

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 8, 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:

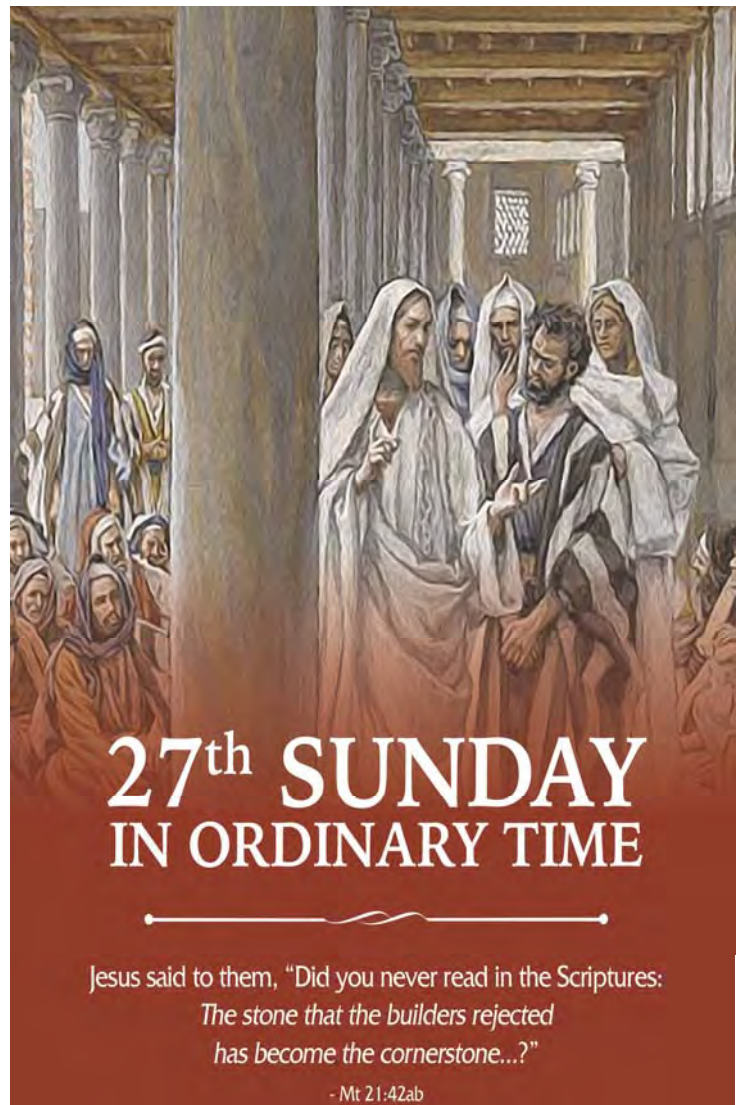
Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday and Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm
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Faith Formation Office

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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



‘There was a landowner who planted a vineyard...’

Few cultivated crops or plants are so completely dependent on both the careful, skilled work of a gardener and on the rhythm of the seasons as the vine. The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, refer constantly to the vine, the vineyard, and the vinedresser. The highly esteemed vine is touched with mystery. It is worth nothing except in its fruit. While the wood of the vine is worthless (Ezekiel 15,2) and the barren branches good only for the fire (John 15,60), the fruit of the vine makes ‘gods and men’ (Judges 9,13) happy.

The god of Israel is the spouse and vinedresser of the vine which is His people. But this spousal relationship is marked by unfaithfulness, a lack of gratitude and infidelity. For the prophet Hosea, Israel is a fruitful plant which gives thanks for its fruitfulness to others than the God who is her spouse by the covenant. Isaiah says that God loves his vine and he has done everything for it; but instead of the anticipated fruit of justice, his vine-harvest has been poured out blood; therefore, he will hand over his plant to despoilers. For Jeremiah, Israel is a chosen plant become degenerate and barren, to be uprooted and trampled. Finally, Ezekiel speaks of the fertile vine which dries up and is burned, and applies this to an Israel unfaithful to God.

It is against this background that Jesus speaks of the parable in the Gospel we hear at Mass today.

Israel refused to listen to the prophets who were sent to her. She did so because the prophets were never politically correct; they did not say what Israel wanted to hear. The prophets’ words are always a call to sincerity, to authenticity, to truth, and to conversion of heart.

There are prophets in our life. Not to listen to them means lack of justice and bloodshed. Justice is defined as ‘rendering to others what is their due’. What is due to others? Respect, courtesy, understanding, a listening ear, a helping hand, a shoulder to help carry a burden, a kindness unrewarded; in other words, Love.

Lack of justice always means death, bloodshed. “If you call your brother/sister ‘fool’ you have already murdered him in your heart” Jesus says in the Sermon on the Mount. Saint John tells us in his First Letter, that ‘we know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brother’.

Love is the fruit of the vine which we have been cultivated to produce. This fruit, however, can only be given if we are united to Christ. He is the one who has not slandered, not hated, not shown violence to others., has rendered justice. He has loved by dying to himself for the sake of even the ungrateful and unfaithful.

Isaiah prophesied that a day will come when the vine flourishes under Gods watchful care. To this we, the new Israel, call on God’s faithful love asking that He save the vine he transplanted from Egypt to His land, the vine he had to leave to destruction and fire.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



October 7

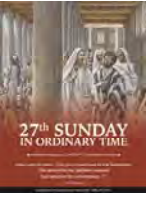
Our Lady of the Rosary

Joseph Dattoli

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



October 8

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gloria Sapuppo

Robert Lombardy, Sr.

Monday

8:30 am



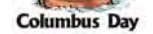
October 9

St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi; Columbus Day

Sara Pia

Tuesday

8:30 am



October 10

Sara Pia

Wednesday

8:30 am

October 11

St. John XXIII

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

Thursday

8:30 am

October 12

Anthony Picinic

Friday

8:30 am

October 13

People of the Parish

Saturday

5:30 pm

October 14

St. Callistus I

Dr. Nicholas Videtti

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



October 8

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thomas G. Kordas

Gertrude & Ralph Kettler

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." (Matthew 21:42)

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of His day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well.

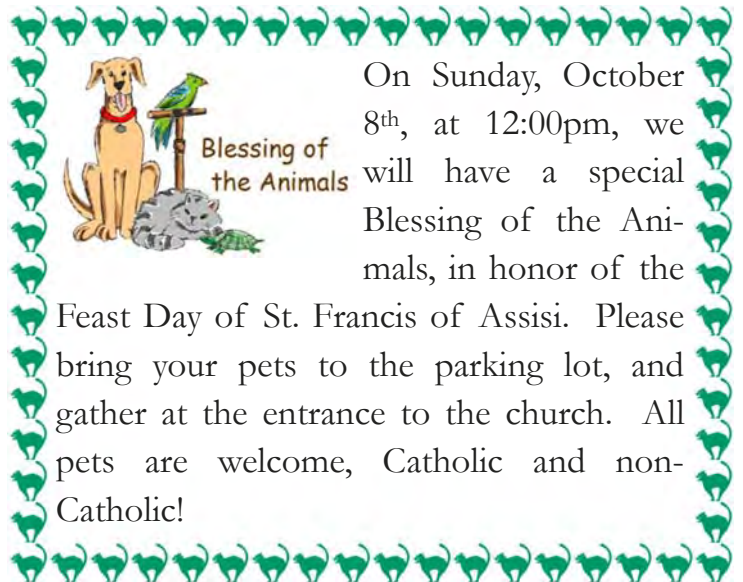
Receipts from Last Week.....\$5,722.00

SAVE THE DATE!!!!



Jubilee Christmas Concert

On **Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 7:00 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.



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!

"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, 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

OCTOBER 8, 2017



Next weekend is the final full weekend you can sign up or donate after the masses for the Upper Pascack Valley CROP Walk for Hunger. The 44th CROP Walk for Hunger will be

held on Sunday October 22 and sign-ins will be between 12:30-1:00 PM at the Pascack Reformed Church at 65 Pascack Road in Park Ridge where the walk will begin and end. 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.

If anyone wants to volunteer, walk, or donate to this worthy cause, it is not too late. Please call us at 201.391.1460 or by email to JFrey4@aol.com. You may contact us directly or you can donate online at CROPHungerWalk.org/parkridgenj and search for the OLMC team page and sign-up or donate.

Finally, a great big **Thank You** has to be extended to all those who walked and donated last year and who have stepped forward this year – hope to see you on the 22nd!

John & Maria Frey



Saint John's Academy News

Wild West Book Fair!!!

SJA's Book Fair is October 23 to October 27! Our handpicked selection of specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, young adult books and books for all ages will be for sale!

World's Largest Lesson Stream

SJA's 5th to 8th grade students participated in the World's Largest Lesson Stream assembly. The World's Largest Lesson is designed to introduce students to 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Our students are using science, technology, religion, engineering, art and mathematics to invent, innovate and campaign in an effort to make our God-given world a better place.



Our Lady's Guild Invites Everyone to a Uptown Art Experience Thursday, October 26 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

On Thursday, October 26 we are going to Uptown Art in Westwood to paint a pretty picture! You can bring some wine, soda or any other beverage along with some snacks. The cost is \$40 per person. If interested please sign on the poster in the lobby of the church!



Pasta Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153 from Park Ridge will sponsor a Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 19 at 118 Ridge Ave, Park Ridge from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children under 12. Menu includes pasta, bread, salad and dessert.. Proceeds will benefit veterans.

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, October 21, 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.



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

September 26, 2017

Reverend Sean A. Manson
Pastor
Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish
209 Woodcliff Avenue
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677

Dear Father Manson:

Greetings in the Lord Jesus!

Summer is ending and your parish and all the communities of the Archdiocese of Newark resume their customary rhythm. I would like to take a moment to express my sincere thanks for your service and leadership.

A recent update regarding *Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal* noted that your parish had met and exceeded its goal. I know that is not an easy accomplishment. I am deeply grateful for your efforts in ensuring the Appeal's success.

I am proud to have made and met my personal commitment to the Appeal. As pastors, we lead by example. Thank you for your dedicated support for all the ministries and programs which benefit from this campaign.

May the Good Shepherd guide your pastoral service to His People.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

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FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for October & November

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
Prayer of the Month: Our Father	
Wed, Nov 1	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes & LOF Students, Feast of All Saints-Teaching Mass
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, Feast of St. Castorius
Wed, Nov 15	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Feast of St. Albertus Magnus
Sat, Nov 18	3:30 pm Grade 2 Blessing Cup Retreat-McCarthy Center
Wed, Nov 22	NO CLASS THANKSGIVING RECESS
Wed, Nov 29	3:45 pm-5:00 pm, Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6

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: *“Our guardian angel is a friend we do not see, but whose presence we feel. He accompanies us on our earthly journey to heaven.”*
October 2, 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: **Who is the saint known for his love of animal's and famous for the prayer: “Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”?**

Last week's answer: **At the Wedding Feast of Cana when Jesus turned water into wine, Mary, his mother said, “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:5)**

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.

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. God bless the Paulino Family who hosted the Cross this week. This is available to all families in the parish. Please consider reserving the Cross for your family during the summer by e-mail: faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

Traveling Chalice-Pray for Vocations

We encourage all to pray for vocations. Fr. Sean has donated a chalice to take home to pray for Vocations this week. Please use this opportunity to foster family prayer and pray for vocations. God bless the Eckes Family who hosted the chalice this week. This is available to all families in the parish. Please consider reserving the Chalice for your family during the summer by e-mail: faithformationolmc@gmail.com.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Looking for a Miracle!!!!

Relocating to this area from Connecticut and looking for an apartment to rent, perhaps above a garage, carriage house or in-law type. If you can help please call Mark Valenti at 800-983-3893

Private Sale: Cemetery Plots

Two plots available to sell at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus. Section A. \$3,000 each if purchased directly from cemetery will sell for \$1,950 each. If interested please call (201) 376-0663

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 judi-olmc@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.

Our Lady's Guild October Upcoming Events

October 12: 12:00 pm ~ Luncheon for everyone who wishes to enjoy fellowship. Bring a sandwich, crackers, cheese or anything else, the beverages and homemade desserts, water and soft drinks are available.

October 16: 7:00 pm General Meeting (will be short), we will be showing a movie titled "Our Lady of Fatima" along with the 100th Anniversary. Refreshments will be served after the movie concludes.

October 26: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Uptown in Westwood Wine and Art Studio. Bring your own beverages and some snacks. \$40 per person. Sign up on poster in church lobby.

Month of October: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary in the church, Thursdays 9:00 am to 9:30 am.



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 "breath 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.