

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ NOVEMBER 19, 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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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



Oliwni Grazias Merci Tanke Danke Maha-
lo Grazie Dziękuję Obrigado Diolch yn fawr
Dankoo Hvala Go raibh maith agat Danko

There are many ways to say “Thank you”.

Thanksgiving Day has its origins in September 1620, when the Mayflower sailed from Britain with 102 souls on board, seeking to form a colony where they could freely practice religion. They were Separatists, separating themselves from the Church of England. Having arrived on these shores, one year later 46 of them had survived; with an abundant harvest, they invited 91 Native Americans to join them in a celebration of Thanksgiving.

President Lincoln drafted the first Thanksgiving Day proclamation while the Nation was in the midst of a bitter and bloody Civil War. Lincoln envisioned the day as a day of prayer in thanks to God for His blessings on the country and prayer for an end to that bloody struggle.

A recent survey of airline attendants said that on an average flight an attendant will say ‘thank you’ several hundred times to the passengers on board. The survey also said that many passengers do not reciprocate. A simple ‘thank you’ from a passenger goes a long way, the airline crews said.

On Thursday November 23rd we are invited to give thanks, and we can do so, as the Psalm says “At all times”; our giving thanks can be found in the most unexpected of places.

We can be thankful for the mess to clean up after the dinner because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

We can be thankful that there is yard work to do and leaves and fallen branches to clean up, because it means I have two arms.

We can be thankful for the heating bill, because it means I am warm.

We can be thankful for all the complaining about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

We can be thankful for the parking space at the rear end of the lot, because it means I am able to walk.

We can be thankful for homework, because it means I have a school to go to.

We can be thankful for..... What will you give thanks for on this Thanksgiving Day?

Why not join us on Thanksgiving morning, and participate in the Liturgy where the greatest of all Thanksgiving is made: the Eucharist, in which we can join with Jesus Christ in giving thanks to the Father.

NOVEMBER 19, 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

The Bread and Wine will be offered for the weeks of November 19 to December 2 in memory of



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Bible Survey

In conjunction with the US Bishops' National Catholic Bible Week, Cardinal Tobin and the Catechetical and Evangelization Offices of the Archdiocese of Newark would like to invite all Catholics to take a brief online survey

on the Bible in order to better understand the interest and needs of its parishioners. The anonymous survey can be taken on your phone or computer at https://survey.research.bible/jfe/form/SV_3ecNsVFfNYLWTWG9. The survey will be open from November 12 - 24. It will take only a few minutes and will give us valuable insights for planning. Thanks so much!

Please note that there will be an Archdiocesan Bible Conference on April 14, 2018 at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, N.J. – details to follow in early 2018.

Second Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development

These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's collection. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Saint John's Academy News

Thank You Jesus! Happy Thanksgiving!

We are thankful for the many gifts God has given us; our families, our homes, our teachers and our friends. On Wednesday, November 22, we will be having a prayer service for Thanksgiving where we will give thanks for all we have.

Happy thanksgiving to our parish family from the students, staff and faculty at St. John's Academy. We are thankful for your support and prayers! May God bless you!

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



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.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:30 am



November 19

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lucilla P. Meirinho

Anthony Merlino

Monday

8:30 am



November 20

George & Peter Lutz

Tuesday

8:30 am

November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Kevin Potter

Wednesday

8:30 am

November 22

St. Cecilia

People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am



November 23

St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro; Thanksgiving

Molly Offer

Friday

8:30 am

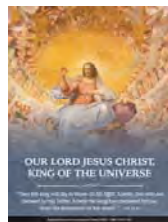
November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

Molly Offer

Saturday

5:30 pm



November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandra

Michael Samiljan

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

November 26

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Charles & Mark Gatto

Yousef Mashini

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been Faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." (Matthew 25:21)

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$6,004.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,767.00



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

Our Lady's Guild Meeting

We will be meeting on Monday, November 20th at 7:00 pm and planning our 50th Anniversary Cookbook. Please bring recipes to taste and to share for publication. All in the parish are welcome to submit recipes by email or form in the lobby.

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 Kneeshan, 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, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

50th Anniversary Christmas Cards for Sale

We have 50th Anniversary Christmas Cards for sale after all Masses starting this weekend. They all have a painting of the church on the front and a message on the inside and a beautiful white envelope with gold foil on the inside flap ready for you to send to friends and relatives. We are selling them for \$25 a pack of 20 cards. Stop by the lobby on your way out of Mass and pick up a package!

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for November & December Class begins in the church

Prayer of the Month: Our Father

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 Recon ciliation 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 prayer that Jesus taught us is included in the Mass?** Last week's answer: The Mass is the central worship of the Church.

Congratulations to Thomas Bussanich, Gr. 6, winner. 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.

Traveling Prayer Cross-Pray with and For Your Family

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! God bless the Cevetillo Family who hosed the cross last 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. God bless the Casale Family for hosting the chalice last 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.



Pope Francis Says: "We cannot change the world alone, but together we can spread the joy of the Gospel by staying close to those who most in need." Nov. 12, 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.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

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!!!



Pizza With Santa

Woodcliff Lake UNICO invites you to "Piazza With Santa" on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm at the Tice Senior Center. All proceeds will benefit the St. Jude Children's Hospital. Advance ticket sales only. RSVP by November 26, \$10 per guest; infants are free. Contact Donna Brown at (201) 788-6571 or DLB6494@aol.com for reservations and details. Thank you for your support!



Healing Mass at Saint Andrew's Church

A Healing Mass will be celebrated at St. Andrew's Church, 120 Washington Avenue, Westwood, on Monday, December 4, 2017, at 7:30 PM. Our guest speaker is Mary Ann Collett, an inspiring and dynamic Catholic Charismatic Evangelist. She has been in the Healing Ministry for over 30 years. She is the co-founder of Catholic Women of Zion and has traveled nationally and internationally to spread the message of the Kingdom of God. There will be an opportunity to pray for individual needs. For information please call (201) 666-5697.

St. Joseph Regional HS Performing Arts Fundraiser

St. Joseph Regional H.S. Performing Arts program invites you to an evening fundraiser full of laughs, food, and friends to benefit SJR Performing Arts Choreographing our Future Rehearsal Space Renovation Project. Thursday, November 30 at 7 pm. St. Joseph's Regional H.S. Admission \$50 per person. Open to the entire community! 3 Professional Comedians, Delicious Hors D'Oeuvres, Desserts, Beverages, Auction, and Raffles! Purchase tickets online: sjr.booktix.com or mail check payable to: St. Joseph Regional H.S., 40 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Montvale, NJ 07645. Please include the number of guests.

"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.

Happy "Thanks-giving"

Thank you to all who have given catch-up envelopes and checks in our weekly Mass collections. It is very much appreciated that you have the well-being of our parish in mind, even though you may have been away and attended other churches while on summer vacation or on weekend getaways. The catch-up envelopes are testimony to the culture of giving which is a mark of our parish community.

Fr. Sean



Our Lady's Guild Christmas Dinner

Our Lady's Guild cordially invites you to attend our Christmas Dinner. It will be held at Domani Restaurant in Hillsdale at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, December 5th. The cost is \$40 and we ask that you please bring donations of scarves, hats, gloves, mittens and socks for the needy. All men and women of the parish invited. Checks payable in advance to Our Lady's Guild by November 23rd. Bring to parish office or mail to Pat Keenaghan, 24 Highview Ave, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

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*