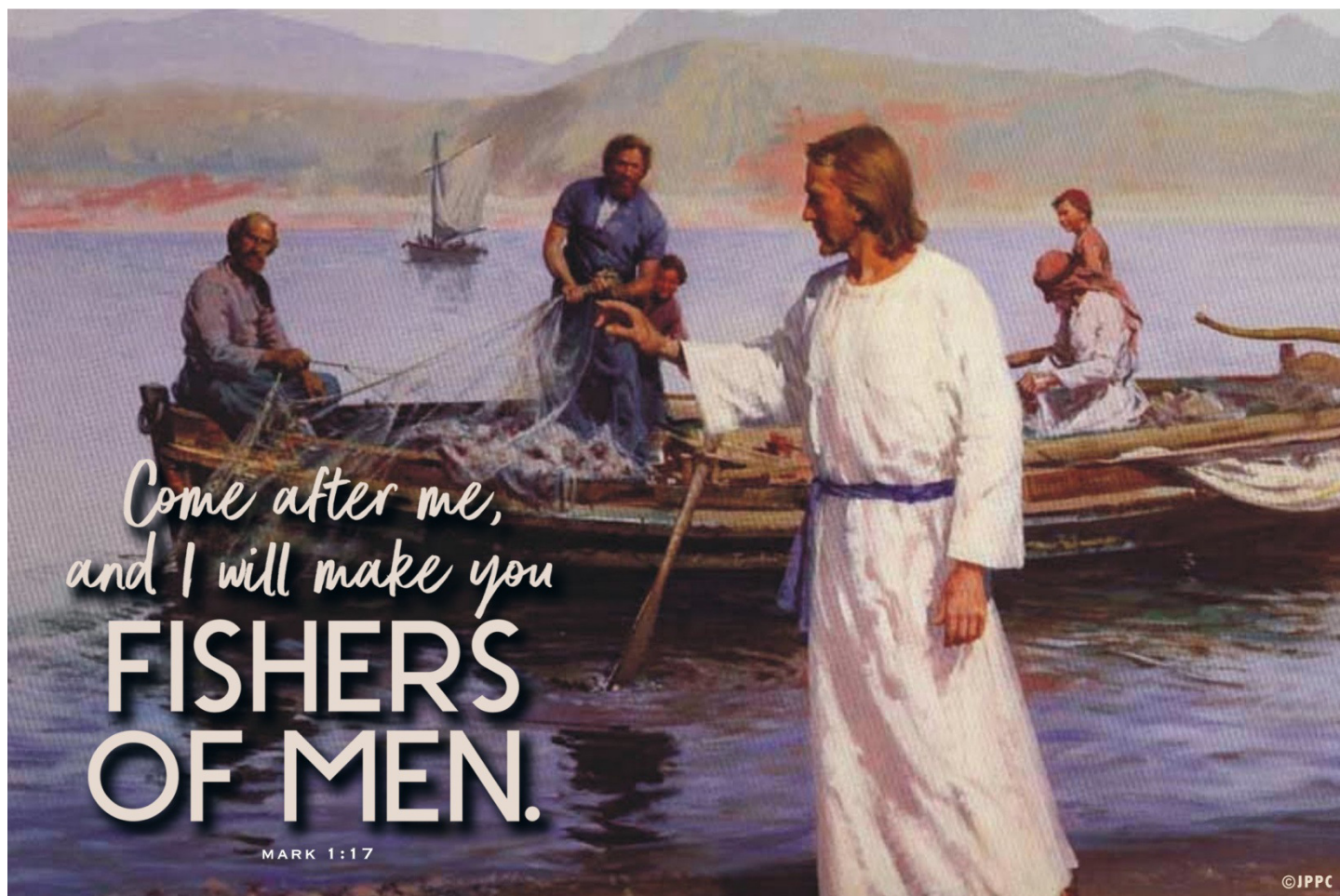


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January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.” (Mark 1:17-18)

Whenever I have reflected upon what my reaction to Jesus’ invitation would have been, I have often doubted my willingness to respond as quickly and as completely as Andrew and Simon. Upon hearing Christ’s call, the brothers immediately give up not only their livelihoods but everything that is familiar and comfortable to them to follow the Lord. Would I, a person who frequently creates vacation schedules with time slots labeled “spontaneous activity” or “optional free time”, have been able to respond with such immediacy? I have doubted it.

Thankfully though, the Lord knows our limitations and weaknesses and sends us the strength to do His work in spite of them. This was never more true than this past year when my fellow catechists and I were asked to, in effect, abandon our “nets” and create a religious education experience without in-person instruction. When fishing, if you want to catch some fish, you need to go where the fish are biting. With the prohibition on in-person classroom instruction for CCD, it was clear that we were going to need to find a new pond and a new way of catching our minnows.

I shouldn’t have been worried though because, from the very beginning, Christian evangelization and catechesis have been rooted in the notion of reinventing the teaching process. After receiving Jesus’ call, the Twelve were told to set out on foot and proclaim the Kingdom of God, taking *“nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money, and let no one take a second tunic.”* (Luke 9:3) I really couldn’t complain about not having a classroom after remembering those instructions! And remote learning? St. Paul, the greatest evangelist of all time, did much of his work remotely by writing letters. Think of what he could have accomplished with the internet!

Through the power of technology and the Holy Spirit we at OLS have reimagined the echoing of the faith. This year our catechists were asked to not only give of their time, but also to use their talents in radically new ways. Classroom instruction may have been replaced with monthly Zoom calls, weekly Flipgrid or YouTube instructional videos and a Google Classroom management system, but our catechists’ commitment to the 149 families they serve remains the same.

Just how committed are they? One long-time catechist bought his first computer just so he could continue to teach. He then spent hours watching training videos and learning how to use all of the new applications required by our remote program. That’s not just dedication - that’s love. It’s like purchasing a boat, learning how to sail, and assembling all of the necessary tackle and bait just so you can set out into the deepest waters where the littlest fish are biting. And bite, we pray, they do.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

January 17th	Week 29	Y. to Date
Collection	\$9,259	\$347,334
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$349,115

Christmas: \$102,390
Repairs & Maintenance \$2,290

Thank you for your continued support!

Congratulations to our first 2021 calendar raffle winner!

Congratulations to Michelle Cuilhe on winning our first of 12 monthly drawings in our new calendar raffle. Michelle won \$1,500! Michelle's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 11 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com & purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is February 15th. Good luck to everyone!

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!

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.



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!

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Stewardship Reflections

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."
– Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good Stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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?

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.**

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Update: The **48th annual March for Life** in Washington, D.C. will be **virtual-only** this year.

Please visit our Facebook page for information on additional pro-life events around the Archdiocese, including these that we can all participate in as a parish community:

- Jan. 21-29 - **Novena for Life** (visit the USCCB website to access the prayers)
- Jan. 28-29 - **Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life** will be broadcast live on EWTN. It will begin at 8:00 P.M. EST and conclude the following morning with Mass at 8:00 A.M.
- Jan. 29 - **A Day to Remember & Pray** - Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at St. Paul Parish in Ramsey, which will also include the Divine Mercy Chaplet and confession at 3:00, the Rosary and Litany for Life from 6:30 - 7:30, with Holy Mass to follow.
- Consider donating a baby item to the Mercy House in Newark or any crisis pregnancy center.
- Pray for all expectant mothers and fathers, those who are going through unplanned pregnancies, and those who are contemplating abortion. May they choose life!

Take action against Gov.

Murphy's **Reproductive Freedom Act**. Go to the New Jersey Catholic Conference website, njcatholic.org, to get the facts on this proposed legislation and to know what you can do to help stop it. Or visit njrtl.org for more information.

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Requested by _____

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Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) _____ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) _____ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am
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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.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021

5:30 PM Rose Marie Deehan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Etienne Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Rosalie D'Andrea

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Edward Deehan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021

7:00AM Patsy Mitchell
12:00 PM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021

7:00 AM Lyndon Bryce
12:00 PM Peg Beverungen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2021

8:30 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM People of the Parish

VIGIL MASS JANUARY 30, 2021

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

8:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
10:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
11:30 AM Vincentia Lewis

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS; **Philip Metta**. 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.

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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