

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 5, 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.

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to
5:00 pm

Parish Office:

Monday - Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm
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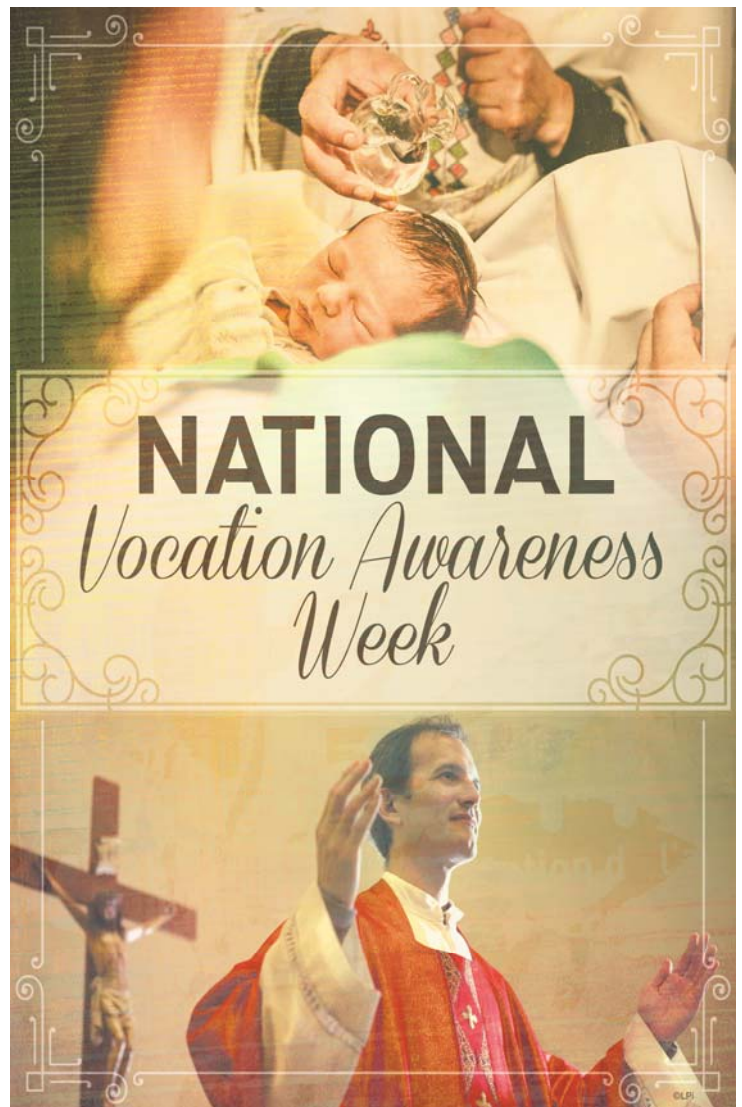
Faith Formation Office

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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 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



“The scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example”.
(Matt. 23, 1)

The ‘Chair of Moses’ refers to the juridical office of Moses, who was judge for the people of God. The poor guy had to listen to so many cases he needed to sit down, hence the ‘seat’, or ‘chair’ of Moses. His juridical role, being too much for one person to handle, was shared with others: the beginning of the Levitical priesthood.

In Jesus’ day it was the High Priest and the Pharisees who sat ‘in the chair of Moses.’

Replica of the chair of Moses, Korazim, Israel

If you came to Mass the past few Sundays, you would have heard Jesus lambasting the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy. How is it that he now tells us in today’s Gospel to follow their teachings?

Recent discovery of an ancient Hebrew manuscript of the Gospel of Matthew, written in 1380 by a Spaniard, Shem Tob ben Isaac, sheds light on what Jesus meant. The Hebrew text of Matthew reads:

*“Upon the seat of Moses the Pharisees and Sages sit, and now, all which **HE** (Moses) will say unto you-keep and do; but **THEIR** ordinances and deeds do not do, because **THEY** say and do not.”*

Our modern English translation loses the nuance between what HE (Moses) says and what THEY (the religious leaders) say and do. By using the singular –“**He will say**,” Jesus’ hearers are directed to keep and do whatever Moses (i.e. the Law, the Torah) says to them, but NOT to follow the ordinances and deeds of the religious leaders of the day.

In plain English, actions speak louder than words. This Gospel passage speaks directly to me, a priest, and a ‘religious leader’. But it is also proclaimed in the hearing of all of us here today, who are, by Baptism, a priestly people. As individuals and as a community, we have been called by God to be guides for our generation.

Do we pay lip service to the Gospel, but our lives portray something else? Are we nominally Christian, but with no difference in our actions/behavior to others who are not?

What difference has the Gospel made in our lives? In the lives of our children?

It’s not the habit (the outward appearance) that makes the monk!

All of us, in one way or another, sit on the chair of Moses. Are we authentic or phony? Are we real or fake?

What’s in your heart?

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm

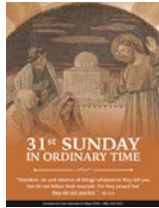


November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

Maria Picinic

Sunday



November 5

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;

National Vocation Awareness Week;

Daylight Saving Time Ends



8:30 am

Dot Brennan

10:30 am

John Clark

Monday

8:30 am

November 6

Paul Clements

Tuesday

8:30 am

November 7

Delores Dell'Aquila

Wednesday

8:30 am

November 8

Dave Mock

Thursday

8:30 am

November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran

Basilica

John Piccini

Friday

8:30 am



November 10

St. Leo the Great

People of the Parish

Saturday

5:30 pm

November 11

St. Martin Tours; Veterans' Day

Sunday

8:30 am



November 12

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Anthony Merlino

10:30 am

Frances & John Poletto

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

(Matthew 23:12)

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$6,253.00

All Saints to Date.....\$ 455.00

All Souls to Date.....\$ 290.00



The Book of Life containing the names and date of death of parishioners and immediate family members will again be displayed in the sanctuary for the month of November. If you would like to add a name and date of death of an immediate family member, please contact the Parish Office at (201) 391-2826 or email Judi at judiolmc@yahoo.com and leave the information

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, Earle Connolly, Francesca DeMarco, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Thomas Kneeshaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Richard Neuman, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pqrron, Patrick Randazzo, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Toeppe, Ivan Tarabokia, 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

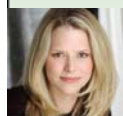
Amen.

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**, Irish Tenor will sing with **Sarah Pfisterer**, Soprano, stars of The Phantom of the Opera. **Heather Martin Bixler**, New York Philharmonic Violinist and **Sue Anderson**, Piano Accompanist 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. Tickets on sale now after all Masses and in the Parish Office.

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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



Molly Offer

Requested by The Offer Family

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

There will be an **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on November 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm** hosted by Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, 4 Woodland Road, Montvale, NJ. Please come celebrate with the other parishes and synagogues. Participants include, Temple Beth Shalom, First Congregational Church, Our Lady of Mercy, Pasack Reformed Church, Christ Lutheran Church, Temple Emmanuel, Montvale Evangelical Free Church, Congregation B'Nai Israel, United Methodist (Park Ridge). All are welcome!!!

Our Lady's Guild November Events

Thursday, November 9 ~ Book Club~ 10:30 am. Meet in the library prior to lunch bunch to plan our first selection and discussion.

Lunch Bunch all Welcome! McCarthy Center at 12:00 pm

Saturday, November 18 ~ Morning of Reflection: The Road to Emmaus, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am, Barbara D'Arrigo presenter, sign up in the lobby or mail the form in the lobby.

Monday, November 20 ~ Our Lady's Guild Meeting at 7:00 pm, Short business meeting followed by an activity TBD.

Our Lady Mother of the Church
Proudly Presents
ADVENT EVENSONG
"THROUGH THE EYES OF MARY"



Sunday, December 3, 2017
3:00 pm



Featuring
The OLMC Choir
Directed by: Domenick Panfile



Saint John's Academy News Interested in Attending SJA?

SJA welcomes back its Pre-K3 program in September 2018! All are welcome on Tuesday, November 14 to learn more about what SJA has to offer! Please join us during our open house hours, 9:00 am to 10:00 am or 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.

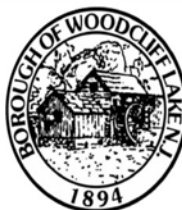
Saint Joseph Academic Decathlon

Our 8th graders participated in Saint Joseph's Academic Decathlon. Congratulations to our first place winner in art, Thomas Huvane, and our second place winner in English, Isabella Dail!!!

Thank You!

Thanks to the PTG for our recent Trunk or Treat event and to the 8th graders for hosting a howling good Halloween Hoopla!

Flyers can be found in the lobby of the church!!!



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Borough of Woodcliff Lake - ACME Markets Partnership For Puerto Rican Relief

From Nov 4-Nov 16, 2017

On any \$30 purchase or more, ACME of Woodcliff Lake will take \$5 off your purchase in exchange for your donation of the following items:

Diapers, Batteries, Canned Goods, Baby Food, Feminine Hygiene Products, Toiletries, Hand Sanitizer, First Aid items

All items to be shipped by Borough of WCL to assist the hurricane victims of Puerto Rico.



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SAVE \$5

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Excludes other store and manufacturer's offers and restrictions. Offer requires purchase of \$30 or more. Excludes taxes, gratuities, and other charges. Offer good while supplies last. Offer ends 11/16/17. Offer may vary by store. Offer good at participating ACME stores. Offer good on participating ACME products. Offer good on participating ACME brands. Offer good on participating ACME items. Offer good on participating ACME brands. Offer good on participating ACME items. Offer good on participating ACME brands. Offer good on participating ACME items.

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FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for November & December Class begins in the church

Prayer of the Month: Our Father

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**

Prayer of the Month: Apostle's Creed

Sat, Dec 2 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Advent Festival

Wed, Dec 6 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6**, *Feast of St. Nicholas*

Wed, Dec 13 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6**, *Feast of St. Lucy*

Advent Festival, Saturday, December 2

Advent Festival will be SATURDAY, DEC. 2 from 10 AM – 12:30 PM. Please register your child / children, ages 4 - 10 join us to discover about preparing for the Christ Child's birth. Learn, sing, play, snack, do crafts and perform a closing pageant for Baby Jesus' Birthday. Registration \$10 per child, maximum \$25 per family. Forms are in the lobby in the bulletin rack. You can leave them in the parish office, the sacristy or on the Faith Formation office door. This fulfills one LOF requirement.

Can you help at the Advent Festival?

Parents, Teachers, HS Students, Confirmation Students -We need you! 3 hours! Please RSVP if you can help out (201) 391-7400, (201) 403-4897 or faithformationolmc@gmail.com. Thank you for making this day possible!

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

This week's question: **What sacrament forgives sins committed after Baptism by confessing and true sorrow followed by penance?**

Last week's answer: Feast of **All Saints Day** is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. **Congratulations to Christine Diaz** for the correct answer! 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 gift card to Dairy Queen.

Our Lady of Fatima Coloring Contest

Please take a minute to see the lovely job Faith Formation students did commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima apparitions. Congratulations to all who participated and winners: Lauren LaMotta-1st, Luke Funke-2nd and Matthew Hinkle-3rd.



Pope Francis Says: "I invite you to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus Christ in order to learn from Him how to love with all your heart." Oct. 29, 2017

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. Please consider reserving the Cross for your family** 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. **This is available to all families in the parish. Please contact** by e-mail: faithformationolmc@gmail.com to reserve for your family.

Liturgy of the Word For Children

OLMC is offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during select 10:30AM Masses from October through April. We need parent/youth volunteers! You will only need to teach about 15 minutes 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 contact Pat Keenaghan at faithformationolmc@gmail.com. Volunteers must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Newark's Safe Environment Policy.

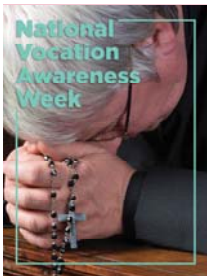
NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS



Calling All Senior Citizens!

You are invited to Immaculate Heart Academy's Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner. Please join us on Monday, November 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the IHA Cafeteria for a free Thanksgiving Dinner, raffle and entertainment. Please RSVP to IHA at (201) 445-6800 Ext. 167 or sshutrop@ihanj.com.

THE NORTH JERSEY CHORUS under the direction of Marie Harrington will soon be celebrating its 70th consecutive year of singing. As a prelude to this special anniversary they will be presenting a "preview" performance of their December concert entitled "Winter Musings" on Sunday, November 19th, at 4:00 pm in the Marian Center. Doors open at 3:00 pm. There is no charge, but a free will donation will be gladly accepted. The concert will be approximately 45 minutes long. The chorus members look forward to sharing their music and fellowship with you at this special afternoon performance. It would be a true pleasure to have you in attendance. Please mark your calendar.



National Vocation Awareness Week

We all have a call to further the kingdom of God, whether that is as a priest or deacon or for that matter and married or a single person. Each has a call from God and the community to live out our lives in service to another. What is your call? In Latin, the word "vocare" means to call, to name, or to invoke. As Catholic Christians, we believe that God through the community calls each of us into work for the kingdom of God. We all remember being taught the priests and nuns have a calling. However, since Vatican II the Church has made it clear that we are all called in some way. This week the Church celebrates "National Vocation Awareness Week" (www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm). What will you do to support and sustain your call to the mission of Christ and the call of others?



Thanksgiving Donations

The Outreach Ministry Committee is once again asking for your generous participation in our **Thanksgiving Dinner Drive**. We will be accepting your donations in the church lobby after all weekend Masses beginning **October 28th through November 12th**. Please make checks payable to OLMC with "Thanksgiving Dinners" written in the memo space. Your donations will purchase Visa and supermarket gift cards which will be distributed to **St. Joseph Social Service Center for Women and Children in Elizabeth, Oasis Center for Women in Paterson and local families in need**. A suggested donation of **\$35** will feed a family but a donation in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Questions, contact Adrienne Mellana at (201) 391-1574



Giving Tree Collection: Thank you! Your generosity is amazing! All tags have been taken. Please return gifts by Sunday Nov. 5th to

the lobby. Questions? Please contact Pat Keenaghan: 201-403-4897 or by e-mail to faithformationolmc@gmail.com Thank you for your generous heart and by putting a smile on these children's faces.

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*

Book of the Month! Interested in starting a Book Club? Check out 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. **Come to our first discussion November 16 at 10:30 am to plan our selections.** 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!