

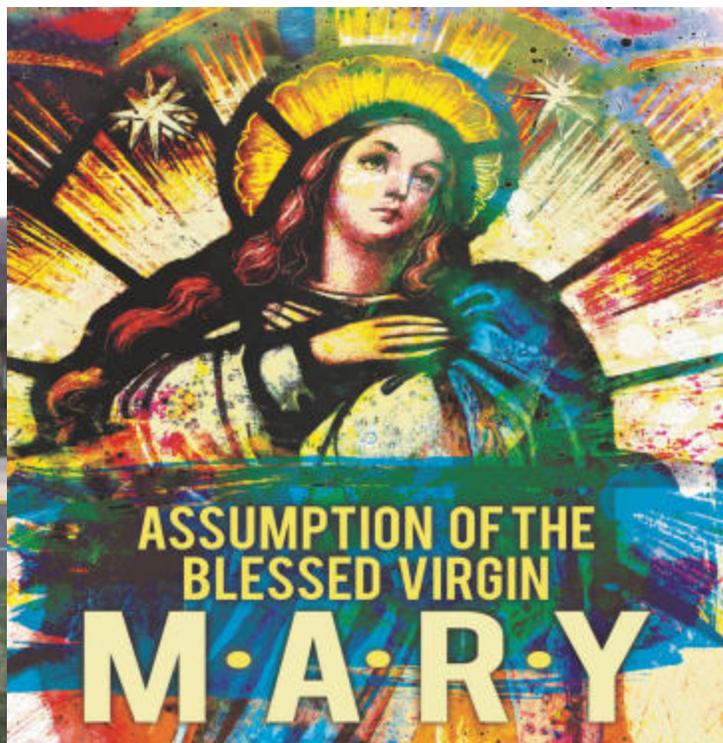
# OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

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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.



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ AUGUST 8, 2021

**Fr. Sean Manson, *Pastor***

**Fr. Siffredus Rwechungura,**  
*Parochial Vicar*

**Stan Fedison, *Deacon***

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Day

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Monday-Friday 8:30am

### Weekends

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

### Holy Days

See bulletin for schedule of Masses

### Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Not many years after World War I, the world witnessed the horrors of the Second World War; the brutal Nazi regime, the unprovoked attacks of the American Fleet in Pearl Harbor, the obscenity of the Concentration Camps; the unspeakable evil of the extermination of six million Jews, and others. After the war there followed the escalating threat of nuclear war; the bitter legacy of Nazism and Fascism; and the steadily rising power of atheistic Communism.

It was partly in response to this reality, in so-called Christian Europe, that on All Saints Day, 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption of Our Lady, body and soul, into heaven.

The Assumption is not a feast of Our Lady. It is THE FEAST! The greatest of her many feasts. We will celebrate it today, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

It commemorates Our Lady's death and burial, her rising to life, her Passover from this world, and her assumption into heaven, amidst the rejoicing of all the angels and saints.

In ancient times, the Churches of the West (and in some Eastern Churches still today) began this feast with an all-night vigil, mourning the death of Christ's mother. Then as Dawn broke and the sun rose, a great Eucharistic Liturgy was held in honor of Mary's resurrection and entry into eternal life.

Russian and Greek Orthodox Christians, as well as Eastern Catholics, keep this feast with amazing solemnity, calling it The Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Virgin.

Protestants most certainly share our faith in the deepest truths that this feast announces; the triumph of Christ's redemptive power over sin and death; and his victory over the grave and corruption.

Our Jewish brothers and sisters more readily understand such a celebration, believing as they do, in the bodily assumption of Moses, Enoch, and the great Prophet Elijah.

Muslims, who hold the Virgin Mary in very great respect and veneration, also proclaim her bodily assumption into the glory of heaven.

Now this feast has arrived for you and me. It is calling us to celebrate the beauty of human life, and the holiness and dignity of the human body. Our own life. Our own body.

This feast is especially meaningful for those of us whose lives are touched by suffering, loneliness and failure; those whose spirit is crushed by deep wounds or painful memories; or whose hearts are broken.

It is for those of us who long to experience the love of Our Lady, and her powerful intercession; her motherly care for our families and children, our friends and loved ones.

Come! Celebrate! Rejoice! Do not let the grace of this feast pass you by.

Fr. Sean

# THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Saturday**



**August 14**

St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Thomas Napolitano



5:30 pm

**Sunday**



**August 15**

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 am

10:30 am

Thomas Napolitano  
Carmela Stagnitta Strianese

**Monday**



**August 16**

St. Stephen of Hungary  
Vincent Papaleo

8:30 am

**Tuesday**

8:30 am

**August 17**

Mary Mertz &  
Bernadette O'Brien

**Wednesday**

8:30 am

**August 18**

James Whitney

**Thursday**

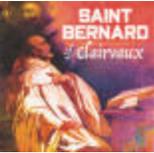
**August 19**

St. John Eudes  
Mario Strambi



8:30 am

**Friday**



**August 20**

St. Bernard  
Thomas Napolitano

8:30 am

**Saturday**

**August 21**

St. Pius X

5:30 pm

**Sunday**



**August 22**

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am

10:30 am

Joseph Higgins

John (Jack) Bowers

*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, Ethel Dubrowski, 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, James Murphy, Terry Racanelli, James Ranazzo, Bill Reynaldos, Carol Schmidt, Tara Shankman, Bro. Kevin Smith, Bob Staab, Tom Wood-hour, 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

*"And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."*

*Luke 1:46*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

Receipts From Last Week.....\$3,883.00

Parish Giving .....\$1,684.00

Church in Africa Collection.....\$ 378.00



## Septemberfest

Friday, September 24 ~ 6:00 pm

Cocktail Hour Al Fresco

Dinner and Dancing to Follow

Tickets Now On Sale

After All Weekend Masses

And In The Parish Office

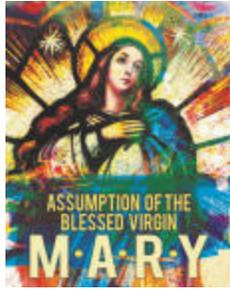
\$35 per person



# FAITH FORMATION



## Faith Formation News



### Solemnity of the Assumption

The Catholic Church has long been held as an important belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, was taken up body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII focused the attention of the whole world on the Assumption of Mary as a dogma and mystery of our faith. This mystery shows us that God wants every human person, body and soul, to be in glory forever, just as Mary is now. This dogma shows how important every single human life is. Pope Pius XII hoped that by thinking about Mary's Assumption, people all over the world would develop a deeper respect for their own lives and their own bodies. He also hoped that people would grow in respect for the lives of others. As a Church we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15 each year. Since it falls on a Sunday this year, the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is celebrated at Mass.

### Rocky Railway is Here!

Over 55 children and volunteers got onboard the Rocky Railway and experienced how **JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH!** Through Bible storytelling, crafts, science, self-assembled themed snacks, and Loco Motion games we sang, danced, and cheered, "TRUST JESUS!" Thank you to all who participated and to you for your support for your understanding for any inconveniences while the Rocky Railway was here! Thank you to Fr. Sean for setting up the tent, tables etc, it couldn't have happened without you!

### Important Dates for Faith Formation

**Tues., Sept 21** Parent Meeting for Faith Formation  
**Wed., Sept 29** 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm, Faith Formation Class Grades 1-6, Gather in Church

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) to request for this to be sent directly to you.

### Kids Bulletin: Win a Gift Card to Dairy Queen!

Each week we send out the Kid's bulletin by email which focuses on the Sunday readings with fun activities. To enter the drawing for a \$5 Dairy Queen gift card, send the completed bulletin to Faith Formation by email.

### Question of the Week? Win a Gift Card to Dairy Queen

This week's question: *What is the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, was taken up body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life called?* Last week's answer: Mary, in her Immaculate Conception, was free from all sin. **Congratulations to Faith Egbert!** To enter this week's raffle, email your answer to [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) by 3pm on Wednesday. **All correct answers will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to Dairy Queen.**



**Pope Francis says:** "In the Gospel of the Day, (John 6:41-51), Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of life. For He alone nourishes the soul, He alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us. He alone gives us the strength to love and forgive in difficulties, He alone gives eternal life." (August 8, 2021)

# AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

## Rachel's Vineyard

healing the trauma of abortion, one woman 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](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org) (English) or [elvinedoderaque-linfo@rcan.org](mailto:elvinedoderaque-linfo@rcan.org) (Spanish). “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)



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 4<sup>th</sup>** and **December 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Pat Keenaghan [patkeenaghan@yahoo.com](mailto: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

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



In memory of

**Frank Capodicasa**

Requested by Connie Capodicasa

## Our Lady Mother of the Church Prayers for Vocations

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
August 15, 2021**

The, guided by the example of Mary, men and women will accept the call of the Lord to the priesthood and consecrated life.

## 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 August 30th. In September we will meet on September 13th.** Hope to see you in celebrating all the love our loved one continues to give us.



## CROP Walk -October 17

This year will mark the 48<sup>th</sup> year congregations in our area will be participating in the CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 17. Our parishioners have been very generous in the past. If you would like to help sign up walkers and collect donations after the masses, please feel free to contact John Frey who needs assistance at 201.391.1460 or email [jfrey4@aol.com](mailto:jfrey4@aol.com). We will begin to recruit walkers and donors after the masses in early September. Thank you.

## Third Saturday Mass for Recovery and Healing

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place Closter for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, August 21st at 12:00 pm. Current religious gathering protocol will be strictly followed. For those unable to attend in person, we do offer virtual participation through Zoom: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83481399346>

## Family Promise Update

Please consider the following ways to volunteer and/or support Family Promise **right now**:

- **The Walk-in Dinner Program** in Hackensack is meeting food insecurity needs in the county every day. Several of our hosts and/or supports were already involved and several have joined the effort during the last 16 months. Thank you! We have several open dates from August through December 2021 and are currently feeding 130-150 people per night. We also have opportunities for individuals to help pack up and distribute meals. Please let me know if you'd like more information.
- We are preparing a list of most needed resources for our families. We are currently looking for a **therapist specializing in adolescents**. Please contact: [mheller@bergenfamilypromise.org](mailto:mheller@bergenfamilypromise.org). (Also: lawyer, mover, ESL tutor).
- **The Gala** will be in person this year on October 14th at Indian Trail Club in Franklin Lakes. I would like to put a table together representing Our Lady Mother of the Church. If you would like to attend, please let me know. It's always a wonderful night and a great way to support Family Promise.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Geraldine Brennan by e-mail [gbrennan830@yahoo.com](mailto:gbrennan830@yahoo.com)



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