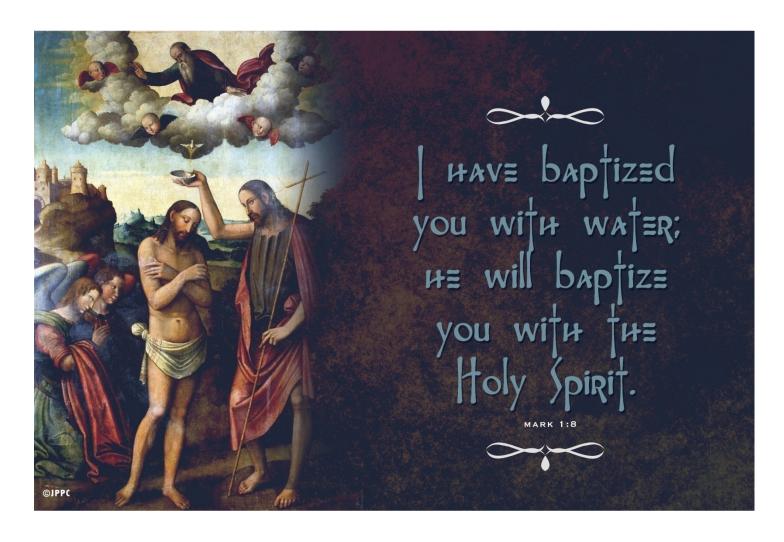
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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm Penance: Confessions Saturday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program **Ministry of the Sick:** Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill and arrange Communion calls

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January 17, 2021 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message From Fr. Brian

The story is told of the little boy who was listening to a long and excessively boring homily in Church. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

The sanctuary lamp in our church is still red, but the altar cloth has been changed to green and the priests and deacon are now wearing green vestments. After spending Advent preparing ourselves for the birth of the Messiah, after celebrating that birth at Christmas and in the days and weeks following, liturgically speaking we are now in Ordinary Time (of course, time should never be thought of as ordinary. It is sacred, because it too was created by God).

Now that the holidays have passed, allow me to take an opportunity to express my gratitude to those who made the celebration of Christmas at OLS so special:

- The church decorating crew: Dorothy Iantosca, Mary Loeser, Peter Loeser, Carmen Perez, Bob Perez, and Vicki Robertson. I think you'll all agree that they did a fabulous job of arranging the many poinsettias!
- The parish maintenance crew: Led by Marvin Reyes, this crew included Sam Lewis, Julio Herrera, Robert Budzyn, Adam Budzyn, Patrick McDonald, Bakeer McQueen, and Steve Hilke. They put up the 4 trees in the church (3 in the sanctuary and 1 in the back). It took a crew of 6 of the men nearly 8 hours to put up the 18 foot trees in the sanctuary and to put lights on them. It was time well spent! They also put up the massive wreaths on the inside columns of the church as well as the wreaths on the exterior doors, the flags that flew from the columns, and the 3 Nativity scenes in the church, in front of the rectory, and near the 4th Street entrance.
- Our incredible music ministry, led by Preston Dibble, our organist and Director of Music. We had 2 marvelous Christmas Carol Sings on December 13th and we experienced beautiful music at our Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Our immense gratitude goes out to the members of our choirs, including our children's choir. Their commitment to our music program adds so much throughout the entire year to our liturgies, but especially at Christmas. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!
- Our Youth Group, which is guided by Chris Kaiser. Members of our Youth Group helped us with the Live Nativity Scene in front of the rectory during the Carol Sings. They were dressed as Mary and Joseph and as shepherds (which was appropriate, given that they looked after the live sheep and donkey and alpaca!).
- Our lectors and ushers who helped us with the Christmas liturgies. Thank you!
- Gabriel Baseman: Gabe has been a life-saver for our parish during the pandemic. He is the one responsible for live streaming our Masses and other events and we are so blessed by his expertise and passion in bringing into your homes what is happening in our church. He was very busy this Christmas! Thank you, Gabe!
- You! Thank you for your attendance at Christmas Mass, either in person or virtually. And thank you for your Christmas gifts to the parish. Our Christmas collection was \$101,648, which is going to help our parish so much throughout 2021 to bring the Good News to our community and your families. Thank you!!!

My sincere apologies if I have neglected to mention anyone. I know that nobody contributes in order to be praised but instead to give glory to God, but still, it's nice to be recognized. So, thank you to one and all!

As we settle into Ordinary Time, which runs only until February 17th, which is Ash Wednesday (and who knows how that will look this year!), my prayer for all of you is that 2021 will be filled with many graces and blessings. May 2021 be for you a year of good health and continued growth in holiness. And throughout the whole year, may Mary under her title of Our Lady of Sorrows watch over you always.

Blessings in Christ,

Fr. Brian

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Thank you for your continued support!

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 18th is Martin Luther King Day. We will have one Mass only at 9:00 am. Also please note the offices will not be open on this national holiday.

Parish Offices Now Open

You may now enter our Parish Office on Monday through Friday, from 10:00am-3:00pm. You must enter through the 4th Street entrance. When you arrive, press the new electronic button next to the door and a member of our parish staff will respond. You may visit us during those hours to arrange for Masses, to pick up or drop off items, to drop off food to the Food Pantry, or for any other parish related business. PLEASE NOTE: A MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN YOU VISIT US. We look forward to seeing you!

Tables in front vestibule of church

Please do not leave any flyers, newsletters, brochures, etc. on the tables in the front vestibule of the church. We have discovered material left on the tables that is of a political nature and/or non-religious nature. We will put all such material immediately into the trash. Please check with church staff first if you would like to leave any material on the tables. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

New Confession start time

Confessions will begin to be heard at 12:45 pm on Saturdays (rather than 1:00 pm) and will continue until 2:00 pm. This adds an additional 15 minutes of scheduled confession time.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning January 25th, we will once again have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need more than anything else right now is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

Meet Our Staff

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Stewardship Reflections

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for:" – John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Electronic Parish Giving

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site (www.olschurch.com). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.

Sponsor Certificates A reminder:

to receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that the individual isaregistered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Happy New Year to all! Please see below for information on upcoming events and news for the month of January.

We will have a **Holy Hour for Life** on *Friday, January, 22, at 7:00 pm*, the 48th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Join us as we pray for an end to abortion and for the millions of babies lost to abortion since that fateful Supreme Court decision.

The 48th Annual March for Life: *Together Strong: Life Unites* in Washington, D.C. will take place on Friday, January 29. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, there will be no buses traveling to D.C. from the Archdiocese of Newark. Go to <u>marchforlife.org</u> for information on how to plan your trip.

NJ Right to Life will host a **Rally for Life** at the Trenton State House Annex on Friday, January 22, at 11:00 am. Please consider joining other pro-lifers for a day of activism. Go to <u>nirtl.org</u> for more details.

Take action against Gov. Murphy's **Reproductive Freedom Act**. Go to the New Jersey Catholic Conference website, <u>nicatholic.org</u>, to get the facts on this proposed legislation and to know what you can do to help stop it. Or visit nirtl.org for more information.

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying." — Pope St. John Paul II

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2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

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St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble



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We invite all of our young parishioners in grades 3-8 to participate in the St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble. This is an extension of our normal choir, which is not currently singing due to COVID-19. Instead, the children gather each week on Thursday afternoons, wearing masks, gloves and distanced spacing to play God's song on Handbells. It is a great way for children to learn a new skill in reading music and about the Church's song, even in this time of pandemic. New children are needed to participate and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Preston Dibble, parish music director, for more information: olsmusician@gmail.com



Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40)

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of

Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

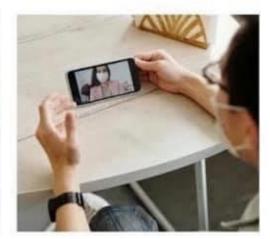
Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance



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The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.





COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Services

NJ Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) at the Family Service Bureau of Newark is available to assist communities affected by COVID-19. We are a neighbor helping neighbor team with staff on-call to provide the following services:

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

5:30 PM Cody & Cavallaro Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Vincentia Lewis 11:30 AM Rev. John Krozser

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021

9:00 AM Frank Sullivan Jr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM In Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021

7:00 AM Luis A. Valenzuela 12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the

Deehan Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021

10:00 AM Protection of Human Life 11:30 AM Protection of Human Life

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

8:30 AM Herb Jung

12:00 PM James P. McDonnell, Jr. 20th

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VIGIL MASS JANUARY 23, 2021

5:30 PM RoseMarieDeehan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

8:00 AM Maureen Greaney 10:00 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM George O'Neill

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS; Walter A. Mattheis Jr. We pray for the repose of their souls and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

This Week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of *Manuel Fernandes*. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts & special occasions.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Angie Sena, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Pat Bendrot and Deacon Raj Srinivasa.



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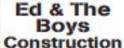
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