celebrate with and congratulate the students inducted into the National Junior Honor Society! To be eligible for NJHS membership, the student must have achieved honors in 6th and 7th grade; they must demonstrate responsibility and leadership qualities and they must have volunteered their time in service to others.

Box Tops for Education

Please clip and drop Box Tops from General Mills, Pillsbury, Hefty, Avery and Kimberly Clark products in the parish office. Each one is worth \$.10 to our school. Many thanks for your generosity!

SALON MUSICALE CONCERT



BROADWAY AND CLASSICAL FAVORITES

LUCIA WEHR, ANNA SAINCLIVIER, PEGGY O'NEILL
ADRIENNE MURPHY, RUMIKO SAKIKI, MARY ANN TRULBY
WITH
DAVID MANULLO, PIANO

3:00 PM - OCTOBER 1, 2017

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
34 MAPLE AVE., HACKENSACK, NJ

NO TICKETS NECESSARY, FREE WILL OFFERING



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

Wed, Sept 27	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes Begin for Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Vincent de Paul
Wed, Oct 4	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Wed, Oct 11	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. John XXXIII
Wed, Oct 19	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Luke
Wed, Oct 26	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Daria

Thank You Catechists!

We are very pleased to have a wonderful staff. Please pray for our catechists. If you would like to be a catechist, let us know! Training will be provided. Protecting God's Children certification for volunteers 18 or older is required. Please consider this opportunity to share the Good News and e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

Have you registered for FAITH FORMATION 2017-18 Grades 1 - 8

Is your child in 1st Grade? **Register now for Faith Formation!** Please e-mail faithformationolmc@gmail.com to request forms. Please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Record. Faith Formation classes for grades 1 through 6 and meet weekly, Wednesday 3:45-5PM. Youth JAM for grades 7 and 8 usually meets on the third Sunday of each month.



Pope Francis Says: "The more Jesus occupies the centre of our lives, the more He allows us to come out of ourselves and brings us closer to others." September 17, 2017

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

This week's question: *How many Holy Days of Obligation are celebrated in the United States? Bonus: Name them!* Last week's answer: A bishop *is the head of a diocese. The head of our archdiocese is Cardinal Tobin.* 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. To reserve the Chalice, please e-mail Faith Formation: 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 For-

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.

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.

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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: judi-olmc@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

Captain Stan and his crew during their recent cruise to Italy at the nursing home in Rockleigh.

