

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 15, 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
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Phone: 201-391-2826
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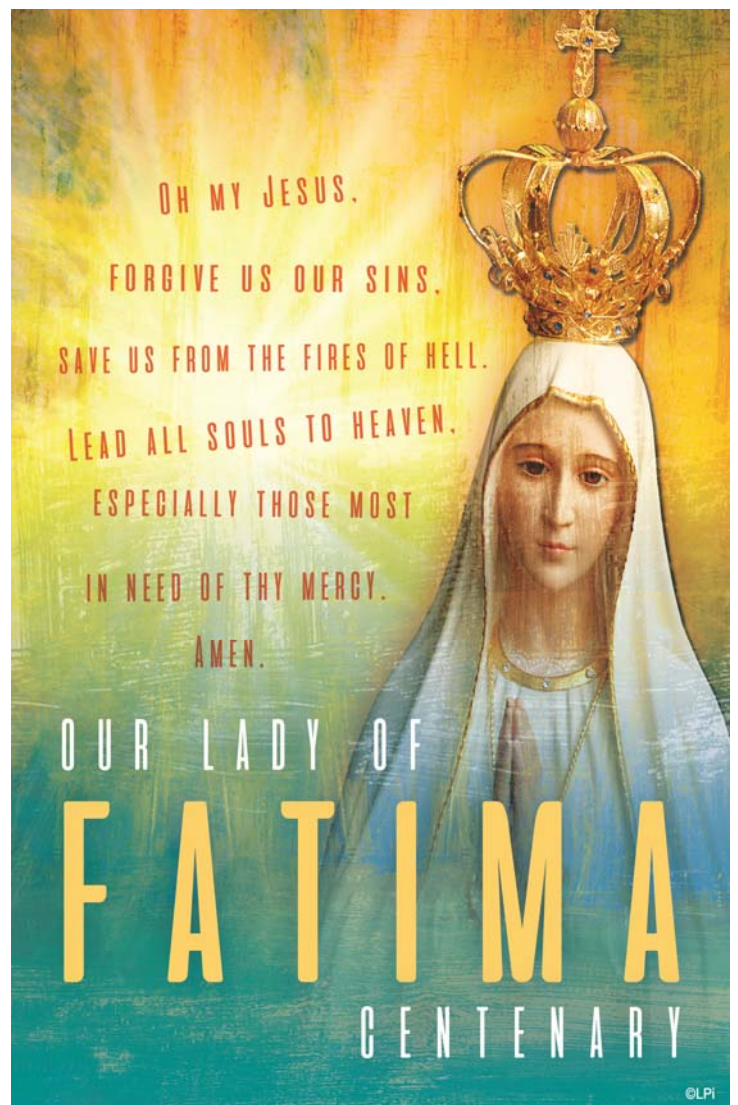
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Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400
Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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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



This Friday, October 13th marked the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

During World War I, Pope Benedict XV made repeated but forlorn pleas for peace, and finally in May 1917, made a direct appeal to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world. Just over a week later, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, age ten, and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto (siblings), ages eight and seven. At the time, Fatima was a small village about 70 miles north of Lisbon.

However, it was in the spring of the previous year, 1916, that the children had their first supernatural encounter as a means of preparing them for their meetings with the Queen of Heaven. As they were looking after the sheep one day they saw a dazzlingly beautiful young man, seemingly made of light, who told them he was the Angel of Peace. He invited them to pray with him. This Angel appeared to them on two more occasions, in the Summer and in the Fall of that year. But the children did not tell anyone about these visits of the Angel, feeling an interior necessity to keep quiet about these events.

On May 13, 1917 the three children took their flocks out to pasture in the small area known as the Cova da Iria. After lunch, and praying the rosary, they suddenly saw a bright flash of something like lightning, followed quickly by another flash in the clear blue sky.

They looked up to see, in Lucia's words, "a lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light more clear and intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight." The children stood there amazed, bathed in the light that surrounded the apparition as the Lady smiled and said: "Do not be afraid, I will not harm you." Lucia, as the oldest, asked her where she came from.

The Lady pointed to the sky and said: "I come from heaven." Lucia then asked her what she wanted. "I have come to ask you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month at this same hour. Later I shall say who I am and what I desire.

The Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, appeared to the children over the next six months, the last apparition being on October 13th 1917, when 100,000 people were present and witnessed the 'Miracle of the Sun.'

The core of her message can be expressed in three simple sentences:

Hell exists and souls are being lost to it because there is no one to make reparation for their sins

War is a consequence of sin

3. The salvation of souls and the attainment of world peace require the conversion of sinners. *"People must stop offending God because He is already so much offended."*

Almost everything else she said, the things she asked us to do, and her prophecies predicated on the nature of our response relate, either directly or indirectly, to these three fundamental elements.

The message of Our Lady of Fatima is as relevant today as it was 100 years ago. May we take it to heart, and make the message of Fatima part of our spiritual life.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



October 14

St. Callistus I
Dr. Nicholas Videtti

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



October 15

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thomas G. Kordas
Gertrude & Ralph Kettler

Monday

8:30 am

October 16

St. Hedwig; St. Mary Alacoque
John Clark

Tuesday

8:30 am

October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Genevieve &
Thomas Crittenden

Wednesday

8:30 am

October 18

St. Luke
People of the Parish

Thursday

8:30 am



October 19

Ss. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues
Mary Mertz

Friday

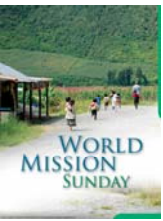
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October 20

St. Paul of the Cross
George & Peter Lutz

Saturday

5:30 pm



October 21

Michael DeJoseph

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am

October 22

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

Sr. Bernatette Downes
Maria Silva

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

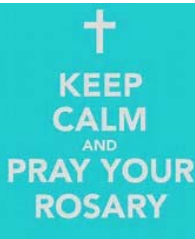
"My God will supply whatever you need..."

(Philippians 4:19)

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month-be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$5,880.00

Assessment Collection.....\$1,451.00



Using beads to count prayers is an ancient tradition, and not unique to the Catholic faith. The rosary as we know it today has evolved over time from its original loop of fifty beads marked out three times (to account for 150 prayers representing all the psalms) to its present configuration of

five decades with some additional prayers. The rosary is begun by reciting the Apostles' Creed while holding the cross that hangs from the loop. The Lord's Prayer is prayed on the first bead on the way up from the cross to the loop joiner. Then three Hail Mary's are prayed on the next three beads (often interpreted as prayers for an increase of faith, hope, and charity), followed by a Glory Be. Another Lord's Prayer opens the first decade, which continues with ten Hail Marys, and concludes with a Glory Be, prayed while holding the chain between the final Hail Mary of the decade and the next bead for the Lord's Prayer. The prayer and meditation of the five decades is directed to one of the mysteries of which there are four sets (Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, and Luminous). There are booklets that offer scriptural meditations for each of the beads as well, providing an opportunity to enrich this traditional prayer with excerpts from the word of God.

"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, Francesca DeMarco, Rosa Dicapua, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Hartmann, Thomas Kneesban, Vivienne Knopp, Melissa Latrenta, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Peg McGrath, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pqrron, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, 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.

Book of the Month! Interested in starting a Book Club?

Check out Sister Frances Memorial Parish Library!

If reading is your interest, consider joining a Book Club right here at OLMC. Sign up in the Library, (on the stage) while your browsing and leave a suggestion for a book. Come to our first discussion November 16 at 10:30 am to plan our selections. Nominate a book you've read for Book of the Month, see envelope in library. We recently received a nice collection of tween books from the Meehan Family, THANK YOU! Come and borrow!

OCTOBER 15, 2017



Next weekend is the Upper Pascack Valley CROP Walk for Hunger. The 44th CROP Walk for Hunger will be held on Sunday October 22 and sign-ins will be between 12:30-1:00 PM at the Pascack Reformed Church at 65 Pascack Road in Park Ridge where the walk will begin and end. Last year, our Parish, as part of a multi-denominational team of eight houses of worship in the Pascack Valley raised almost \$2,100. Our highest amount ever was in 2012 when we raised over \$5,000. Money raised is used to distribute food for those less fortunate than we are. Overall, the Pascack Valley houses of worship collaborated to donate almost \$20,000 to both national and local charities that help feed the poor through Church World Services.

If anyone wants to volunteer, walk, or donate to this worthy cause, it is not too late. Please call us at 201.391.1460 or by email to JFrey4@aol.com. You may contact us directly or you can donate online at CROPHungerWalk.org/parkridgenj and search for the OLMC team page and sign-up or donate.

Finally, a great big **Thank You** has to be extended to all those who walked and donated last year and who have stepped forward this year – hope to see you on the 22nd!

John & Maria Frey



Saint John's Academy News

Wild West Book Fair!!!

SJA's Book Fair is October 23 to October 27! Parents and guardians are welcome to shop with the students on Monday, October 23 from 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm and Tuesday, October 24 from 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm.

Down Syndrome Awareness Month

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. As part of their commitment to service, SJA's students will be collecting dimes for Down Syndrome during the month of October.

SJA's students recently renewed their promise to respect and protect all of God's people by Stomping Out Bullying!



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 and other Broadway and world class musicians 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.



Pasta Dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 153 from Park Ridge will sponsor a Pasta Dinner on Thursday, October 19 at 118 Ridge Ave, Park Ridge from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for children under 12. Menu includes pasta, bread, salad and dessert. Proceeds will benefit veterans.

Special Noon Mass

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, October 21, 2017 at 12:00 pm. For information please call 201-768-7565. Also on Saturday is the New Jersey Recovery Advocates Rally at Liberty State Park. For more info visit their website newjerseyrecoveryadvocates.org.

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



Bern Kettler

Requested by Marie Kettler



**Our Lady's Guild
Invites Everyone to a
Uptown Art Experience
Thursday, October 26
from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

On Thursday, October 26 we are going to Uptown Art in Westwood to paint a pretty picture! You can bring some wine, soda or any other beverage along with some snacks. The cost is \$40 per person. If interested please sign on the poster in the lobby of the church!

FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for October & November

Prayer of the Month: Hail Mary

Wed, Oct 19 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6**, *Feast of St. Luke*

Wed, Oct 26 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6**, *Feast of St. Daria*

Prayer of the Month: Our Father

Wed, Nov 1 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes & LOF Students**, *Feast of All Saints-Teaching Mass*

Sat, Nov 4 Convocation at Paramus Catholic HS, Details below

Wed, Nov 8 3:45 pm-5:00 pm, **Faith Formation Classes For Grades 1-6**, *Feast of St. Castorius*

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**

Catechist Convocation Saturday, November 4 at Paramus Catholic HS

The Catechist Convocation offers workshops on a wide variety of topics and is an excellent opportunity for the ongoing formation of all interested. Registration is due Oct. 31. See forms in the lobby or online: <http://www.rcan.org/office-and-ministries/catechetical-office>



Pope Francis Says: *God loves, he doesn't take revenge! He loves, and waits to forgive us." October 8, 2017*

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

This week's question: **What Mysteries of the Rosary did St. John Paul II add?**

Last week's answer: **St. Francis of Assisi is the saint known for his love of animal's and famous for the prayer: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."** Congratulations to Thomas Bussanich 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 \$5 gift card to Dairy Queen.

2017 Maryknoll Student Essay Contest Grades 6-8 & 9-12

In a world where violence is all around us – in the news, schools, communities, entertainment, etc., - Pope Francis calls us "to take a clear stand for creative and active nonviolence and against all forms of violence." **ASSIGNMENT:** Write an essay in which you cite examples of violence and tell what actions you are taking or could take to promote peace. Prizes 1st: \$1,000; 2nd \$ 300; 3rd \$150. **ENTRY FORMS** are in the lobby.

Traveling Prayer Cross-Pray with and for Your Family

Our Traveling Prayer Cross is available to take home for a week! You can foster family prayer and pray for one another as a family. God bless the Paulino Family who hosted the Cross this week. This is available to all families in the parish. Please consider reserving the Cross for your family.

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. Please use this opportunity to foster family prayer and pray for vocations. God bless the Eckes Family who hosted the chalice this week. This is available to all families in the parish.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

OLMC will again be offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during select 10:30AM Masses between October and April. This is only possible with the help of our parishioners who volunteer to teach; you will only need to teach about 3-4 times 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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Looking for a Miracle!!!!

Relocating to this area from Connecticut and looking for an apartment to rent, perhaps above a garage, carriage house or in-law type. If you can help please call Mark Valenti at 800-983-3893

Private Sale: Cemetery Plots

Two plots available to sell at George Washington Memorial Park in Paramus. Section A. \$3,000 each if purchased directly from cemetery will sell for \$1,950 each. If interested please call (201) 376-0663

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*

Respite Care Do you need a helping hand? A ride to the doctor? A meal delivered? Or errands run? Our parishioners would like to assist one another. If you answered yes, know that we would like to help. Please contact Judi Quinn. 201-391-2826 or judiolmc@yahoo.com All requests will be kept confidential. If you would like to be a helper, please e-mail Judi Quinn.

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Our Lady's Guild October Upcoming Events

October 16: 7:00 pm General Meeting (will be short), we will be showing a movie titled "Our Lady of Fatima" along with the 100th Anniversary. Refreshments will be served after the movie concludes.

October 26: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, Uptown in Westwood Wine and Art Studio. Bring your own beverages and some snacks. \$40 per person. Sign up on poster in church lobby.

Month of October: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary in the church, Thursdays 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

Dear Father Sean:

Words cannot express our gratitude for the kindness and generosity you and your parishioners have extended to us during a very difficult and heartbreaking time in our lives. I wanted to thank you and update you on Jessica's health situation.

Just 1 year ago, our 16-year-old daughter Jessica was a normal and healthy high school sophomore. And then, very quickly, that all changed when she was diagnosed with Moya Moya. Jessica has now undergone two neurosurgeries, the last one being in July. Sadly, though this surgery was supposed to be the "easier" of the two, she suffered setbacks and another stroke; this stroke affecting the right side of her body. We did not know if she would talk, write, or walk again.

Thankfully, she has now regained the use of her right arm and leg and has partial use of her right hand. She is also talking up a storm like always! She is attending therapies at Children's Specialized in Mountainside and is being tutored at home. Our hope is that she will be able to return to school and will only keep progressing.

Christina Tansky truly amazes us as being so young but so selfless and giving to others. Jessica was truly moved by her talking at Mass. We are warmed and strengthened by those who have prayed and continue praying for us and for Jessica. Thank you to all of you and God Bless,

The Livingstone Family