

Our Lady Mother of the Church

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ OCTOBER 29, 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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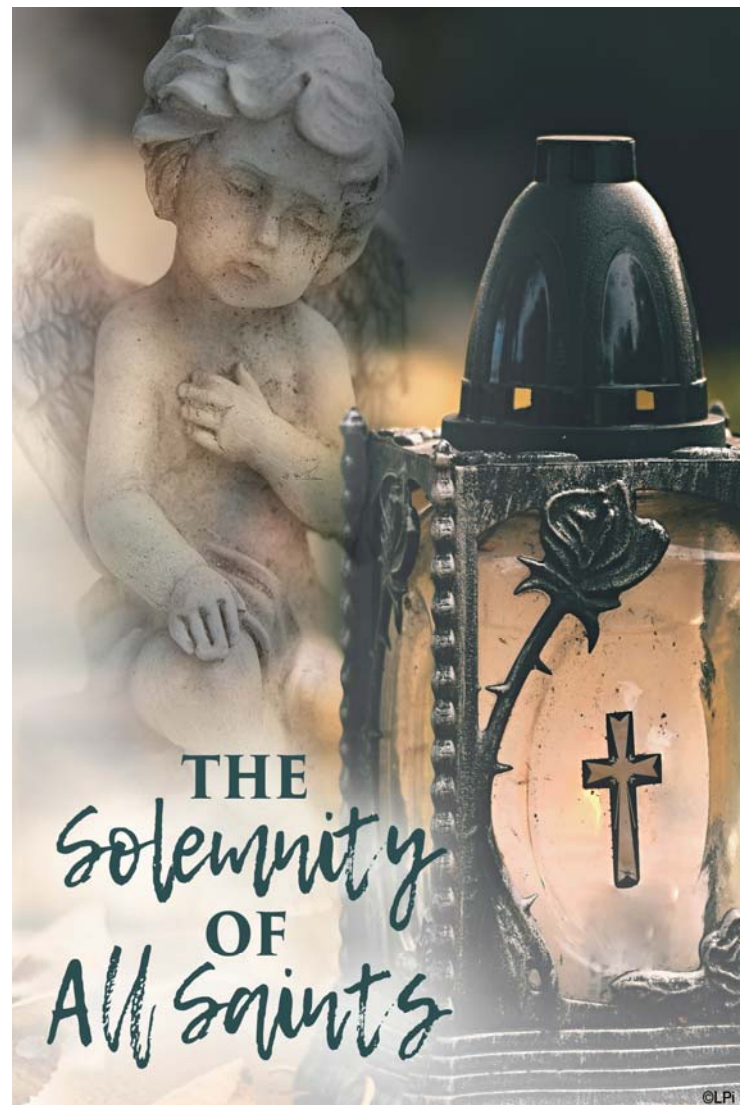
Faith Formation Office

Phone: 201-391-7400

Monday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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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



Christmas Eve, New Years Eve, All Saints Eve. I bet you recognize the first two, but not the last. Perhaps because it is not commonly called All Saints Eve, but Halloween; which means the Eve of All Hallows, or of All Saints

Just as Christmas Eve has absolutely no meaning whatsoever without Christmas, and New Year's Eve is only a means of ushering in the New Year, so too, Halloween in and of itself is meaningless without the celebration of All Saints Day, for which it is a preparation.

Halloween was originally the Celtic festival of Samhain (pronounced sow-in), marking the end of summer and

the beginning of winter, a time of year that was associated with death. Celts believed on the night of October 31st the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred, and the ghosts of the dead returned to earth. The fears and superstitions of Celtic tribes were evangelized and superseded by the Christian experience of life and death.

As the Church celebrated the lives of her Saints and Martyrs on November 1st, Samhain was no longer celebrated as a pagan feast, but as a preparation for All Saints Day. The Church can mock the Devil, and laugh at goblins and demons, because Christ Jesus our Lord has overcome Evil.

Protestant countries, following the lead of Martin Luther in the Sixteenth Century, eliminated the celebration of All Saints Day, to give more importance to Jesus Christ. The religious practice of praying to the Saints was considered a man-made invention, detracting from worship of Jesus Christ. Luther, Calvinists, Evangelicals and Pentecostals are deceived in this matter. The Saints are not man-made inventions who detract from Christ, they are living icons who bear witness to the grace of Christ.

All of us are called to Sanctity, to be Saints. This is our vocation. Saints are ordinary people who allow the extraordinary grace of Christ to act in them. As the Bosco Boys song goes: 'Who says you can't be a Saint?'

Decorating the yard for Halloween, getting the kids costumes ready for trick or treating, buying candy to hand out at the front door; all of this only makes sense if we then celebrate All Saints Day on Wednesday November 1st. This Holy Day of Obligation will be joyfully celebrated here at Our Lady Mother of the Church with Masses at 8:30am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm (children's Mass) and 7:00pm. There will be a seat waiting for you!

The following day, November 2nd, we will celebrate All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls Day. Masses will be Mass at 8:30am and at 7:00pm – a special Mass to which we invite the parish families who have lost loved ones during this past year.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:30 pm



October 28

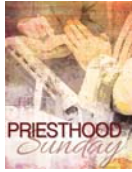
Ss. Simon and Jude

Pietro Maugeri

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Priesthood Sunday

Marie & John Monteverdi

Tom McGrath

Monday

8:30 am



October 30

Virginia M & James T. Horris

Tuesday

8:30 am

October 31

Halloween

Dave Mock

Wednesday

8:30 am

12:00 pm

7:00 pm



November 1

All Saints Day

Ann Reynolds

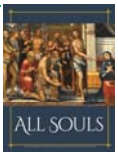
People of the Parish

Eileen Catherwood

Thursday

8:30 am

7:00 pm



November 2

All Souls' Day

Laura Gatto

Memorial Mass

Friday

8:30 am



November 3

St. Marti de Porres

Antonio Bonaldo

Saturday

5:30 pm

November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

Maria Picinic

Sunday

8:30 am

10:30 am



November 5

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;

National Vocation Awareness Week;

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Dot Brennan

John Clark

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

***"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."* (Matthew 22:37)**

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love of God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news-it's not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$9,223.00



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

Pascack Hills Players Present

Bonnie and Clyde the Musical Thurs, Nov 2, Fri, Nov 3, Sat, Nov 4 7:00 pm, Sun, Nov 5 at 2:00 pm matinee get your tickets at phhsbonnieandclyde.brownpapertickets.com.

Memorial Mass

Thursday, November 2, 2017

7:00 pm



Every year our parish remembers all those parishioners who have gone home to the Lord during the past year at a special Memorial Mass. Individual invitations are mailed to the family members of all those who have been buried from Our Lady Mother of the Church.

Any parishioner who has suffered the loss of a relative, since November 2016, who was not buried from this church can still have that loved one remembered at this same Mass. If you would like them to be included and you will be attending the Mass, please contact Judi at (201) 391-2826 or judiolmc@yahoo.com with their name and date of death before October 29th.

During the Mass a representative of each family will be given a flower and is invited to place this symbol of life in a vase during the Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass.



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 Kneeshaw, Vivienne Knopp, Jessica Livingstone, Abigail Mayer, Flossie O'Sullivan, Eugenia Pqrron, Patrick Randazzo, Carol Schmidt, Barbara Strambi, 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.



The 44th Annual Upper Pascack Valley CROP Walk for Hunger took place on a beautiful Sunday October 22 with eight congregations participating. To date \$2,100 has been raised by our Church. This year 8 OLMC Parishioners made the six or two mile walk. In past years we have had between 20-48 walkers and have raised as much as \$5,000 to help feed the hungry. Locally the walk supports Family Promise and the Pascack Food Bank, and nationally and internationally supports food projects undertaken by the Church World Services (CWS). If you missed the opportunity to donate, we won't close the books for a couple of weeks and you can either contact us directly by phone or email or you can donate online at the CWS website which is www.crophungerwalk.org/parkridgenj. Search for team OLMC and donate on our page. We would like to thank EVERYONE who participated – either by walking, sponsoring, donating, or praying for our success. It's not too late to donate- contact us at (201) 391-1460 or jfrey4@aol.com. On behalf of all the people that are being fed because of your generosity and support – THANK YOU.

John & Maria Frey



Saint John's Academy News SHA Celebrates Our Lady of Fatima's 100th Anniversary!

Our K-4th Graders created class flip books on the mysteries of the rosary. Our 5th-8th Graders created acrostic poems on the joyful and sorrowful mysteries. Our National Junior Honor Society members combined the poems and flip books to form a rosary bracelet. SJA's Faculty, Staff and Students participated in a prayer service at which they prayed 5 decades of the rosary.

Interested I Attending SJA?

SJA welcomes back its Pre-K3 program in September 2018! All are welcome on Tuesday, November 14 to learn more about what SJA has to offer! Please join us during our open house hours, 9:00 am to 10:00 am or 7:00 pm-8:30 pm.

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, Pascack Reformed Church, Christ Lutheran Church, Temple Emmanuel, Montvale Evangelical Free Church, Congregation B'Nai Israel, United Methodist (Park Ridge). All are welcome!!!

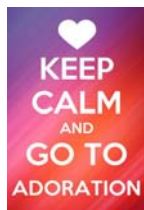


SAVE THE DATE!!!!



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.



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, November 3, and continue through the night ending at 8:30AM on Saturday, November 4. 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.

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

Molly Offer

Requested by The Offer Family



FAITH FORMATION



Calendar for November Class begins in the church

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
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

Wednesday, November 1, LOF and FF Students 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm Teaching Mass on the Feast of All Saints

Our first gathering for LOF and Faith Formation together will be a teaching Mass led by Fr. Sean. What a wonderful opportunity for us all to gather and celebrate ALL SAINTS DAY, a Holyday of Obligation. **Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.** Parents are welcome to stay and pray with us. This fulfills 1 LOF Requirement.

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!

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

This week's question: **What is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven? HINT: We go to Mass and remember that all these holy people are happy with God.** Last week's answer: **St. Thomas** said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into his side, I will not believe." **Congratulations to Roman Dragone** 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 gift card to Dairy Queen.



Pope Francis Says: "Let us all work together to promote peace among peoples and guarantee respect for human rights." Oct. 24, 2017

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. **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. 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.

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.

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Calling All Senior Citizens!

You are invited to Immaculate Heart Academy's Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner. Please join us on Monday, November 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the IHA Cafeteria for a free Thanksgiving Dinner, raffle and entertainment. Please RSVP to IHA at (201) 445-6800 Ext. 167 or sshutrop@ihanj.com.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Thanks to everyone for your most generous donations to the Food Pantry in October. As the holiday season approaches us so does the time for our November collection which will be held on the weekend of Nov 4/5. The special needs and requests for this month are: canned soups, canned fruit, pasta sauce, paper towels and toilet paper. Any other donations are of course welcome as well. All those concerned at the pantry deeply appreciate your continued generosity. My personal thanks for your assistance to our brothers and sisters who are in need.

Deacon Stan

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*

Book of the Month! Interested in starting a Book Club? Check out Sister Frances Mamorial 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!



Thanksgiving Donations

The Outreach Ministry Committee is once again asking for your generous participation in our **Thanksgiving Dinner Drive**. We will be accepting your donations in the church lobby after all weekend Masses beginning **October 28th through November 12th**. Please make checks payable to OLMC with "Thanksgiving Dinners" written in the memo space. Your donations will purchase Visa and supermarket gift cards which will be distributed to **St. Joseph Social Service Center for Women and Children in Elizabeth, Oasis Center for Women in Paterson and local families in need**. A suggested donation of **\$35** will feed a family but a donation in any amount will be greatly appreciated. Questions, contact Adrienne Mellana at (201) 391-1574



Giving Tree Collection: Take a Tag or Two Today!

from the tree in the lobby! Each year our parish collects new gifts for the

children whose mothers are at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility in Clinton, NJ and for local families. Your gift donation will be distributed to the children by their mothers in early December.

Return Your Gift: by Sunday, November 5th. Please drop off gifts un-wrapped in the church lobby on or before November 5th with the original gift tag. Gift wrap can be included separately in the bag. Please be sure to securely attach the original gift tag to your donation.

Gift Suggestions: We appreciate all donations of new items. Needed items: Infant and toddler clothing, infant and toddler toys, teen boys and girls clothing. No time to shop? You can donate a TARGET or VISA GIFT CARD.

The following items cannot be accepted due to facility rules: NO Camera, baseball bats, baseballs, sharp items, play dough, clay, glass perfume or nail polish bottles, play guns or weapons. Questions? Please contact Pat Keenaghan: 201-403-4897 or by e-mail to faithformationolmc@gmail.com Thank you for your generous heart and by putting a smile on these children's faces.