

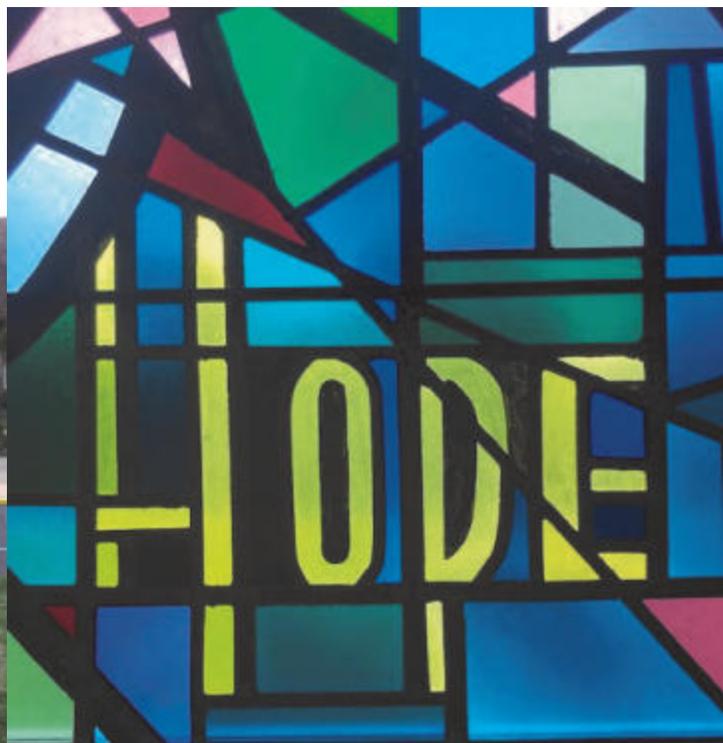
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Our Mission

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 29, 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

Closed Friday Until After Labor
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



“You’re not washing your hands properly.”

Last year, COVID 19 began to spread, the CDC told us how to wash our hands. Apparently, we had been doing it all wrong.

The disciples of Jesus not only did it wrong, they didn’t bother at all. No soap, no warm water, no 20 seconds, not even 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

The disciples are upbraided by the Pharisees for not following the prescribed guidelines: “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” they asked of Jesus.

A good question. We grew up hearing the same thing: ‘Make sure you wash your hands.’ It’s the very thing we say to our kids before sitting down to eat. My parents certainly did.

Even in the pre-pandemic era, ours was a culture that was obsessed with cleanliness. Ours is a sanitized, anti-bacterial, germ-free world:

Clorox. Irish Spring. Dial. Deodorant. Body wash. Listerine. Perfume. Aftershave.

Jesus is asked about unclean hands not out of concern for personal hygiene, but out of concern for ritual purity. A foreign concept to us perhaps. None of us ask the kids ‘Are you ritually pure?’ before giving them lunch. But that was exactly what the Pharisees and scribes were asking when they posed the question.

Odd? To us yes. But if you think about it, it’s not such a daft question after all. Is it not important to be ritually pure? And if clean hands are an exterior sign of this, or at least the desire for this, why should they not be clean? Can the question be dismissed as irrelevant?

That depends on what we mean by ‘ritual purity.’ For the Jews it was the condition necessary to enter into the presence of God. (‘Be Holy for I the Lord am Holy.’) Leviticus)

This ritual purity was expressed in the cleansing of cups, jugs, kettles and beds, the bathing in the Mikvah, and the washing of hands. But no matter how clean things are, no matter how much we wash, there is a dirt that remains within.

We are not clean; we are not pure. No amount of soap and water or hand sanitizer can get rid of this dirt.

To deny this is to live a fantasy.

To accept it is a great Good News.

St. Teresa of Avila said that when a strong light enters a room, the first thing you notice is the dust, the dirt. While there is no light, the dirt cannot be seen, but it is there none the less.

This strong light is the love of Christ, received in the Word and the Sacraments.

This light comes to enlighten us today. Only in discovering our dirt, can we be cleansed by Christ.

Fr. Sean

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Fred Romano

10:30 am

Thomas Napolitano

Monday

August 30

8:30 am

People of the Parish

Tuesday

August 31

8:30 am

Virginia M. & James T. Horris

Wednesday

September 1

8:30 am

Nanci & Jack McDonald

Thursday



September 2

8:30 am

Joseph Miller

Friday

September 3

8:30 am

St. Gregory the Great

Saturday

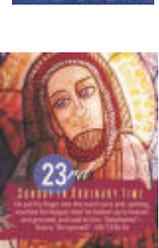


September 4

5:30 pm

Mary Mertz

Sunday



September 5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am

Patrick J. Kelly

10:30 am

Cecilia Quinn

6:00 pm

Antionetta Lijoi

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"

"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

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



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



The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The heart of Mary is venerated because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love for her divine Son. Such devotion helps us to a similar life of love and virtue. This devotion has received new emphasis from the visions given to Lucia Dos Santos, oldest of the visionaries of Fatima. In the visions Our Lady asked for the practice of going to Mass for the Five First Saturdays to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude.

On May 1, 2020, a liturgy of consecration took place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington led by Archbishop Gregory, who prayed: "In this time of pandemic, we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort. Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us."

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 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 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.

Important Dates for Faith Formation

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| Sun., Sept 19 | Catechetical Sunday " Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed. " |
| Tues., Sept 21 | Parent Meeting for Faith Formation, McCarthy Center |
| Wed., Sept 29 | 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: **What devotion did Our Lady request to help make amends for the offenses committed against her heart by the blasphemies and ingratitude?** Last week's answer: St. Luke was the evangelist (Gospel writer) inspired the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. To enter this week's raffle, email your answer to 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: "There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: 'Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want.'" (August 14, 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 (English) or elvinedoderaque-linfo@rcan.org (Spanish). “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)



Please pick up **CASSEROLE** pans in the kitchen. Bring **cookies and casseroles** to the kitchen by **Thursday, Sept. 2**

THANK YOU! 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 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2021

That none of us will be a hindrance to those men and women called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, deacons or in 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.

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2021
CROP HUNGER WALK
Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



CROP Walk October 17

This year will mark the 48th 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. We will begin to recruit walkers and donors after the masses in early September. Thank you.



September

September is the ninth month, but the word September actually means “seventh month.” Before the time of Julius Caesar, the Roman year had ten months. The

first month was March, which made September the seventh month. There was no January or February on the calendar. Calendars were used mainly by farmers, who weren’t interested in keeping track of time during winter, when there was little to do. So, during winter people lost track of days until their leaders announced the start of a new year each spring.

Julius Caesar reformed the calendar. Winter months were added. Now the year began on the first of January, not March. But the old names for the months continued to be used.

Many ancient calendars have the year beginning in spring. For instance, the Jewish people mark the first month of their religious year in early springtime, near the vernal equinox. In the Byzantine Christian calendar, September is the first month of the liturgical year.



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. (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

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