

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

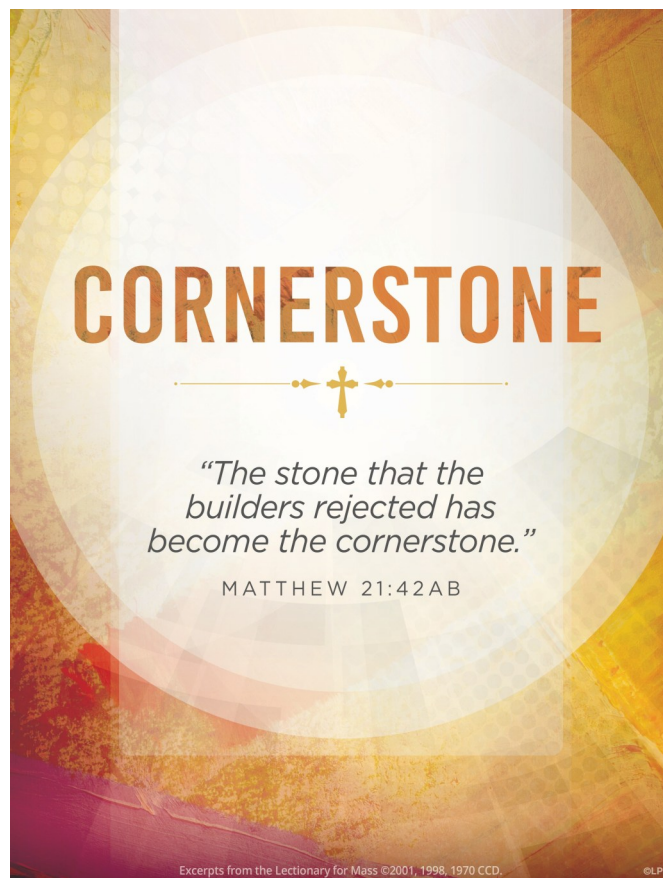
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Our Mission

To be a Parish Community where the Signs of Faith are given so that, seeing them, all can be led to Eternal Life.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 4, 2026

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9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Weekdays

Monday-Friday 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 5:30 pm,

8:00 pm (Neocatechumenal Way Eucharist)

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Holy Days

See bulletin for schedule of Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday

(Sign up using link on parish website)

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm (Opus Dei Priest)

and

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm (OLMC Parish Priest)

(No sign up required. First come, first served.)

FROM FR. JASON



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Friday, October 9, the Church remembers St. Denis, the first Bishop of Paris, together with his companions Rusticus, a presbyter, and Eleutherius, a deacon. In the middle of the third century, when the small Christian community in Gaul had been almost wiped out by the fierce persecution under the Emperor Decius, the Church in Rome sent missionaries to rekindle the faith. Denis and his companions settled on the island in the Seine that is today the heart of Paris. There they began to announce the Gospel with simplicity and power. Conversions followed. People who had lived in the darkness of paganism began to believe that Jesus Christ had died for their sins and risen from the dead. The pagan priests, seeing their influence fade, became alarmed. They denounced the missionaries to the Roman governor. After a long imprisonment and severe tortures, Denis, Rusticus, and Eleutherius were led up the hill we now call Montmartre - the Mount of the Martyrs - and beheaded.

A cherished tradition tells us that after the sword fell, Denis picked up his severed head and walked several miles, still preaching the forgiveness of God, until he reached the place where he wished to be buried. Whether every detail of the legend is strictly historical or not, the theological truth it carries is solid as rock: the Word of God cannot be silenced. Even death cannot stop the proclamation of the crucified and risen Lord. The blood of the martyrs became the seed of the Church in France. The place of their execution became a place of pilgrimage; the basilica that later rose over their tomb became the burial place of the kings of France. God used the apparent failure of three humble missionaries to plant the Gospel deep in a pagan land.

This is the kerygma that the Church places at the very center of our journey. The martyrs did not die for an idea, a moral system, or a cultural tradition. They died because they had heard the Good News that God loved them first, while they were still sinners. They believed that Jesus Christ had taken upon Himself their sins on the Cross and had risen so that they might live a new life in the Spirit. This living Christ was now dwelling in them. Their martyrdom was simply the final, public expression of a life already given over to the Lord.

Today we live in a world that is often no less pagan than third-century Gaul. Many baptized people have forgotten the living Christ. Faith has been reduced to private sentiment, to occasional religious practice, or to a set of ethical principles. Communities have lost the fire of the first announcement. The martyrs remind us that the Christian life is not a private devotion. It is a public witness. It is the daily choice to carry the Cross so that the power of the Resurrection may be seen in us. We learn, step by step, to live this witness: listening to the Word of God with open hearts, celebrating the Eucharist as the true banquet of the New Covenant, and walking together in fraternal communion marked by the Cross. The blood of the martyrs still speaks. It calls us to conversion - not once, but every day. It invites us to leave behind the securities of this world and to trust only in the gratuitous love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

May St. Denis, Rusticus, and Eleutherius intercede for us. May they obtain for our community the same boldness they showed, the same fidelity to the Word, and the same joy in the Cross. And may our lives, like theirs, become a living proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Peace, 

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

MASS SCHEDULE

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



October 3

People of the Parish

October 4

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

Jennifer Hartmann

Serenity Lynn

October 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Mimi Averill

October 6

St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose

Durocher, Virgin

June Morgan

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Kevin Joseph Allen

October 8

Dave Duffy

October 9

St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions,

Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

Herta Kuczynski

October 10

Jeremiah Mullins

October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish

Inga Kayner

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."

-Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too, are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

Receipts from Last Week.....\$4,818.00

"For everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

-Qoh 3:11

"A time to be healed."

Parish sick list: Marie Barrett, Dino Caparoso, Rev. Bob Connor, Mary Cummings, Arlene Desposito, Ethel Dubrowski, Ed Evans, Trevor Giesberg, Ann Goodwin, Kathy Hedley, Pablo Ibarrola, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Julia Geraghty, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, John Mandile, Joyce Merlino, John Mullins, Carol Myack, David Plummer, James Ranazzo, Danielle Rendon, Gail Roberts, Carol Schmidt, Jean Sember, Bro. Kevin Smith, John Vallely, Eric Vanderleif, Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn."

Recently past: Mary F. Lutz, Eileen DePiero

"A time for war and a time for peace."

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan, Seamus Ryan
Amen.



Electronic donations?

Please scan the QR code to use our 'Parish Giving' service.





ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK

A DAY OF PRAYER AND PILGRIMAGE

Relics of Saint Bernadette

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Newark, New Jersey

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Schedule

9:15 AM – Welcome Ceremony
10:00–11:00 AM – Confessions Available
2:00–3:00 PM – Confessions Available
3:00 PM – Rosary
3:45 PM – Closing Celebration

In 1898, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Saint Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France. Since then, Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage, prayer, healing, and conversion for people from around the world.

Official information:
www.bernadette-usa.lourdes-france.com

LOURDES
— SANCTUAIRE

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Meditation:

Conference on Sacrifice and Prayer.

I will now instruct you on what your holocaust shall consist of, in everyday life, so as to preserve you from illusions. You shall accept all sufferings with love. Do not be afflicted if your heart often experiences repugnance and dislike for sacrifice (Diary, 1767).

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, by Your grace and with Your love that You showed me on the Cross, may I accept all sufferings with love. May I come to know like St. Faustina that suffering plus love equals joy!

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*

Share Divine Mercy Daily with your friends and family:
TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup



Family Fall Festival

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of

our Family Fall Festival. Your generous donations, tireless volunteering, and enthusiastic participation truly brought our community together in faith and fellowship. Special thanks to our committee members for their time and donations as well: Irma Chazotte, Dave DePalma, Charles & Tina Evans, Tim & Sheryl Fabio, Vaughn Flower, Bob Gentile, Rita Hartmann, Robert & Donna Hoepfner, Frank & Linda Meredith, Joe and Nancy Michaels, Loretta Palumbo, Joe and Marianne Piazza, Terri Praschak, Scott & Mary Raymond, Tom Rochford, Dan Sammartino & Geraldine Barry, Robert & Lizzie Truszkowski, Annie Whitney, and any other people we may have regretfully omitted. May God bless you abundantly for your dedication to our parish!

Sponsors / Donors

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Mary Mullins
Joseph & Jackie Tasca
Anonymous

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Barbara & Ralph Civitillo
Joe Gatti
Josephine Higgins
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SILVER:

(Continued)

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Kid's Corner



1. What did the landowner plant, put a hedge around, dig a wine press in, and build a tower for?
2. When the landowner sent his servants to collect the produce, what did the tenants do to them?
3. Who did the landowner finally send, thinking, "They will respect my son?"
4. What did the tenants do when they saw the son?
5. Jesus said the stone the builders rejected has become the _____, and that the kingdom of God will be given to a people who will produce its fruit.

1. A vineyard. 2. They seized them - one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. (They treated the next group of servants the same way). 3. His own son. 4. They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him (so they could try to take the inheritance). 5. Cornerstone.

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY



Pro-Life Prayer

Dear God, every life is beautiful, from the microscopic beginning to our final breath. Protect every life on its journey, every heart from small to large, strong to weak. Give us the grace to stand up for each other, and to stand next to each other. Amen.



High School Placement Test

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in the Fall of 2027! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026. Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. The deadline to register for the Cooperative Admissions HSPT is October 23, 2026. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, see www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.

**While the world changes,
the cross stands firm.**

-St. Bruno

Save the Date!

A Joyful Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 11, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Duo Pianos, Professional Singers, and a Choir
Sing-Along!

Mingle with wine and cheese afterwards!

Tickets on sale starting Nov. 7/8 after Mass and in
the parish office!



FIND FREEDOM

Catholic in Recovery is a worldwide community of individuals seeking a solution to **addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments** by integrating the Catholic faith into 12-step recovery.

JOIN a virtual meeting to begin your journey or strengthen your recovery. Resources also include CIR's Pathway to Recovery to support and guide you through the first 90 days of recovery.



www.catholicinrecovery.com



Safe Environment Corner

September is the month of renewing and revitalizing parish ministries.

The local safe environment coordinators work diligently to make sure that everyone who encounters minors as part of their ministry has the proper training and is background-checked.

If you are interested in volunteering, reach out to your local safe environment coordinator and find out more details.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.



A Little Humor...

Centuries ago, God came down, went to the Germans and said, "I have Commandments that will help you live better lives." The Germans ask, "What are Commandments?" And the Lord says, "Rules for living." "Can you give us an example?" God says, "Thou shalt not kill." "Not kill? We're not interested." So God went to the Italians and said, "I have Commandments..." The Italians wanted an example and the Lord said, "Thou shalt not steal." "Not steal? We're not interested." Next the Lord went to the French saying, "I have Commandments..." The French wanted an example and the Lord said, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." And the French were not interested. God then went to the Jews and said, "I have Commandments..." "Commandments," said the Jews, "How much are they?" "They're free." "We'll take 10."



Parish Registration

A Parishioner is one who belongs to our parish community. As such, they are registered and actively participate in the life of the parish community by regularly attending Mass, joining ministries, and financially supporting the parish.

To obtain Sponsor Certificates / Letters of Good Standing for Baptism and Confirmation, please call the parish office. The person requesting such must be registered and be an active member of our Parish community. We request that you register so that we can serve you better.



Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9 AM – 2 PM

Catholic Women of Zion Chapter 3

St. Andrew Church

120 Washington Avenue, Westwood, NJ

This retreat is open to all women. The retreat includes Mass, prayer, music, speaker, sharing, and prayers for healing. Our very special guest speaker, Mrs. Gayle Scirocco, will share her "Continuing Journey of Faith and Healing." Registration is required no later than Tuesday, Oct. 13, through our website, www.cwoz.org. A donation of \$25 payable at the door includes a box lunch. To register by telephone, call 201-370-2577. Please leave your name and telephone number and indicate which lunch you would prefer: 1) Turkey/Provolone, 2) Ham/Swiss, 3) Grilled Chicken/Roasted Peppers, or 4) Grilled Veggies.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

Our Lady Mother of the Church has received \$37,344.00 in pledges for this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal from 66 donors and has achieved 109% of our Base Goal! Thank you to those parishioners who have made their gift to the 2026 Annual Appeal! Please be sure to honor your pledges. This year's time period for the Stretch Goal incentive built into the appeal has passed as of June 30, 2026.

If you would like to make a gift to the Annual Appeal, please visit www.rcan.org/sharing or scan the QR code. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.



The medicine of God, is Jesus Christ, Crucified and Risen, the measure of all things.

-St. John Leonardi

Grief Group



Gina Franco started a grief group here at OLMC after the loss of her daughter, Dominique, who was only 21 when she passed unexpectedly in 2019. She hopes the grief group gives people here at OLMC a place to share their stories and give **Hope and Faith** while healing together. They will next meet on Monday, October 5th at 7:00 pm.



Rooted in Kindness

A **tree-mendous** thank you to Downes Tree Service Inc. for donating their services to help us with our tree care needs! We are so grateful to them for helping keep our property safe, healthy, and looking its best. They recently removed many dead or dying trees on the church property and also performed the stump grinding. Have a tree concern or planning a project? Reach out anytime - they would love to help.

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Heritage Fund

The Our Lady Mother of the Church Heritage Fund is a **restricted fund** created to complete projects and improvements in the parish. It is **restricted**, meaning that all donations will remain in the parish and cannot be used for any other purpose except for the named project donated to. Proposed projects are named below and as they are completed, it will be communicated here.

Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
Church Shingled Roof	\$150,000.00

Current Funding: \$76,857.19.

If you would like to donate to this project, please make checks payable to 'Our Lady Mother of the Church' with 'Heritage Fund - New Church Roof' in the memo line. Thank you for your support! May God give you 100-fold! Remember, He is never outdone in generosity!

Update 7/12/26: You might have noticed that the shingled roof replacement has been finished! See above to learn how to support this project!

Respect Life Corner

New Jersey
MARCH for LIFE
October 8, 2026

PRE-RALLY CONCERT 10 AM
RALLY 11 AM | MARCH 12 PM
THE STATE HOUSE ANNEX
145 West State St., Trenton, NJ 08608

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