

Our Lady Mother of the Church

209 Woodcliff Avenue ~ Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 ~ www.motherofthechurch.org



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~ NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Fr. Sean Manson.....*Pastor*
Email: seanolmc@gmail.com
Fr. Siffredus Rwechungura.....*Parochial Vicar*
Mr. Stan Fedison.....*Deacon*
Mrs. Patricia Keenaghan.....*Director of Rel. Ed.*
Email: faithformationolmc@gmail.com
Ms. Deborah DiPiazza.....*Faith Formation Aide*
Mr. Domenick Panfile.....*Director of Music*
Ms. Judi Quinn.....*Administrative Secretary*
Email: judiolmc@yahoo.com
Mr. Vito Delzotto.....*Parish Council President*
Rev. Msgr. Cajetan Salemi.....*Pastor Emeritus*

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

Phone: 201-391-2826

Fax: 201-391-7101

Parish Email

info@motherofthechurch.org

Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400

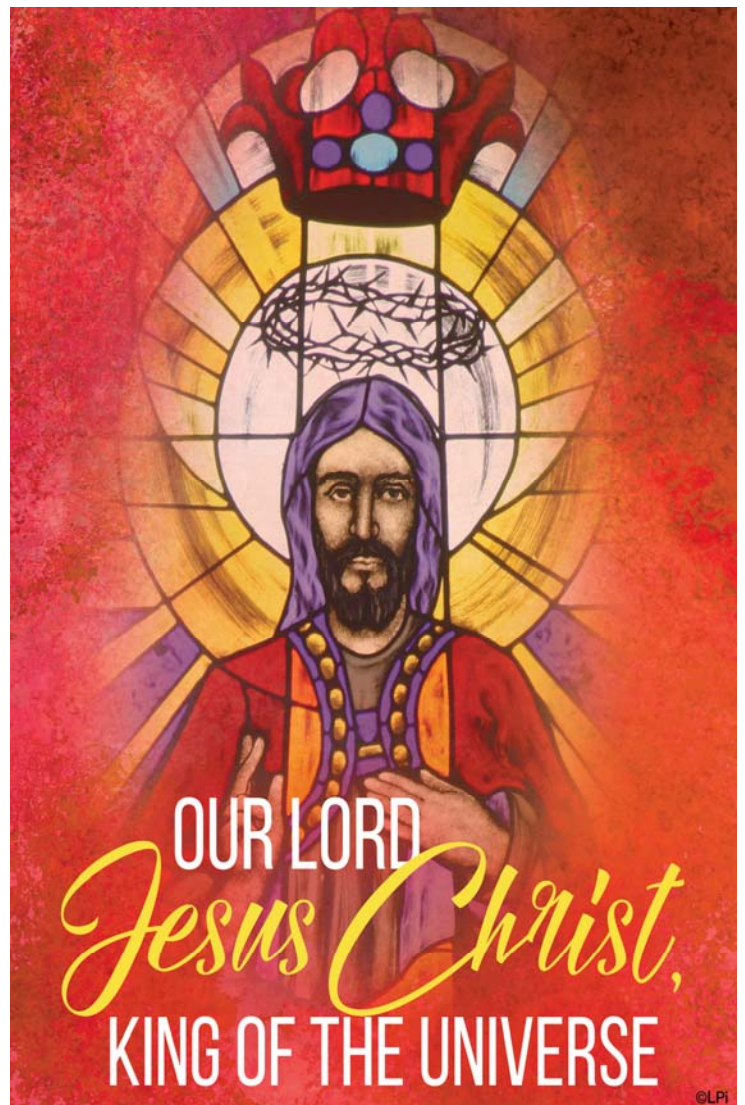
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

faithformationolmc@gmail.com

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



What was the first thing you thought of when you woke up this morning? What was the last thing on your mind before you fell asleep last night? What did you think of on the commute to work? What will you bend your will towards today? What is your heart's desire, if you could have anything, what would it be?

Today, the last Sunday in Ordinary time, is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe. In response to the growing phenomena of secularism – the eclipse of God from the Public Square – Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925 - that is, very recently - only yesterday - in the history of the Church.

Cyril of Alexandria, who lived in the Fifth Century, said: “Christ has dominion over all creatures...by essence and by nature. His

Kingship is founded on the hypostatic union.” Translated, he is saying that the Word of God, Jesus Christ, is consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

This includes you and me.

All angels, and all men are subject to Christ. “We are no longer our own property, for Christ has purchased us with a great price, our very bodies are members of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 6:0)

Christ's sovereignty extends to all the nations of the world, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” (Matthew 28:18)

We are never truly ourselves unless we belong to Christ, unless he is King of our Universe, that is, of our mind, our heart, our soul, our relationships, our time, our marriage, our children, our priesthood, our getting old, our being young, our daily lives.

The Catholic Author Walker Percy, in his novel ‘The Second Coming’ recounts the life of one man's struggle with faith. He sits in his five-car garage, inside his Mercedes, and contemplates a cat. A cat is always 100% a cat. He thinks humans are never 100% themselves. He comes to decide that he is only 2% of himself and wonders how to get the other 98%.

We can recover the other 98% thanks to today's Feast. There is a struggle going on within each of us, whether or not to allow Christ to be King of our Universe; of our mind, our heart, our soul, our time.

Our realization that perhaps Christ is not the first thing we think of in the morning, nor the last thing we think of before going to sleep, that neither is he our hearts desire... can be the beginning of a new life, a new relationship with Him; of our becoming who we were made to be.

Will this happen for you today? Come to Mass and find out!

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

Monday

8:30 am

November 27

Last Week in Ordinary Time

Mary Mertz &

Robert Schmidt, Sr.

Tuesday

8:30 am

November 28

Andrew & Dorothea Brennan

Wednesday

8:30 am

November 29

James T. & Virginia M. Horris

Thursday

8:30 am

November 30

St. Andrew

People of the Parish

Friday

8:30 am

December 1

Sara Pia

Saturday

5:30 pm



December 2

Michael Samiljan

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

December 3

First Sunday of Advent

Kevin O'Brien

Joyce & Peter Lockett



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks once again for the tremendous response to last month's food collection. Our last collection for this year is scheduled for the weekend of 12/2 and 12/3. The items most needed for this month are as follows: coffee, household cleansers, laundry detergent and canned fruit. This is in addition to anything else that you wish to donate. Thanks for your consistent generosity during the past year.



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!

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40)

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$5,975.00

Restoration Fund.....\$ 300.00

Mission Collection.....\$1,418.00



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 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"

The Deceased of the Parish:

Joseph Pascale, brother of Angelo Pascale

"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 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



Molly Offer

Requested by The Offer Family



Saint John's Academy News

Barnes and Noble Book Fair

SJA's PTG is hosting its annual Barnes & Noble Book Fair Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 765 Route 17 South, Paramus, featuring bedtime stories, holiday crafts and performances by the SJA Chorus and the SJA Band. All are welcome!!

Prayer Partners

The Prayer Partner Program at SJA is unique and special. It is a privilege for the eighth grade students to be paired with kindergarten students. Every year, the students anxiously await the day their prayer partners are assigned. From then on, prayer partners attend Mass together, celebrate holidays together and work on special activities.

Christmas Concert

Save the Date! Our annual Christmas Concert is on Monday, December 18!



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!

The Culture of Giving

I would like to thank all of you for your continued financial support of our parish, and also thank those who give make-up envelopes for the times when you are unable to join us for weekend liturgies. It is your generous support that enables us to heat the building, pay the bills, continue the upkeep and make improvements to our parish facilities. Thank you. Fr. Sean



Nocturnal Adoration - December 1

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, December 1, and continue through the night ending at 8:30AM on Saturday, December 2. 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.



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.



FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for November & December Class begins in the church

Prayer of the Month: Our Father

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 Reconciliation Grades 3-6**

At Faith Formation

Faith Formation grade 2 students attended their Blessing Cup Retreat with the Potter, Ray Boswell. While he spun the pottery wheel he weaved in stories and symbolism about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The children then designed their own Blessing Cup in the shape of a chalice. Fr Sean will bless these cups and the children will receive them at the First Communion Breakfast on April 15. The children have also practiced hymns for their special days with Marie Ruppel during November. Each class is taking a turn to lead a decade of the Rosary at our opening. It is wonderful to hear how well they know their prayers!

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: *Who is the Patroness of the United States whose Feast Day is Dec. 8th?* Prior week's answer: **Our Father is the prayer that Jesus taught us is included in the Mass** To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to faithformationolmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday or when you come to class. **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 : "Let us work together to ensure that children continue to smile: their faces serene, filled with joy and hope." Nov. 20, 2017

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS



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



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.

Did You Know?

The liturgical year ends today with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925 to address increased Western secularism. In a world that was placing its faith and hope in weapons of destruction, in the acquisition of worldly goods, and a world that was eliminating God and His Law from government policy, Pope Pius sounded an alarm. He redirected our focus to Christ and His Universal Kingship. Sadly, only after the horrors of World War II, was Pope Pius XI seen as a true prophet, who tried to save the world from so much pain and sorrow! In his encyclical on the Kingship of Christ, Pius XI explained the various powers of Christ's Kingdom and its dual nature. Although Christ's Kingdom is primarily spiritual, he said it also extends to certain civic matters. He tried to help us see ourselves as God's subjects, not God's equal! He defended Christ's Kingship by pointing out that, unlike corrupt kings who usurp power and dominion through war and intrigue, Christ has Kingship over all people, places, things, and times by His nature and by His essence. As the eternal Son of God, as the Word through whom all things were made, Christ always has been and always will be the King of angels, of people and all created things! In addition, as our Redeemer who conquered sin and death by his own death and resurrection, Christ is truly our King! To Him we owe all our gratitude, honor, respect, and praise. Perhaps Pope Pius XI was right: we need to be reminded that our King's throne was a cross, His Crown was made of thorns, His royal scepter and robe were mockingly given to Him by the very soldiers who beat Him, and most of His earthly subjects abandoned Him at His death! Jesus Christ is a King of LOVE, for only a God-man filled with love would endure all that! Christians are to offer all their concerns, dreams, plans and hopes to our King. From our King we are gifted with order—with a Church—and the promised final triumph of the Gospel of Christianity and the conversion of all those opposed to Christ's Kingship over them. Thus, freed from all worry and concern as to how the "big picture" will end, we can busy ourselves with the day-to-day tasks of building Christ's Kingdom here on earth!

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*