

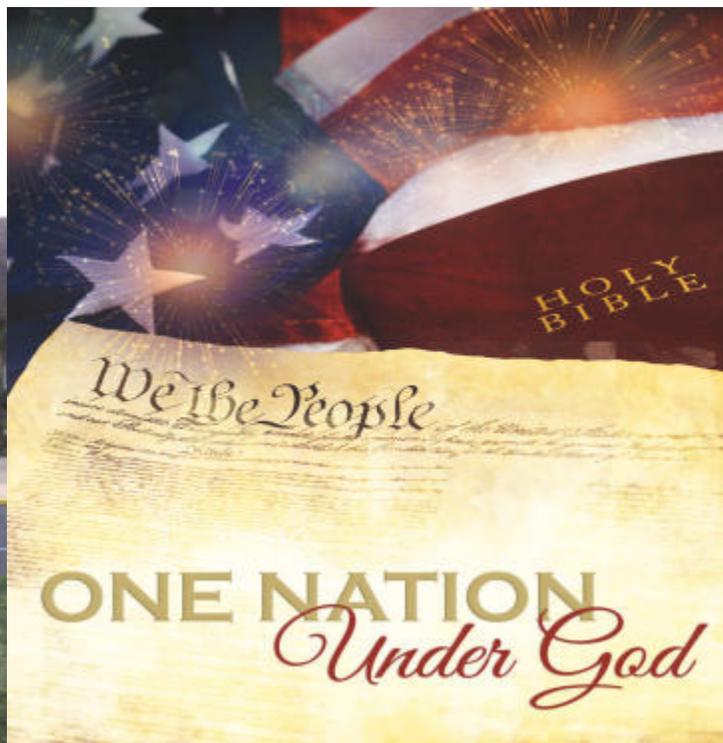
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Our Mission

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.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JULY 4, 2021

Fr. Sean Manson, *Pastor*

Fr. Siffredus Rwechungura,
Parochial Vicar

Stan Fedison, *Deacon*

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday and Friday
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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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



This Sunday, July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day. On this day 245 years ago the signers of the Declaration of Independence deemed it a self-evident truth that all men and women are endowed by their Creator with certain “unalienable rights.” This nation is founded on unalienable rights. What does that mean? They are not alienable –they cannot be alienated or taken away; they are not transferable; they are innate.

Among these unalienable rights are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Life. All of us receive life as a gift from God. Our life begins at the moment of conception. Everyone has a right to life, including the unborn, the sick and the elderly. The life we are given by the Creator prepares us for Eternal Life.

Our life is an expression of God’s love for us. Our nation was founded on this truth.

At the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994, Mother Teresa said:

I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child.

Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

If we remember that God loves us and that we can love others as He loves us, then America can become a sign of peace for the world. From here, a sign of care for the weakest of the weak – the unborn child – must go out to the world. If you become a burning light of justice and peace in the world, then really you will be true to what the founders of this country stood for. God bless you!

Liberty. Freedom. Contrary to mainstream belief, Freedom does not mean doing what we want when we want. Our Liberty can never be subjective, according to what pleases us, but must always be informed by God the Creator. The exercise of our Freedom is tied to responsibility. We have a responsibility to others, especially the weak and the spiritually poor.

The Pursuit of Happiness. Happiness has to be pursued, it not a given. We can pursue happiness in many things, but it can only truly be found in one place, in one person, in God himself. Jesus said

“Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are those who mourn; God will comfort them!

“Happy are those who are humble; they will receive what God has promised!

“Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires; God will satisfy them fully!

“Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them!

“Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God!

“Happy are those who work for peace; God will call them his children!

“Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

“Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven. This is how the prophets who lived before you were persecuted.”

Happy 4th of July.

Fr. Sean

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday



5:30 pm

Sunday



8:30 am

10:30 am

Monday



8:30 am

Tuesday

8:30 am

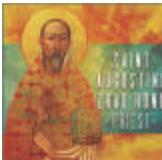
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10:30 am

July 3

St. Thomas

Connie Trombetta

July 4

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Independence Day

Connie & John Trombetta

Nancy Flower

July 5

St. Anthony Zaccaria;

St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Mate Klarin

July 6

St. Maria Goretti

People of the Parish

July 7

Amanda McGovern

July 8

Virginia Offer

July 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong and

Companions

George & Peter Lutz

July 10

James J. LeBeau

July 11

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blanche & Stanislaw Mikolajczyk

Nancy Flower



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, Ed Evans, Deacon Stan Fedison, 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, 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, Lcpl. Joseph Ryan and Seamus Ryan

Amen.

Stewardship of Treasure

My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$4,037.00

Parish Giving.....\$1,834.00

Peter's Pence.....\$ 360.00

Mission Collection.....\$1,885.40



Septemberfest

Friday, September 24 ~ 6:00 pm

Cocktail Hour Al Fresco

Dinner and Dancing to Follow

White Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 17

Duo Pianists

Magnificent Singers

More Details to Follow!!!

FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation News



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

*Precious Blood, Ocean of Divine Mercy: Flow upon us.
Precious Blood, Most pure Offering: Procure us every Grace!
Precious Blood, Hope and Refuge of sinners: Atoner for us!
Precious Blood, Delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.*

One devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honoring of His Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist and is something we can consume at Mass, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine. Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it was not until the 19th century when a universal feast was established.

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood.

While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and the Pope returned to Rome shortly thereafter.



Pope Francis says: "Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul, to help us be open to His grace, so that we can see, judge and act from the truth and freedom that come from the encounter with Christ." (June 29, 2021)

Register Now For 2021-2022 Faith Formation

We look forward to working with you in helping you child grow in the faith. There is one fee (\$215) and one form per family.

- **Faith Formation:** Grades 1 thru 6 on Wednesdays after school, 3:45-5:00pm, pending Covid guidelines. *If you are registering for grade 1, or for the first time in the program, please provide a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate.* **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 2021
- **Confirmation Grade 9.** This program meets the second Sunday each month, beginning with 10:30 am Mass followed by class ending at 12:30pm.
- **Please email:** faithformationolmc@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/> Email faithformationolmc@gmail.com to request for this to be sent directly to you.

Is God calling you to be a Catechist?

We need YOU! Have you thought about answering God's call to his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matt 28:19 Requirements: Availability on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 PM, Protecting God's Children certification if over 18 years of age, and a love of faith and children! If you are interested, please email faithformationolmc@gmail.com for information.

Well Done Summer Religious Education Students!

Forty-two rising 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students participated in an online experience collaborating with Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Catharine parishes with catechists from all three parishes using Google classroom and zoom. The students did a great job. One part for each day was to choose a Family Activity, which was to do an expression of God's love. The program concluded with a live stream celebration of the Mass celebrated by the priests from all three parishes.

Question of the Week

This week's question: ***Which sacrament is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven?*** Last week's answer: Jesus' message for Saint Margaret Mary had 12 promises to share, including participation in the Nine First Fridays! ***Congratulations Gabe Egbert!*** To enter this week's raffle, email faithformationolmc@gmail.com by 3pm on Wednesday. ***All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.***

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

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

In memory of

Virginia Ryan Offer

Requested by The Offer Family



BEREAVEMENT Ministry

My name is Gina Franco and I have started a grief group here at OLMC. Through the loss of my amazing daughter, Dominique, who was only 21 when she passed unexpectedly on 2/16/19, I have struggled to find my way. I have most recently lost my mother on 3/14/21, also unexpectedly and I am grateful for all the people who have helped in holding me up. Thanks to the many who have helped me with much love and support, I am beginning a new chapter. I have created a Facebook Page, Grief Warriors, that gives people a safe, sacred space and now am looking forward to give people here at OLMC a place to share their stories, give HOPE and FAITH in healing together. I am just a mom and a daughter who is walking the grief walk and want to help those of you to find your way back to **LIVING YOUR BEST LIFE. We will next meet on July 5th and August 2nd. In September looking to meet every other week.** Hope to see you in celebrating all the love our loved one continues to give us.

Administrative Assistant Needed!!

Temple Emanuel in Woodcliff Lake has an opening for an administrative assistant. If interested please call Pamela Posnock at 973.407.9659

Our Lady Mother of the Church Prayers for Vocations

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021

That all men and women will answer the Lord with humble obedience when they are called to serve Him and His people as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



Thank you! The great outpouring of generosity and support to help feed the hungry at St. John's Soup Kitchen has been a real witness for how you truly live the Beatitudes. We had a great number to be Bakers, Servers and Casserole Makers! God bless your generous hearts! Our tentative remaining dates for 2021 are: September 4th and Dec 4th. Please contact Pat Keenaghan patkeenaghan@yahoo.com to donate or help bake. *"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



Vacation Bible School
Here at OLMC

August 9 to 13, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Outdoors and in McCarthy Center (gym)

Hop on the Railway as a
Camper ages 5-10, Helper ages 11-16 or
A volunteer as a storyteller,
music helper or crafts helper

If interested contact Pat Keenaghan at
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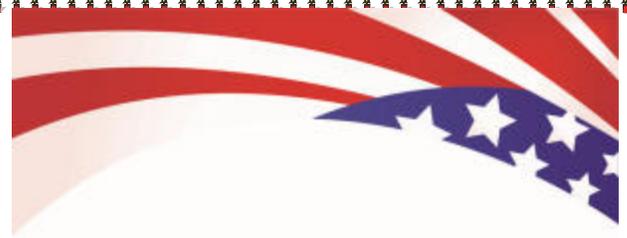
Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the trauma of abortion, one word at a time

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.” (Pope Francis). The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to “be merciful like the Father.” So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved? The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion. **Retreat dates are September 10-12, 2021 (English) and October 22-24, 2021 (Spanish).** Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling (973) 497-4350. or e-mail Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English) or elvinedoderaque-linfo@rcan.org (Spanish). “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)



We want to thank you for your extraordinary graciousness and generosity in responding to the Fourteenth Annual Father’s Day appeal for personal and cleaning supplies for the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, the Tri-Boro Food Center in Park Ridge, the Helping Hand Food Pantry in Hillsdale and the Saint Andrew’s Food Pantry in Westwood who will be the recipients of your donations. This year’s appeal was an outstanding success. Each of the recipient agencies expressed their profound gratitude for remembering their clients and their needs. On behalf of the seminarians and the food pantries and the people they serve, please accept their heartfelt appreciation. We have not detailed all of the items furnished but they include all of the supplies that were suggested as donations plus food items such as pasta, canned vegetables, tomato sauce, tuna fish, rice, crackers, aspirin, Girl Scout Cookies and scented soaps. May God Bless You All for your compassion.



Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,
you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear
and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely,
even if they have not yet found you.
Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom,
and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,
who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.

Amen.

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