

# Our Lady Mother of the Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 17, 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  
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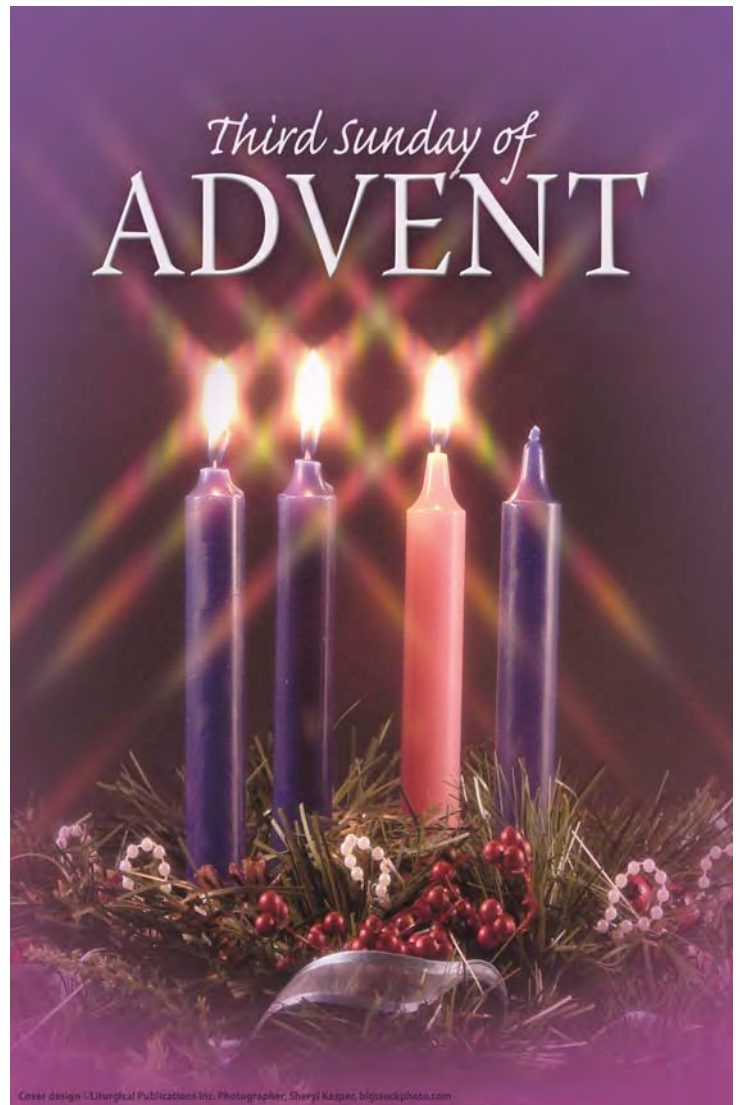
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Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 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



Can you imagine life without keys? How many doors have you locked or unlocked already today? In the Advent Liturgy there is a prayer which speaks about a key. It is a remarkable prayer.

“O Key of David, What you open no one else can ever close again! What you close no one can open! O Key of David, come to lead the captives from prison! Free all those in darkness and in the shadow of death!”

The ‘Key of David’ is Our Lord Jesus Christ. He can open a door before us that no other key can open; a door that leads to new hope and peace, to truth and integrity, to purity and love.

And he can close and lock behind us the door through which fear and anxiety, bitterness and remorse, guilt and shame, have so often entered our lives, sometimes making our lives hell.

He can close the door firmly in the face of so much from our past, our history that comes to accuse us and mock us, to haunt us and humiliate us; and all the lies we have fed on and believed.

.He can set us free from our captivity and slavery; from all the things that chain us and imprison us; from those dungeons where we sit in terrible loneliness or dark despair, often hating ourselves.

He can rescue us from the solitary confinement of our selfishness and greed; and from everything that prevents us from going out in love, compassion and friendship to others.

Jesus Christ, the 'Key of David', can break the hold that evil has on us, the tight grip of our repeated moral lapses, our sexual sins, our laziness and indifference, our cunning and hypocrisy.

He can help us to rise above the strange compulsive needs that our ego often inflicts on us; the addictions that seem to dominate us. He can purify our sordid desires and calm the heat of our crazy and sometimes violent thoughts; and all our disordered urges and passions.

Christ can conquer death in us; the death we daily experience when we want to escape and deny the truth about our lives; or to run away from the responsibilities we know are ours in the family, or work.

The Church wants each of us to meet Christ, the 'Key of David', and to experience his healing touch and his saving grace. But where? Where can we meet Christ? Where can we find him?

We can meet him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament of his Mercy and Forgiveness. The Church invites you -you who are reading this- to find him there. Yes, there we can meet him!

The Church calls us, encourages us, and urges us, to make a simple and sincere confession of our sins; without fear, without anxiety. And to place our lives under the gaze of God's love and mercy.

How long since your last confession? Weeks? Months? Years? It does not matter. What does matter is that you take this opportunity now.

It is a very great gift of God to you. Do not let this opportunity pass you by. The Advent Deanery Liturgy of Reconciliation, with the opportunity for individual confession, will take place this Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Assumption Parish, Emerson.

Priests from other parishes will be here. One of them will hear your confession. And God will inspire this priest to give you a word of enlightenment, hope and encouragement for your life!

You can confess in Italian, Spanish, Polish, Tagalog, and even in English! Come! There is a place reserved for you. The 'Key of David' will be turned in your favor.

Fr. Sean

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Saturday**

5:30 pm



**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am



**Monday**

8:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**Wednesday**

8:30 am



**Thursday**

8:30 am

**Friday**

8:30 am

**Saturday**

5:30 pm

**Sunday**

8:30 am

10:30 am

4:00 pm

5:30 pm



12:00 am (Midnight)

**December 16**

Jose Lopes

**December 17**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

Jose S. Lopes

Anthony Merlino

**December 18**

Jose Lopes

**December 19**

People of the Parish

**December 20**

Deceased Members of the Perrulli Family

**December 21**

*St. Peter Canisius*

Karen S. Holm

**December 22**

George and Peter Lutz

**December 23**

Lillian Dell'Aquila

**December 24**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve*

Mario Florio

People of the Parish

Vida Marie Glaser

Laura & Frank Gatto, Maria &

Joseph DiBella

Albert Nobile &

Michael Manganello

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility**

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

This scripture reading sums up stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

**Receipts From Last Week.....\$4,809.00**

**Immaculate Conception.....\$ 905.00**

**Christmas Flowers to Date.....\$1,140.00**



**Christmas Caroling**

The youth of our parish will go to the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility this Sunday Dec 17th at 6:15pm to sing Christmas carols for the residents. Our Youth Jam students (Grades 7 and 8) together with our Confirmation Candidates will be participating. Members of the Woodcliff Lake Fire Department will also be joining us in bringing Christmas Cheer to the residents at Sunrise.



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas Cards for Sale**

We have 50<sup>th</sup> 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!

*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 Randaazzo, 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.*



# DECEMBER 17, 2017



## 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 evening: Dec. 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.

## Celebrating Baptism



## 14th Annual Baptism Reunion Mass Sunday, January 14, 2018 10:30 am Family Liturgy

We invite all families of children baptized at our parish during the past year to attend! Please call Judi in the Parish Office at (201) 391-2826 or at [judiolmc@yahoo.com](mailto:judiolmc@yahoo.com) if you have any questions. There will be a reception after Mass in McCarthy Center. All parishioners welcome!

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



**Michael Pisano**

Requested by Barbara Pisano

## St. Andrew Parish Announces...

"Discovering Christ", a seven week experience, beginning January 28 through March 18th with a Sunday retreat on March 3rd. The Sunday sessions will be held from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Sessions are held once a week at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 120 Washington Avenue, Westwood, NJ. Each session consists of a simple Sunday dinner, an inspirational talk by dynamic guest speakers, small group discussion and dessert. Registration deadline is January 8th. For more information, call the parish center at (201) 666-1100 or visit [www.standrewcc.com](http://www.standrewcc.com).



## Happy Third Week of Advent

The SJA Community has been busy this amazing Advent season! The students collected food for needy families, performed good deeds for others, went shopping at our Santa Shoppe, celebrated Reconciliation, worshipped together at Mass, attended a special prayer service, sang and played instruments at Barnes & Noble. We are getting ready to say:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!!!**

## Hot Air Fund

After three years of issues with the parish heating system, our boiler has finally stopped working. Rather than try and repair it again, I think it prudent that the boiler be replaced. We will take up a second collection at the Masses this weekend for our 'Hot Air Fund.' The cost of the new boiler is going to be \$25,000 to \$30,000. I usually try not to speak about money at Mass on Sundays, and try not to ask for anything financially. But now I am asking, that each parishioner donate to this Fund. Our parish has always been an extraordinarily generous community. If we all contribute, the boiler will easily be paid for. May we give generously and cheerfully.



## Waterfront Nursing Home Resident Christmas Gifts

If you picked up a name tag which will include an item from their "wish list". Return the wrapped gift with the name tag attached along with the contents of the gift **no later than this weekend** to McCarthy Center. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Stan at (201) 391-5013.

## Thank You All Soup Kitchen Volunteers

Thank you Bakers, Servers and Casserole Makers! for your help December 2 at St. John's Newark. **Dates for 2018 March 3, June 2, Dec 1 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

# FAITH FORMATION



## Calendar for December & January

### Prayer of the Month: Apostle's Creed

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

### Prayer of the Month: Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Wed, Jan 3 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, Epiphany**

Wed, Jan 10 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Agatha**

Wed, Jan 17 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Anthony the Abbot**

Wed, Jan 24 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St. Francis de Sales**

Wed, Jan 31 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6, St John Bosco**

### Prayer for the Third Week of Advent

God, as Christmas draws nearer we decorate our homes in preparation for our celebration of the birthday of Jesus. Help us remember always that Jesus is the reason for our celebration. **AMEN.**

### Happy Advent to all making room for Jesus in your heart!

**Faith Formation Students Gr. 3 - 6 will join with Lighting Our Faith Sumer Students to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20.** This sacrament truly helps to prepare our hearts for Christmas. As we hear the Advent Gospels, we are reminded that Christ is coming, and we can prepare by taking part in this sacrament! This is the third offered event for LOF students who are encouraged to attend all special events. Four are required to enroll in LOF. It is necessary to use the sign-in book to be acknowledged. A confirmation e-mail of attendance will be sent after the event takes place.

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

This week's question: *What city did Mary and Joseph travel to in order to pay their taxes?*

Prior week's answer: *Emmanuel, a title for Jesus means "God with us"*. Congratulations to Luke Funke for answering the question correctly and to Gianna for the previous week! To enter this week's raffle, submit your answer along with your name and address by email to [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto: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 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 Rodriguez 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to reserve for your family.

### Traveling Prayer Cross-Pray with and For Your Family

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! **God bless the Milian Family who hosted the cross this 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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com).



**Pope Francis Says:** *"May the Virgin Mary always be our refuge, our consolation, and the way that leads to Christ."* December 8th, 2017.



# ADVENT: PREPARING THE WAY



Archdiocese of Newark  
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

November 22, 2017

Reverend Sean Manson  
Our Lady Mother of the Church  
209 Woodcliff Lake Avenue  
Woodcliff Lakes, NJ 07675

Dear Father Manson:

I hereby appoint you Dean of the Packsack Valley Bergen Deanery, Deanery 2P effective immediately and ending November 22, 2022.

The priests in your area have demonstrated great confidence in you by recommending your name to me. I know that you will work with them for the good of the Deanery and for the benefit of our people.

I look forward to working with you, meeting and communicating with you about the various needs of our Archdiocese. I am grateful for your assistance and willingness to serve in this important area.

I send my prayers and my blessings to you as you assume this new responsibility.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

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

Attest: *Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Andreano*  
Reverend Monsignor Michael A. Andreano, V.G.  
Vicar General and Chancellor

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c: Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydagger, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia  
Most Reverend John W. Flessey, S.T.D., D.D.  
Very Reverend John J. Paladino, V.F.

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## Ready, Set, Sing!!

Free singing lessons for men of all ages! This is a community service from the Teaneck Blue Chips Chorus. Materials will be provided. Wednesday evenings starting January 10, 2018 and continuing for 6 weeks from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Richard Rodda Recreation Center, 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck, NJ. No experience is necessary! Call Paul at (201) 913-9272 to leave a message with time and number to call back, or just come!



Changing Lives One Woman and Child at a Time

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November 2017

Ms. Judi Quinn  
Administrative Secretary  
Our Lady Mother of the Church  
209 Woodcliff Ave  
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677-8229

Dear Ms. Quinn,

On behalf of the women and children of Oasis, I am writing to thank Our Lady Mother of the Church for your generous donation of \$1,200.00 worth of \$25.00 gift cards to be distributed among community members attending our Thanksgiving community lunch this year.

I recently received a note from a former student that I want to share with you:

*"Oasis has proven to those of us who live in the City of Paterson that no matter what situation you are living in they are there to back you up. Oasis is there to give you the love and family that you may not have. Now I have a future ahead of me, but I will never forget where I came from. Oasis has help me, and many young girls, find the right path."*

We face many challenges in the City of Paterson, but Oasis has become a beacon of hope for countless women and children. Please know that it is through your support that Oasis is able to help so many women and children find the right paths - paths to college, paths to jobs, paths to a brighter future for their families.

It is because of you that we are able to put our mission into action. Thank you for your gift, and thank you for helping our women and children find the right path!

With a grateful heart,

Jennifer Brady  
Executive Director

*We are very grateful!*  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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## New Dean

A couple of weeks ago Cardinal Tobin called me, he said "Fr. Sean, I am looking for a good Welshman." I replied that while I born in Wales, I was not sure if I was much good! He was calling to ask if I would accept his appointment as the Dean of the Pascack Valley Bergen Deanery. I accepted his invitation, and attended a meeting of the cardinal with all the deans of the Archdiocese on Tuesday December 12th. Our Deanery comprises Our Lady Mother of the Church, together with Our Lady of Mercy, Assumption, St. Andrews, Good Counsel and St. Johns. I will keep you informed of the Cardinal's vision for the Deanery and what my role entails.

Fr. Sean