

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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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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,

As Patriot Day approaches, our nation once again pauses to remember September 11, 2001, a day when violence and hatred struck at the heart of so many lives. We remember the thousands who died in the towers, on the planes, and at the Pentagon; the families left in sudden and profound sorrow; the first responders who ran toward the danger and gave everything; and the deep wound that still marks our common history. That day revealed the fragility of human security and the terrible capacity of the human heart when it is closed to God and open to destruction.

We are continually invited to look at the events of history not as distant news or mere political facts, but as a place where the Lord is speaking to us. The Word of God does not remain outside our suffering; it enters into it. Jesus Himself was pierced, rejected, mocked, and put to death. On the cross, He did not answer violence with greater violence. He answered with forgiveness: “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” In the resurrection, He showed us definitively that death does not have the last word, that hatred is not stronger than love, and that the Father’s plan of salvation cannot be stopped by the powers of darkness.

Patriot Day is therefore not only a day of memory and national mourning. It is a call to conversion. The Lord asks each of us, personally and as a community: Where do I still carry hatred, resentment, or the desire for revenge in my heart? Where do I refuse to forgive those who have wounded me, whether in my family, in my workplace, or in the larger society? The Christian does not overcome evil by his own strength or by clever strategies, but by allowing the Holy Spirit to form in him the same heart that was in Christ Jesus. Only the man or woman who has experienced the mercy of God in the depths of his or her own poverty can become a true instrument of peace.

The greatest act of love for one’s country is to live as sons and daughters of the Father, building communion where there is division, offering forgiveness where there is bitterness, and announcing with our lives, quietly, consistently, and joyfully, that Christ has conquered death. The blood of the innocent cries out to heaven, yet the blood of Christ speaks a better word. That word is reconciliation, the possibility of a new beginning for every person who welcomes the Gospel.

Let us therefore gather in our celebrations with a heart open to the Spirit. Let us pray for those who still suffer the consequences of that day, for the conversion of those who promote violence and an ideology of death, and for the gift of peace, the peace that the world cannot give, but that the risen Lord freely offers to all who welcome Him. May our community be a place where the wounded find healing, where the angry find mercy, and where the despairing discover hope.

May the Lord grant us the grace to be, in this wounded world, a living sign of the new humanity that is born from the Cross and the Resurrection, a people who no longer repay evil with evil, but who overcome evil with good.

Peace,

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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



September 5

Kevin Flood

September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Antionietta & Gregorio Pasculli

People of the Parish



September 7

Labor Day

Lindsey Graham



September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

George & Peter Lutz



September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Kevin Flood

September 10

Frank Lundy



September 11

Patriot Day

Robert Hartmann



September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

People of the Parish



September 13

24th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Grandparents' Day

Francis Dyer

Michael Studt



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



Stewardship of Treasure
My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..."

-Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Receipts from Last Week.....\$5,815.00

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, 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."

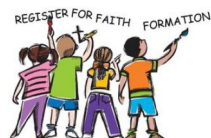
"A time for war and a time for peace."

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

Back-to-School Blessing



Dear God, we ask that You bless the students in our congregation, giving them inspirational teachers, studious habits, solid friendships, and Your grace in every moment of this school year. Bless the teachers and school staff in our congregation, too. Fill them with Your love and care so that, as they teach and minister to our young people, Your wisdom and light may be known, encountered, and shared. Amen.



Faith Formation Registration for 2026-2027

Registration for our Faith Formation programs started on August 2nd. Registration closed on August 31st. Registrations will now have an increased registration cost. Please read the program explanations and registration form carefully so as to understand what OLMC is offering.



Safe Environment Corner

Gaming Safety Tips for Families

Video games are a popular activity for many children. Since most games connect to the internet, it is important to help children use them safely.

- Check a game's rating before allowing your child to play.
- Use parental controls to manage content and online features.
- Keep gaming systems in a common area of the home.
- Remind children never to share personal information online.

By staying involved, parents can help children enjoy gaming in a safe and responsible way.

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.

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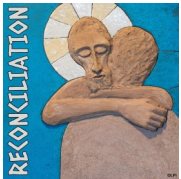
FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

FOOD | FUN | GAMES

Get ready to leap into the Fall with our Family Fall Festival - a fun-filled day of games, food, and community!

Sunday, September 27th, 2026
12 Noon - 3 PM

Join us as our guests! Please register so we can plan well. Registration takes place after the weekend Masses in the 'parking lot-side' lobby. When you register, you will get your ticket(s) that you **MUST** bring with you to enter the Festival on September 27 and receive your wristband(s) to access all the FUN! Join us on the planning committee to help make the festival an overwhelming success!



Christian Reconciliation

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily **together** with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, **"Go and tell your brother his fault,"** He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, **"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother,"** we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen. -Father John Muir



Meditation:

Write, speak of My mercy. Tell souls where they are to look for solace; that is, in the Tribunal of Mercy [the Sacrament of Reconciliation]. There the greatest miracles take place [and] are incessantly repeated. To avail oneself of this miracle, it is not necessary to go on a great pilgrimage or to carry out some external ceremony; it suffices to come with faith to the feet of My representative and to reveal to him one's misery, and the miracle of Divine Mercy will be fully demonstrated (Diary, 1448).

My Prayer Response:

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for teaching us where to find consolation. Thank You for the Tribunal of Mercy where great miracles take place when we reveal our miseries.

**The words of Jesus appear in boldface type*
Share Divine Mercy Daily with your friends and family:
TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup

Kid's Corner



1. What feast day does the Church celebrate on September 12th?
2. What feast do we celebrate on September 14th?
3. What does the Church celebrate that day?
4. What feast day does the Church celebrate on September 15th?
5. What is the month of September dedicated to in the Catholic Church?

1. The Most Holy Name of Mary. 2. The Exultation of the Holy Cross. 3. The discovery and recovery of the True Cross of Jesus Christ. 4. The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Mother. 5. September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Answers

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Start Your Marriage at the Altar with God

A “wedding” at a venue is not a valid sacrament. Start your married life with God and receive grace and Christ Himself as the ‘third’ person in your marriage through the Sacrament of Matrimony. In this sacrament, God’s own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Jason or Fr. Michael for details.

Open House

Immaculate Heart Academy will be hosting their 2026 Fall Open Houses on Sunday, October 18, from 11 am - 2 pm and Thursday, October 22, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm! If you are a young woman searching for a school known for its academic excellence, athletic competition, and creative expression grounded in traditional Catholic values, IHA is the place for you! IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676. Register online at ihanj.com; walk-ins also welcome.



A Little Humor...

A Jewish rabbi and a Catholic priest were good friends. They were at a community picnic one day and the priest was eating a ham sandwich. “You know,” he said to his friend, “this ham sandwich is simply delicious. I know you’re not supposed to eat ham, but I don’t understand why something as good as this would be forbidden to you. Why don’t you break down and try one?” To which the rabbi replied, “Sure, at your wedding.”



7th Annual Walk/Run

Stretch those legs! The Westerns, parishioners of OLMC, welcome you back to their neighborhood for their 7th Annual Walk/Run on **September 12, 2026**, to benefit St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The Basics: Come visit them at 813 Carter Lane in Paramus, NJ any time after 9am and just bring yourself and a comfy pair of walking shoes, and they’ll provide the food, refreshments, a 50/50 raffle, and smiles. Every mile you walk = a donation.

No Walking Shoes? No problem! They hope you’ll still consider donating to St. Jude’s lifesaving work in the fight against childhood cancer. All donations are tax deductible.

How You Can Help: Visit fundraising.stjude.org and click “Find A Participant.” Search for the team name “Western Warriors.” That’s them! Or use your smart device to scan the QR code on the right.



For More Info: Reach out to Thomas Western at 201.240.5855 or StJudeWesternWarriors@gmail.com.

They are a St. Jude “Spirit of New Jersey” award winning walk and none of it would be possible without your support. Thank you!



Treasures Among Us: Celebrating & Honoring Grandparents

A special afternoon of reflection on
Saturday, September 12, 2026 ~ 1:30-4:30 p.m.
 Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark

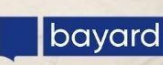
KEYNOTE ADDRESSES PRESENTED BY
DR. MARYLIN KRAVATZ-TOOLAN (English) & DEACON ASTERIO VELASCO (Spanish)

FOLLOWED BY MASS & BLESSING OF GRANDPARENTS
at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark, celebrated by
CARDINAL JOSEPH W. TOBIN, C.Ss.R.




\$15 per person (includes light refreshments)
Click here or scan the QR Code for details and to register.

This event is lovingly sponsored by the Office for Family Life, Bayard, Ministerio Hispano, and the Office for Lifelong Faith Formation.




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FRIDAY • 8 PM	SATURDAY • 7 PM
OCTOBER 1	JANUARY 2
THURSDAY • 8 PM	SATURDAY • 7 PM
NOVEMBER 6	FEBRUARY 13
FRIDAY • 8 PM	SATURDAY • 7 PM
MARCH 20	
SATURDAY • 7 PM	



SEPTEMBER 6, 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.

**To love God as He ought to be loved,
we must be detached from all
temporal love. We must love nothing
but Him, or if we love anything else,
we must love it only for His sake.**

-St. Peter Claver

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: \$76,807.19.

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



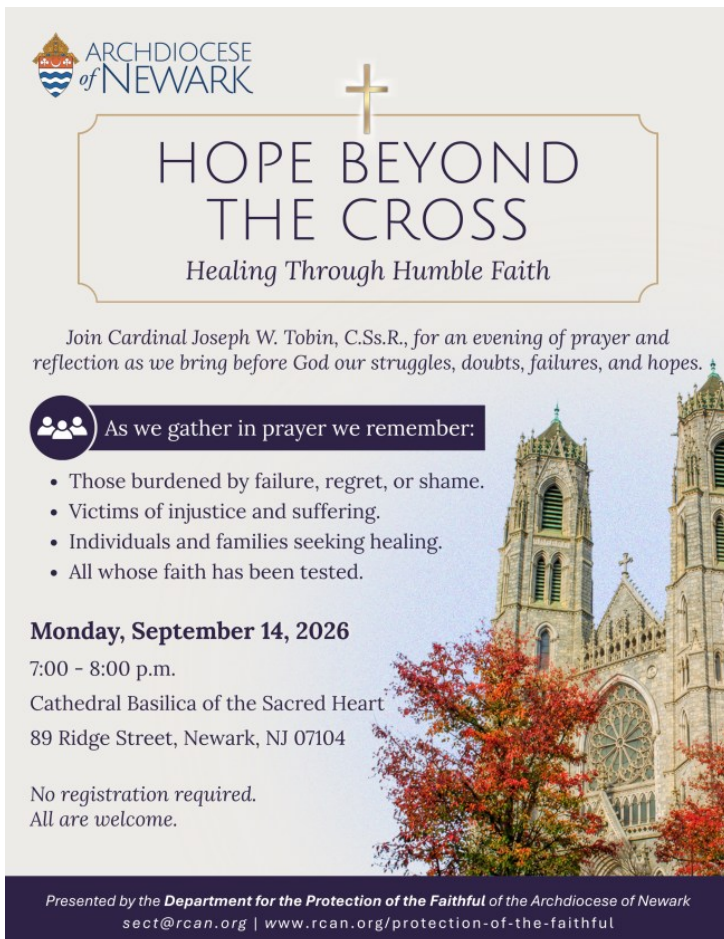
New Jersey
MARCH for LIFE
October 8, 2026

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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HOPE BEYOND THE CROSS
Healing Through Humble Faith

Join Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., for an evening of prayer and reflection as we bring before God our struggles, doubts, failures, and hopes.

As we gather in prayer we remember:

- Those burdened by failure, regret, or shame.
- Victims of injustice and suffering.
- Individuals and families seeking healing.
- All whose faith has been tested.

Monday, September 14, 2026
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ 07104

No registration required.
All are welcome.

Presented by the **Department for the Protection of the Faithful** of the Archdiocese of Newark
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