

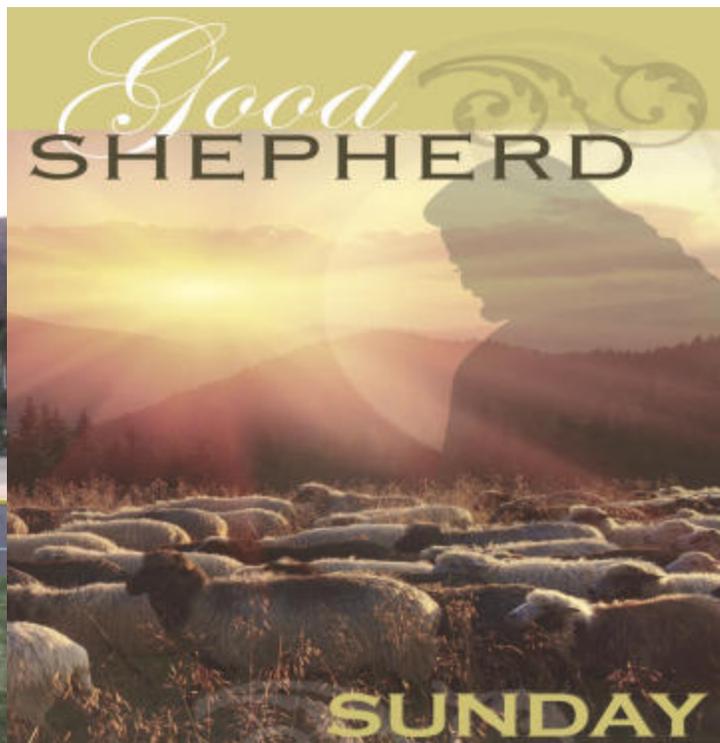
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Our Mission

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.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY ~ APRIL 25, 2021

Fr. Sean Manson, *Pastor*

Fr. Siffredus Rwechungura,
Parochial Vicar

Stan Fedison, *Deacon*

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Thursday and Friday
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Weekdays

Monday-Thursday 8:30am
Fridays During Lent 8:30 am
and 12:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday 5:30pm &
8:00 pm (in classroom)
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am & 6:00 pm

Holy Days

See bulletin for schedule of Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



“I AM the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep”

The term “I AM” relating to God appears over 300 times in the Bible, first in the book of Genesis, when God addresses Abraham: “I AM your shield” and last in the Book of Revelation: “I AM the shoot from the root of David.”

When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, he revealed his name as “I AM.” Asked by Moses ‘What is your name?’ God replied from the burning bush ‘I AM he who is, this is what you are to say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.” (Exodus 3;14)

In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus identifies himself as I AM:

“Jesus came forward and said, 'Who are you looking for?' They answered, 'Jesus the Nazarene.' He said, 'I AM he.' Now Judas the traitor was standing among them. When Jesus said to them, 'I AM he,' they moved back and fell on the ground. (John 18, 4-6)

In Hebrew I AM is pronounced 'Yahweh' - meaning I AM who am, you will know me by the deeds I perform.

God is Being, He is. He is the first cause of everything. But we cannot experience God as I AM if we say of ourselves, I AM.

If our own “I” is the most important thing in our life, the center of our existence, then God ceases to Be. If my own person is the I AM, then God can no longer be who He Is. God is reduced in one’s own sight, His name is forgotten, He becomes unknown.

The only reason we can say of ourselves “I am” is because God is the I AM.

Ask someone to describe who they are, and they would answer: I am a Grandma, or I am a lawyer, or I am in College, or I am a resident of Woodcliff Lake. These things are true, but they are only true because God Is. He is the “I AM” which allows each one of us to say I am ... a Grandma, a lawyer, in school, or a resident of...

God has revealed who He is in the person of Jesus Christ, who says to us in the Liturgy today “I AM the Good Shepherd.” If today, our own I cease to be the center of everything, we will experience who God is, we will know his name. This name, this I AM, will be experienced as one who leads us to verdant pastures, who guards our going out and coming in, as one in whom we find rest. May each of us today experience him as the Shepherd of our lives.

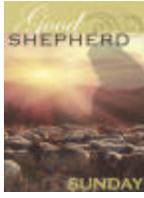
Happy Easter, Fr. Sean

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Saturday

5:30 pm

Sunday



8:30 am

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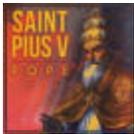
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April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Angela Farren

April 25

Good Shepherd Sunday; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

David Duffy

Thomas Napolitano

Michele Hams

April 26

Mary Rizzo & Lucille Lotito

April 27

Dennis Ring

April 28

St. Peter Chanel;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

John Tarabocchia

April 29

St. Catherine of Siena

Antoinette Parco

April 30

St. Pius V; Arbor Day

Diane Lautermilch

May 1

St. Joseph the Worker;

First Eucharist Masses

Carmela Antonaglia

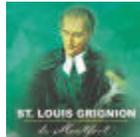
May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

George Riester

Maria Picinic

Anthony L Paolazzi



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: Marie Barrett, Mr. & Mrs. Bischoff, Francesca DeMarco, Arlene Desposito, Angela Fiorino, Carol Franco, Trevor Giesberg, Tom Harrington, Jennifer Hartmann, Brad Jones, Joachim Jung, Vivienne Knopp, Ivy LaRegina, Genna Lepore, Julia Geraghty, Rosemary Levin, Robert Libonati, Jessica Livingstone, Nat Lucarello, Terry Racanelli, James Ranazzo, Bill Reynaldos, Tim Rice, Carol Schmidt, Tara Shankman, Bro. Kevin Smith, Bob Staab, Tom Woodbour, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner

"A time to mourn"

"A time for war and a time for peace"

Tyler Aiello, Ryan Brady, Lpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of April

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Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."

John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times, Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$ 4,725.00

Parish Giving.....\$ 1,672.00

BEREAVEMENT Ministry

My name is Gina Franco and I am excited to announce that I am starting a grief group here at OLMC! Through the loss of my amazing daughter, Dominique, who was only 21 when she passed, 2.16.19, I've struggled to find my way. Thank to many who have helped me with much love and support. I started a Facebook Page, Grief Warriors, and would like to give people a safe place to share their stories and begin to heal together.

Starting Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 pm in McCarthy Center, we will have our first meeting. Hope to see you in celebrating all the love our loved ones continue to give us.

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation News



Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the Real Presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Jesus, in the Eucharist, is the bridge between heaven and earth. Outside of the Mass the Eucharistic is reserved in the Tabernacle, a box-like or dome-like vessel for adoration and to bring Holy Communion to the sick. Try to spend time in front of the Eucharist in the tabernacle or come to Eucharistic Adoration.

Prayer after Communion Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You are a special friend to me. Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome. Thank you for coming to me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you for giving yourself to me. Make me strong to show your love wherever I may be. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask you to stay, close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all of us children in your loving care and bring us to heaven to live with you there.

Important Dates for Faith Formation

Dates for In Person Gatherings in Church

- Wed. 4/28** 3:30 & 4:15 pm First Eucharist Rehearsal
Sat. 5/1 10:00 am and 12:00 pm Grade 2, First Eucharist Masses
Wed. 5/5 3:45-5:00 pm Grades 1-6 Closing Mass and celebration
Wed. 5/26 Confirmation Rehearsal, 6:00 pm
Thurs. 5/27 Confirmation Mass, 6:30 pm

Schedules:

Youth JAM will next meet this Sunday, April 25 at 4:30 PM. Future Dates: May 9

Confirmation class will next meet Sunday, May 9 beginning at the 10:30 AM Liturgy.

Prayer of the Month: Glory Be

The Glory Be is a simple prayer of praise we can say every day, throughout the day, to offer honor and glory to God. We can also say I at the end of each decade of the Rosary.

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Register Now For 2021-2022 Faith Formation

We look forward to working with you in helping you child grow in the Faith. You can register for our various catechetical programs:

- **Faith Formation:** Grades 1 thru 6 on Wednesdays after school, 3:45-5:00pm, pending Covid guidelines with monthly in person gatherings if virtual. **Lighting Our Faith summer program registration has ended.**
- **Youth JAM (Youth Jesus and Mary)** Grades 7 and 8. This program meets the second Sunday each month from 4:30pm to 7:00pm, beginning late September 2020
- **Confirmation Grade 9.** This program meets the second Sunday each month, beginning with 10:30 am Mass followed by class ending at 1:00pm.
- **Please email:** faithformationlmc@gmail.com if you are new to the parish, have any questions or would like to volunteer as a Catechist.
- **The Faith Formation Registration Form** is at this link: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-5431443/>

Question of the Week

This week's question: **Where is the Eucharist kept for adoration or for visits to the sick?** Bonus: Describe or draw where it is kept at Our Lady Mother of the Church. Last week's answer: Jesus, in the Eucharist, is the bridge between heaven and earth. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.** To enter this week's raffle, email faithformationlmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday.

Thank You For Your Generosity!

During Lent, Rice Bowls were distributed to help with one of the three things we focus on- giving alms. **Faith Formation students donated \$293** to Catholic Relief Services, the Pope's charity for worldwide missions. God bless you!!

Divine Mercy coloring Contest

Thank you to all our entries who colored St. Faustina holding the Divine Mercy picture. Congratulations to **Matthew Cosma**, Grade1 Winner, and **Paulina Altadonna**, Grade 2 Winner.



Pope Francis says: "For God, you are that little coin that the Lord seeks without pause. He wants to tell you that you are precious and unique in His eyes. No one can take your place in the heart of God." April 20, 2021

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Confirmation Sponsor

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead “a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.” Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand’s godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese’s office liturgy and worship.



The Woodcliff Lake Fire Department is accepting applications until May 5, 2021 for their 2021 Scholarships. It is available to all Woodcliff Lake graduating high school seniors. Information and the application are available on the website: www.woodclifflakefd.com.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021} Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs through the Archdiocese of Newark, such as our evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and many other ministries. Pledge envelopes will be in the lobby and front entrance to the church for you to fill out and send in your donation. You can just put it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to Judi in the parish office. Our goal this year is **\$37,000. Your participation in this campaign is vitally important.** You can also donate online at www.rcan.org/ways-to-give/. If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your generous gift. Thank you to all who supported last year’s campaign.



The Children's choir will sing on Sunday, May 2nd at the 10:30 am Liturgy. Rehearsal will take place on Sunday, April 25th at 11:30 am in the choir section after the 10:30 am Mass. With so many more people coming to church, having a Sunday rehearsal may enable more children to join us. The next rehearsal will be on Wednesday, April 28th at 5:00 pm. Thank you for your support!

Please call me with any questions at 201 396-2947.

Many blessings to you all!

Musically,
Miss Marie and Miss Lucia



Thank you to all who made casseroles, baked chocolate chip cookies, served, ordered and chopped vegetables and fruit. We were able to serve over 200 at St. John’s Soup Kitchen.

Our remaining dates for 2021 are **June 5, September 4 and December 4**. St. John’s depends on us to feed the hungry. If you are interested in this ministry please call Pat 201-403-4897 or [email patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto:patkeenaghan@yahoo.com).

“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

APRIL 25, 2021



With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. He encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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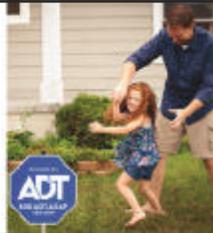


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