

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 1, 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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Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm



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

metanoia

(n.) the journey of changing one's mind
heart, self, or way of life.

The 'two sons' Jesus speaks of in the Gospel are an allegory for the prostitutes and tax collectors on one hand, and the chief priests and elders on the other.

Asked to work in the vineyard, the first refuse at first, but then have a conversion of heart and go. The second say they will go to the vineyard, but then do not.

Actions speak louder than words. It's one thing to say 'Yes,' but another thing to actually do so. The two sons in the Gospel represent two dispositions, two attitudes. One is a 'Yes man,' who will always say what he thinks others want to hear. He is not free to say what he really feels, he wants others to like him, he is afraid of correction. He does not want to rock the boat, he is politically correct, never makes waves. He will promise you the earth, but his words are only words. His 'Yes' is only a mask for the 'No' deep within him.

This is not surprising, because 'Yes' in the scriptures means 'Amen,' or 'So be it,' 'Yes' means 'I concur,' or 'I agree,' or 'I commit myself.'

No one can say 'Yes' to God without the grace of Jesus Christ. He is the 'Amen,' he is the one who says 'Yes' and follows up on his word by his actions. Jesus Christ is the only one who has committed himself to God, he is the one who works in the vineyard.

In Christianity it is not we who can say 'Yes' to God by our own strength. No one can commit themselves to follow God, to work in the vineyard by their own gumption or bravado, by their own efforts. Sure, they can say they'll do it, but will sooner or later realize they are unable to follow through.

This is not surprising, because our nature is fallen, damaged. Who can work in the vineyard of the Lord and produce its fruit with their own efforts? If the fruit of the vineyard is grapes, grapes that will become wine, wine that will become for us in the Eucharist today the blood of Christ, poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Who can enter the vineyard and produce this fruit, this love? Who can forgive but God himself? No one can say 'Yes' to doing this, unless they are delusional.

Who can say 'Yes' I will go into the vineyard and produce its fruit? One person's vineyard is the fact that she's a Mom, for another that he is a Dad; for both of them that they are married! The vineyard maybe that you are a Cop, or a Dentist, or that you work in the financial district, or that you are in politics, or a grandma, or that you are a teenager in High School. Your vineyard may be the fact that you are retired, or a priest, or that you work in an office. For any of us to say 'Yes, I will go into the vineyard and produce fruit' – i.e. 'I will always love at home, I will always be patient with the kids, I will never get angry at work, I will love God above all things and always love my neighbor' – by my own effort... is living in the clouds. This is you and me.

The other son is sincere, he says 'No' when asked to work in the vineyard. He realizes that he is unable to go, because he knows his weakness, he knows that he is wounded, he knows that he loves very little, indeed he knows that he loves himself more than others. He knows he is perhaps selfish, that he can get angry; he has often held resentments. He joins in gossip, and bad mouths others, even though he knows it's not the right thing to do. He knows that he can be violent, that he has a sharp tongue; he does not admit to mistakes easily, but prefers to blame someone else. 'No, I cannot go into the vineyard, I am unable to produce the fruit of love! This, also, is you and me.

'But afterwards he changed his mind and went.' This verb 'to change' is a translation of the word 'Metanoia.' More than '*changing one's mind*,' Metanoia means conversion, turning away from sin, from selfishness, anger, resentment, pride. Metanoia is a radical experience of conversion, a turning away from anything that impedes God from producing the fruit of the vineyard -love- in us. Metanoia is turning towards God, and seeing that in him all things are possible. Metanoia is an experience of God's love for us, wounded, and weak as we are. Metanoia leads to love of others, to forgiveness. Not because we are good, but because God has been good to us. And the Good News is that this, also, can be you and me.

Fr. Sean

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday

October 2

8:30 am

The Holy Guardian Angels

Sara Pia

Tuesday

October 3

8:30 am

Margaret & John Coyne (Deceased)

Wednesday

October 4

8:30 am



St. Francis of Assisi

Margaret Kelly

Thursday

October 5

8:30 am

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

People of the Parish

Friday

October 6

8:30 am

Ss. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose

Durocher

Frank Gatto

Saturday

October 7

5:30 pm



Our Lady of the Rosary

Joseph Dattoli

Sunday

October 8

8:30 am

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 am

Gloria Sapuppo

Robert Lombardy, Sr.

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..."

(Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$7,162.00

50th Anniversary Thank You



What a wonderful celebration we had last weekend to mark the 50th Anniversary of the beginnings of our Parish. We enjoyed each other's company, had great food and good music to dance

to on Saturday night. Sunday's brunch in the Tent was another huge success. I would like to thank all those who made this celebration possible; those who came and sponsored the event, and especially all those who worked so diligently to make it such a special occasion. A special word of thanks to Marie Ruppel for coordinating this event.

"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"

Deceased of the parish: Loretta Hess

"A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lt. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

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



Bern Kettler

Requested by Marie Kettler

The Wine will be offered for the Week of October 1 to October 8 in memory of



Dorothy C. Burke

Requested by John Burke

OCTOBER 1, 2017



The 44th Upper Pascack Valley CROP Walk for hunger will be held on **Sunday October 22, starting between 12:30-1:00 PM.** This year the walk will begin at the Pascack Reformed Church at 65 Pascack Road in Park Ridge. Last year, our Parish, as part of a multi-denominational team of eight houses of worship in the Pascack Valley raised almost \$2,100. Our highest amount ever was in 2012 when we raised over \$5,000. Money raised is used to distribute food for those less fortunate than we are. Overall, the Pascack Valley houses of worship collaborated to donate almost \$20,000 to both national and local charities that help feed the poor through Church World Services.

More information and sign-up opportunities will become available after the masses beginning October 1, when we will be asking for walkers to participate and solicit sponsors and donors after the weekend Masses. If anyone wants to volunteer to help promote the event or register walkers, please call us at 201.391.1460 or by email to JFrey4@aol.com. If you plan to walk or donate, you may also register directly online at CROPHungerWalk.org/parkridgenj and be sure to register with Team OLMC. Again, any questions please feel free to call or write. Finally, a great **Thank You** has to be extended to all those who walked and donated last year – hope to see you again this year.

John & Maria Frey



Saint John's Academy News

Opening Liturgy

Our first school Liturgy was held on September 15th at St. John the Baptist Church.

Thank you to Father John for bestowing God's blessings upon us!

School is in Session!!

All grades from Pre-K through 8 are now in session and getting settled into their new schedules. We are eager and motivated for our students to be passionate learners who live Christ-centered lives. Our focus for the 2017-2018 school year is on strengthening: communication; Catholic identity; academic rigor and community work. Thank you for your continued support of our mission!

Man in the Red Bandana

The SJA community joined together to remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Students wore extra red in honor of the "Man in the Red Bandana". Faculty members and administrators generated prayers and lessons to support this service project.



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.

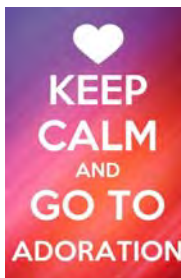


SAVE THE DATE!!!!



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.



Nocturnal Adoration - October 6

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, October 6, and continue through the night ending at 6:30AM on Saturday, October 7. All are welcome and encouraged to come spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer directed to Christ in the Eucharistic Sacrament is meant to extend the grace of the sacrifice offered in the Mass and deepen the union that we enjoyed with him in Communion. Any questions please call (201) 661-0618.

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for October & November

Wed, Oct 4	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 , <i>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Wed, Oct 11	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 , <i>Feast of St. John XXXIII</i>
Wed, Oct 19	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 , <i>Feast of St. Luke</i>
Wed, Oct 26	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 , <i>Feast of St. Daria</i>
	Prayer of the Month: Our Father
Wed, Nov 1	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes & LOF Students , <i>Feast of All Saints-Teaching Mass</i>
Sat, Nov 4	Convocation at Paramus Catholic HS, Details below
Wed, Nov 8	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 , <i>Feast of St. Castorius</i>
Wed, Nov 15	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6 , <i>Feast of St. Albertus Magnus</i>
Sat, Nov 18	3:30 pm Grade 2 Blessing Cup Retreat-McCarthy Center
Wed, Nov 22	NO CLASS THANKSGIVING RECESS

Catechist Convocation Saturday, November 4 at Paramus Catholic HS

The Catechist Convocation offers workshops on a wide variety of topics and is an excellent opportunity for the ongoing formation of all interested. Registration is due Oct. 31. See forms in the lobby or online: <http://www.rcan.org/office-and-ministries/catechetical-office>



Pope Francis Says: *"If we are faithful to Christ and do good works, we can spread the light of God's hope."* September 23, 2017

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.

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

This week's question: *At the Wedding Feast of Cana when Jesus turned water into wine, who said, "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5) How many Holy Days of Obligation are celebrated in the United States? Bonus: Name them!* Last week's answer: *In the United States we celebrate six Holy Days of Obligation:* January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus. 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.

2017 Maryknoll Student Essay Contest Grades 6-8 & 9-12

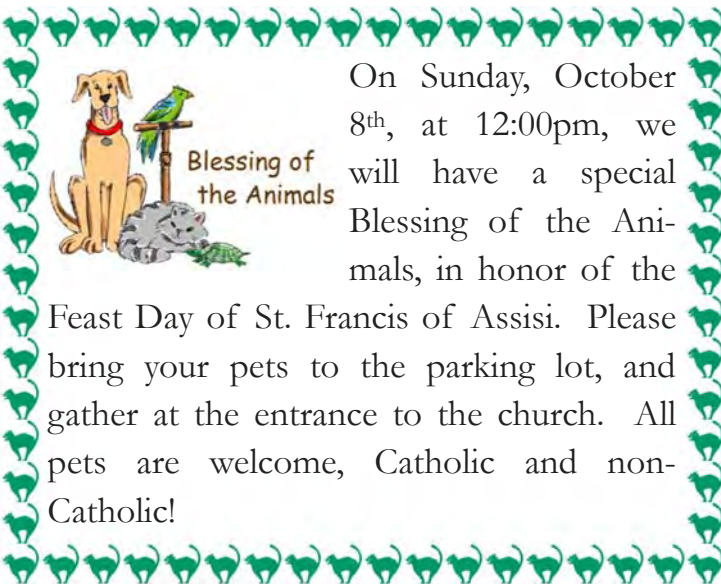
In a world where violence is all around us – in the news, schools, communities, entertainment, etc., - Pope Francis calls us "to take a clear stand for creative and active nonviolence and against all forms of violence." **ASSIGNMENT:** Write an essay in which you cite examples of violence and tell what actions you are taking or could take to promote peace. Prizes 1st: \$1,000; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$150. **ENTRY FORMS** are in the lobby.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



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

Pink Heals is a non-profit organization with a mission 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. 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.



Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 8th, at 12:00pm, we will have a special Blessing of the Animals, in honor of the

Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring your pets to the parking lot, and gather at the entrance to the church. All pets are welcome, Catholic and non-Catholic!



Flu Clinic

There will be a flu shot clinic on Sunday, October 1st in the McCarthy Center, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Make sure you have your insurance or Medicare cards handy! Refreshments will be served.



Our next food collection for the Tri Boro Food Pantry is scheduled for the weekend of October 7th and 8th and here are the special items that we need at this time. Oatmeal, Cake mixes, baking supplies, ground coffee and personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner and shaving cream. Thanks in advance.

Deacon Stan

New Hope Respect Life Community Walk for Life

Gather at St. John the Baptist parking lot on Saturday, October 7 at 10:00 am, the walk will start at 10:30 am from St. John's to St. Andrew's Church in Westwood. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with benediction at St. Andrew's at noon. New Hope is an outreach organization for single mothers and their babies. It is sponsored by the Respect Life and Social Justice Ministries of both parishes. The St. Thomas More Knights of Columbus Council 2188 which represents both parishes will lead the walk. Snacks and cold beverages will be available at St. Andrew's.



Thank you volunteers for sharing your time and talent during the three weeks this summer when OLMC served as the

host congregation for families in need of temporary shelter. Volunteers, cleaned the kitchen, scoured the oven, set up a welcoming environment, prepared dinner, stayed over-night, held babies, and played with our 5 and 9-year-old guests. One of our guests left a note to encourage other families in the program and to thank the many volunteers. He indicated that prior to his introduction to Family Promise, he felt like he had been drowning. Family Promise provided him and his family with the support and care that enabled him to "breathe again". It has given him the gift of HOPE that through this temporary assistance, his perseverance and God's Grace, he can look forward to a self-sufficient and meaningful life for himself and his family. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO FAMILY PROMISE OF BERGEN COUNTY. Mark your calendars. Next year, during the weeks of June 10-17, July 15-22 and Aug. 26-Sept. 2 OLMC will again host families from FAMILY PROMISE. Check out the web site for Family Promise of Bergen County (www.bergenfamilypromise.org) for other opportunities to contribute your time, talent or resources to this very worthwhile organization.