

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 12, 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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**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



You have heard of Original Sin, right? But have you heard of ‘Original Loneliness’? This term was used by St. John Paul II in his Theology of the Body. Even if we have never heard of it, we have experienced it. The disquiet, the unease, the knowing that something is lacking, some void that has yet to be filled.

Some of the busiest people are lonely. You can be in a room filled with people and be alone. You can live in an apartment block, in the midst of a great crowd, and feel completely isolated. You can be married, or have many siblings and feel that no one understands you.

A week ago I was at a gathering in the presence of Cardinal Tobin, and he told a joke: “There was a funeral and nobody came to pray at the wake, but there was a sign in the funeral home next to the casket, which read “He had 5000 friends on Facebook”!”

Technology of course in and of itself is not bad. Indeed Pope Benedict encouraged the use of social media and technology, as a means of evangelization.

Smart phones, I-phones, texts, Apps, Skype, Facetime, Snapchat, E-mail, Instagram, voicemail and tweets; the means of communication continue to multiply. Today we seemingly have no excuse to be alone.

And yet for all this, the Original Loneliness, remains.

Last Friday morning I was at Tice’s Corner in Woodcliff Lake. I saw a line of 120 people (I counted them) waiting to get into the Apple store, presumably to purchase the new I-Phone X, on its release date. It struck me that none of these people spoke to each other; every single one of them had their head down, glued to their phones.

Our social network, our number of friends or contacts, can oftentimes serve only to reinforce the loneliness which is experienced. The more we connect, the greater our social network, the more we can become aware of the experience of Loneliness.

Saint John Paul II said that Original Loneliness is not a flaw, it is not a mistake; it has been purposefully placed there, within us, in our heart, our soul, our being, by the same God who created us out of love. We have been created in this way by a God who knows very well what is going on in the depth of our heart:

“It’s not good that man be alone” the Book of Genesis tells us. Original Loneliness was there “In the Beginning” of creation, before the Fall.

This Loneliness is a preparation, St. John Paul II tells us, for us to be in relationship with Someone. No person, no friend, no spouse, no brother or sister, cousin uncle or aunt, no roommate in college, no buddy on a sports team, no friend at the gym, no work-mate, no BFF is able to substitute for this Someone. The Loneliness we experience has been placed there by Him who knows and loves us. It can be the catalyst for our seeking Him, for our be-finding Him, for our espousing Him, the only One who is able to answer the need of our heart.

He can’t be found on Facebook or the cell phone; He does not have a user name on the computer. But He can be found here at the liturgy this weekend. Those who meet Him are never alone, regardless of who they are with or how many people are around them.

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**November 11**

*St. Martin Tours; Veterans' Day*  
Robert Wright

**Sunday**



**November 12**

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am

Anthony Merlino

10:30 am

Frances & John Poletto

**Monday**

8:30 am



**November 13**

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*  
People of the Parish

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**November 14**

Anthony Gasparovich

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**November 15**

*St. Albert the Great*  
John Tarabocchia

**Thursday**

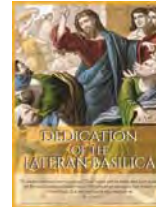
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**November 16**

*St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude*  
Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

**Friday**

8:30 am



**November 17**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*  
Rosemary Lukac

**Saturday**

5:30 pm

**November 18**

*The Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne*  
Sr. Bernadette Downes

**Sunday**

8:30 am



**November 19**

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:30 am

Lucilla P. Meirinho

Anthony Merlino

**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.....\$6,587.00**

**All Saints to Date.....\$2,204.00**

**All Souls to Date.....\$ 325.00**



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 Dicapna, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Joachim Jung, Thomas Kneeshan, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Richard Neuman, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pgron, 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, Lpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

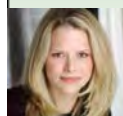
**Amen.**

**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 12, 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 16 ~ 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

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

Come, reflect, relax before the season gets so busy!

## OUR OWN ROAD TO EMMAUS A MORNING OF REFLECTION SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Gather together to deepen our relationship with Jesus, just as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus! Breakfast followed by reflecting on the Emmaus encounter of the disciples with Jesus Our presenter is Barbara D'Arri-go, former DRE Visitation Parish. Take this time for guided prayer, study, reflection, and, of course, fellowship with others who also want to better understand how Mass impacts our everyday lives. **Advance registration by November 16 is requested. Sign up on the poster in the lobby.**



## 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.

### Engineering Club News

Recently, the Engineering club students practiced their coding skills through the use of Sphero robotic balls. Students used I pads to control and navigate the Sphero through a maze. It was a fun learning experience for everyone!

### Thank You!

Thank you to all veterans for serving our country and protecting our freedom. Our students recently received a visit from members of the Hillsdale Police Department who shared an important message about keeping safe.

## VOLARE

### Lucia

AFTERNOON FILLED  
SONG ~ MUSIC ~ DINNER  
Soprano Lucia Wehr  
Piano David Maiullo



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017  
4 PM

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Dinner Buffet + Entertainment \$45  
Reservation 973-310-3333  
Cash Bar



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

From Nov 4 thru 10, 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.



# FAITH FORMATION



## Calendar for November & December Class begins in the church

### Prayer of the Month: Our Father

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*

Wed, Dec 20 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes & LOF Students, Advent Reconciation Grades 3-6**

## 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!

## Town Christmas Tree Lighting

Come and sing at the Tree Lighting! Monday Dec. 4. Arrive at Church at 5:30 PM to rehearse carols and then proceed to the tree. Parents please accompany your child.

## 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?**

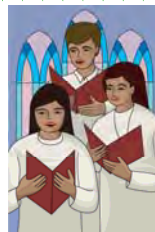
Last week's answer: Feast of **All Saints Day** is the day **the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Congratulations to Christine Diaz** for the correct answer! Everyone is welcome to enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to faithformationolmc@gmail.com. All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.



**Pope Francis Says:** "Jesus of Nazareth walks at our side and introduces us, by his words and the signs he performs, to the great mystery of the Father's love." Nov. 7, 2017

## 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.



## Attention all Children and Teens of OLMC!

We would like to extend an invitation to join our Christmas choir to sing at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. We will be holding rehearsals all on Thursday evenings: Nov 29, Dec. 7, 14 and 21

from 4:15 pm to 5:15 pm. Please make every effort to attend these rehearsals because we will be learning music for the prelude before the Mass as well as the music we will be singing for the Mass. This is open to all children and teens from Grades 2 through High School. We hope you will join us! Thank you!

# 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](mailto:sshutrop@ihanj.com).

**THE NORTH JERSEY CHORUS** under the direction of Marie Harrington will soon be celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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, November 18, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call (201) 768-7565.

## The Acoustic Café Music Series returns!

As part of our annual WhyHunger Hungerthon, the Acoustic Café at Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge will host a benefit concert on Sunday, November 19th that will also serve as a tribute to the late Tom Petty. Part of the proceeds will benefit the OLM Vallieres' Haiti Scholarship fund. Performers will include Jeffrey Gaines, Richard Barone, Joe D'Urso, Seth Saltzman, Don DiLego, Christopher Brown, Peter Calo, Isabella Rose, Bobby Mahoney and the Annalyse & Ryan duo. Concert will start at 4:30 PM in OLM Academy, 25 Fremont Ave in Park Ridge. Doors open at 4 PM. Tickets: \$25 advance online and \$30 at the door. [www.cafeacoustic.org](http://www.cafeacoustic.org). Refreshments included. Please bring non-perishable food items for the local food pantry collection. For more information contact Barbara or Gordon Roehrer 201-573-0718



## Thanksgiving Donations

This is the last weekend members of the Outreach Committee will be in the lobby to accept donations for Oasis, St. Joseph's and local families, If you cannot make a donation after Mass but would still like to, please contact Adrienne Mellana at (201) 391-1574 or bring your donation to Judi in the Parish Office.



**Giving Tree Collection:** Thank you! Your generosity is amazing!

We were able to donate approximately 120 gifts for families in need.

You have made a child's Christmas memorable. If you missed this opportunity and would still like to participate, please contact Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto:patkeenaghan@yahoo.com) or (201) 403-4897 for age and gender. Thank you!

## "Thanks-giving"

### A Distinctive Meaning

As we all know, one way to give "thanks" is by "giving." Just as the Lord has given us so many blessings, this is an ideal time to give any unwanted clothing to the **Catholic Charities** donation bin. Please note that in addition to all forms of used clothing, we also welcome small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books. The donation bin near this parish is located Assumption in Emerson. If you have a large number of items or have breakable items such as dishes, glasses, and picture frames, please call (877) 343-3651 for a direct pick up. Maria Biancheri of Catholic Charities is available for any concerns or comments (973) 596-3985 or [mbiancheri@ccannj.org](mailto:mbiancheri@ccannj.org).

## 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*