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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 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

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January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of The Lord

A Message From Fr. Brian

The cover of the bulletin shows an image near the organ in our beautiful church of the Epiphany, that is, the manifestation of Jesus to the gentile visitors from the East. The visitors are variously referred to as the 3 Kings, the Magi, or the Wise Men.

The word “epiphany” is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as:

- an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being;
- a usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something;
- an intuitive grasp of reality through something (such as an event) usually simple and striking;
- an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure;
- a revealing scene or moment.

These are varying but very similar definitions. They express the fact that an epiphany is unexpected, sudden, revelatory, and – for us Christians – a manifestation of God. And there is no greater revelation than that of God being born among us in the Person of Jesus Christ. The Wise Men were early witnesses to the God-man, and they brought to Him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In time, Jesus in turn revealed and manifested to us the Father, the Trinitarian nature of God, the Kingdom of God, the mercy of God, the power and majesty of God, our need for a church, the depths to which God’s love extends, and so much more.

As we begin a New Year, one which we pray will not bring with it as many challenges as we faced in the last year, we are probably thinking of ways in which we can change something in our lives this year: lose some weight, pick up a new hobby, save more money, make new friends, fall in love (!), and the list goes on.

As we make our New Year resolutions, one resolution that we should consider including in that list is that on a daily basis we look for more ways that God continues to reveal Himself to us. As we do so, let’s keep something in mind: The Divine is often found in the most ordinary, simple, normal, situations of our lives and in the people we encounter that we never would have thought carry with them the spark of the Divine. If Mother Teresa could find the Divine in beggars dying in the gutters of Calcutta, we likewise can find the Divine in everyone and in every situation. After all, you can be sure that the Wise Men never thought that they would find the Divine in a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes.

If we look at the people and the world around us with the eyes of faith, we’ll see God manifesting Himself in so many ways, including in ways that seem so unlikely, but which do indeed reveal a completely different reality from the one we’re normally caught up in. St. Peter Chrysologus (406-450) put it this way: “Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.”

Epiphany Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

December 20th	Week 25	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,220	\$301,046
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$300,962
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$364		
Assessment: \$766		

Thank you for your continued support!

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.**



Jesus said to His followers: *"Go and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit."*

Are you willing to share the joy and gift of the Faith that you received at Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Reconciliation?

Do you know someone who needs to complete and make firm their relationship with Christ and His Church through Confirmation? Tell them to inquire: 973-763-5454

Do you know of someone who is seeking a full Relationship with Christ through His Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist? If so invite them to inquire: 973-763-5454.

Meet Our Staff

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Catholic Charities received a payment of \$3,894 as a result of your donations from June 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020. These funds combined with monies from parishes throughout the Archdiocese enabled Catholic Charities to provide 72,685 nights of shelter to 1,342 to homeless individuals and families (FY 19/20). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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 is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and has received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables.

Food donations can be dropped off in the front vestibule of the church Monday-Friday 7am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday.

Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at

<https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/>

Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.

Facebook

Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey"

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

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."



Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.
<http://www.olschurch.com>

From the Blood Drive Committee:

Though coronavirus may be preventing us from conducting our scheduled June 2020 blood drive, please don't let it prevent you from considering the needs of others. Blood product reserves are always depleted during the summer months and the current pandemic has only compounded the problem. Yet, consider the cancer patient who isn't afforded the luxury of taking time off from chemotherapy during this lockdown; they are among many who so desperately rely on your selfless donations.

May we encourage you to reach out to Vitalant blood services to **schedule** a donation. They have fixed donation sites in West Orange, Parsippany, Lincoln Park and Paramus, and can be contacted via vitalant.org or by phoning 201-251-3703.

All donors and staff will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the blood drawing site

REPORTING ABUSE: AN UPDATE

Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Newark has formalized a process of reporting sexual abuse allegations, in accordance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Essential Norms and a Memorandum of Understanding between the state prosecutors' offices and the NJ Dioceses. A year ago, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter, *Vos estis lux mundi*, (You are the light of the world) that strengthened and formalized the process for holding **bishops** accountable. As part of the implementation of the letter here in the United States, a platform was created by an independent, third party providing a secure, confidential, and professional way to report allegations against living bishops. This service is in place to gather and relay reports of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, and reports of their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation. Individuals may make a report online at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling toll free (800) 276-1562.

If you wish to report any other kind of misconduct by a bishop—or sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or layperson working for the Church—please contact the Archdiocese of Newark at (201) 407-3256.



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First Drawing: January 15, 2021

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"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all God's work," says Sister Theresa McGrath (center), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

retiredreligious.org

Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSC, 95; Brother Martin Gensules, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCW, 86; Sister Anne Cecile McElroy, OSM, 92; Abbot Benedict Peter Szabo, OSB, 79.

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

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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).

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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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Amount enclosed: \$_____ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)

St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble



Thursday
afternoon rehearsals
and selected
10AM Sunday Mass
playing appearances



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



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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.



Email olssvdp@aol.com if you are in need of assistance.

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.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2021

5:30 PM Denise Aumente

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Lambusta&Abramo Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Richard Link

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

7:00AM Walter Wiggins Sr.

12:00 PM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021

7:00AM Elizabeth & Allen Nelson

12:00 PM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 2021

10:00 AM Rudy Polaski

11:30 AM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

8:30 AM Marie Manno 1st Anniversary

12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the
Deehan Family

VIGIL MASS JANUARY 9, 2021

5:30 PM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

8:00 AM Rose Marie Deehan

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Vincentia Lewis

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 **Marie Manno**. Requested by Maria Wilms.

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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