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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.



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 22, 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

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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Day

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### Weekdays

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



As a child he was, in his own words, disobedient to his parents, not because he had chosen a better way, but from a sheer love of doing so.

As a youth, his mother deplored and, as he remembered, warned him privately with great solicitude, “not to commit fornication.” These appeared to him but womanish counsels, which he would have blushed to obey. Rather, he experienced the mists of passion steaming up out of the concupiscence of the flesh, and they so obscured and overcast his heart that he was unable to distinguish pure affection from unholy desire. Both boiled confusedly within him, and dragged his unstable youth down over the cliffs of unchaste desires and plunged him into a gulf of infamy.

He was tossed to and fro, and wasted, and poured out, and boiled over in his fornications. He followed the rushing of his own tide, and burst out of all bounds. The madness of lust held full sway in him - that madness which grants indulgence to human shamelessness, even though it is forbidden, and he gave himself entirely to it; wandering still farther into more and yet more barren fields of sorrow, in proud dejection and restless lassitude.

These may seem rather strong words, but they are his own, the words of St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrate next Saturday August 28th.

What did all these experiences do to him? They led him to seek God and become one of the greatest saints in the history of the church. As he puts it:

“I fell away from thee, O my God, and wandered too far from thee, my support. And became to myself a wasteland. Such was my heart, O God, such was my heart-- which thou didst pity even in that bottomless pit.”

Each of us has experienced that bottomless pit, be it in the form of lust, pride, greed, envy, gluttony, wrath or sloth.

At the bottom of that pit, you will find Jesus Christ, who, for our sake, descended into hell, is raised from the dead, and intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.

Fr. Sean

# TWENTY -FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Saturday**

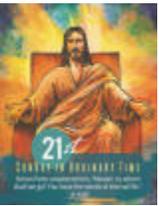


**August 21**

*St. Pius X*  
Katherine Gallagher

5:30 pm

**Sunday**



**August 22**

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am

10:30 am

Joseph Higgins  
John (Jack) Bowers

**Monday**



**August 23**

*St. Rose of Lima*  
James Kacynski

8:30 am

**Tuesday**



**August 24**

*St. Bartholomew*  
John Pappas

8:30 am

**Wednesday**

**August 25**

*St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz*  
George & Peter Lutz

8:30 am

**Thursday**

**August 26**

Antionietta Morin

8:30 am

**Friday**



**August 27**

*St. Monica*  
People of the Parish

8:30 am

**Saturday**

**August 28**

*St. Augustine*  
Joseph Calabro &  
Lillian Dell'Aquila



5:30 pm

**Sunday**



**August 29**

*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 am

10:30 am

Fred Romano  
Thomas Napolitano

*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 Woodhour, Eric Vanderleif and Bryce Werner

**"A time to mourn"**

**Deceased of the Parish:** Roy Gormley,  
Father of Anne Kinnear

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

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

**Amen.**

## Stewardship of Treasure

### My Parish, My Family, My Responsibility

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Receipts From Last Week.....	\$5,132.00
Parish Giving .....	\$1,694.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 20.00
Social Concerns.....	\$ 20.00



## Septemberfest

Friday, September 24 ~ 6:00 pm

Cocktail Hour Al Fresco

Dinner and Dancing to Follow

Tickets Now On Sale

After All Weekend Masses

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\$35 per person



# FAITH FORMATION



## Faith Formation News



The Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is a dogma of the Catholic faith that Mary is the Immaculate Conception; that is, in preparation for her to become the mother of her Son, Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity she was free of sin. Over the centuries, as saints and theologians reflected on how Mary pondered and treasured the sacred events from the life of Christ in her holy heart, her pure heart was recognized as something to be imitated. Devotion to Our Lady's purity of heart began to flower—so much so that in the 17th century, St. John Eudes promoted it alongside the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion rose to a new level after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, when Mary revealed an image of her Immaculate Heart to Lucia, Jacinta, and Francisco.

### 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 As a catechist, you are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others, even as you deepen your own faith. This call may have reached you through someone you know, your pastor, or the director of your parish's religious education program. But know that this calling ultimately comes from God whose Holy Spirit inspires and guides you. On Catechetical Sunday, September 19, 2021, we will celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's theme is "**Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed.**" Requirements to be a Catechist: Availability on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 5 PM, Protecting God's Children certification if over 18 years of age, and a love of sharing your faith with children! If interested, please email [faithformationolmc@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationolmc@gmail.com) for information.

### 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.

### Important Dates for Faith Formation

<b>Sun., Sept 19</b>	Catechetical Sunday
<b>Tues., Sept 21</b>	Parent Meeting for Faith Formation, McCarthy Center
<b>Wed., Sept 29</b>	3:45 pm – 5:00 pm, Faith Formation Class Grades 1-6, Gather in Church

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

This week's question: *Which evangelist (Gospel writer) inspired the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?* Last week's answer: The Assumption of Mary, 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. 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:** "God does not come to free us from our ever-present daily problems, but to free us from the real problem, which is the lack of love. This is the main cause of our personal, social, international and environmental ills. Thinking only of ourselves: this is the father of all evils." (August 17, 2021)

# AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

## Rachel's Vineyard

healing the trauma of abortion, one weekend 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)



Please sign up this weekend to help feed the hungry. You can help by baking chocolate chip cookies or making Beef-Spinach casseroles!

**Our next delivery is Thursday is Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Your 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 Corporal Works of Mercy. 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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

That, trusting in Christ’s word to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, deacons or in consecrated life will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully.

## 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.

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2021  
CROP HUNGER WALK

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



## 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.



## Family Promise Update

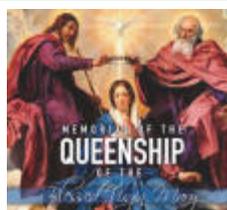
Please consider the following ways to volunteer and/or support Family Promise **right now**:

- **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)



## Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Saint Pius X (1835-1914) was born Giuseppe Sarro in Riese, Italy. He grew up poor but was able to attend seminary on a scholarship. As pope he was a reformer but at the time conservative in matters of theology. He published the first Code of Canon Law, which gathered the laws of the Church into one volume. His early pastoral experience influenced him to encourage frequent reception of communion, his lasting legacy. He reformed the liturgy, especially the breviary (Liturgy of the Hours) and encouraged the use of Gregorian chant, replacing the ornate Baroque and Classical compositions that were commonly used. Pius X lowered the "age of reason" from twelve to seven, making it possible for younger children to receive the Eucharist. It is said that the onset of World War I caused his so much distress that he died in 1914, as the war began. Pius X is a patron saint of first communicants for his role in lowering the age of First Holy Communion.



## Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a relatively new one on the Catholic calendar, established by Pope Pius XII in 1954. But its roots reach deep into our Catholic tradition. The early Church Fathers recognized that the Mother of Christ, the King, is herself a Queen. Through the centuries, artists have loved to paint the humble Virgin, crowned by the Holy Trinity amid the glories of heaven. In the Litany of Loreto, we call upon Mary as Queen of Angels, Queen of all saints, Queen conceived without sin, Queen assumed into heaven, Queen of the rosary, Queen of peace. Mary is our Queen, but she is also our Mother. And in the words of Saint Therese, the Little Flower, "She is more Mother than Queen."

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