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*Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

***Penance:*** Confessions Saturday 12:45 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 9, 2022***  
***The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord***

## ***A Message from Fr. Brian***

In our secular culture, the Christmas Season seems to begin right after Halloween and it ends on December 26<sup>th</sup>, when the Christmas music stops playing nonstop on the radio and the first Christmas trees show up on the tree lawn. But the *liturgical* season of Christmas begins only on Christmas Eve and it doesn't end until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which we celebrate this Sunday.

Historically, the Christmas season extends for an even longer period, long past the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally the Feast of Candlemas (also called the Presentation of the Lord), which occurs on February 2, marked the final conclusion of the Christmas cycle. Candlemas celebrates the event that occurred 40 days after Jesus' birth when His parents presented Him in the Temple. Following that tradition, which is very common in countries outside the United States, we will leave the *crèche* (the Nativity Scene) displayed in our church until February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Given that we're just now ending the Christmas Season, allow me this opportunity to thank those who made Christmas so special at OLS. This year, on December 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our very first children's Christmas Pageant. You're probably saying, "We've had those before!" No, the previous 40 years' version of the Pageant was always an Epiphany Pageant. The children of our parish helped to remind us of the true essence of Christmas and did so in such a marvelously charming way! Special thanks to Jen Noll and Colleen McDonald from our Religious Education program, as well as Alonzo Gall, the Director of the Pageant, Liz Ebert, and JoAnn Hankey.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, our OLS music ministry held its annual Carol Sing. Led by Preston Dibble, our Director of Music, our 3 amazing OLS choirs (adult, youth, and children's), accompanied by the Gramercy Brass Quintet as well as percussion, harp, and flute, inspired us with what was, in my own opinion, the best Christmas concert I've ever attended (and I've been to a lot of them over the years!). The Carol Sing helped to focus our hearts and souls on the great and beautiful mystery of the Incarnation and Birth of Christ our Lord. Our choirs also sang so beautifully at the 4:30 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses and the 11:30 am Christmas Day Mass. How blessed (and spoiled!) we are at OLS to have such an accomplished music ministry!

Our Church looked so beautiful for Christmas and that didn't happen all by itself! Our deep gratitude to those who helped to decorate the Church, including Dottie Iantosca, Carol Zipso DeMeo, Mary Loeser, and Joyce Ashurst, as well as our wonderful maintenance personnel Marvin Reyes and Julio Herrera. We of course have an amazing Church in which we worship, but it becomes even more wonderful when decorated for Christmas (and Easter). Again, we are blessed (and spoiled!) to have such a wonderful worship space!

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of you who attended our Christmas events and Masses, either in person or virtually. And, once again, thank you for your financial support of our parish. As I write this column (on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>), our Christmas collection has not yet reached its goal (which was arrived at by using last year's Christmas collection amount). Thank you for your generosity to this collection. And, please, continue to remember our parish going forward. All that we do at OLS, including at Christmas, requires an ongoing commitment of time, treasure, and talent from you, our parishioners.

I wish all of you a very blessed, happy, holy, and healthy New Year, filled with many graces and blessings. May Christ be our constant companion throughout 2022 and may we continually turn to Mary for her maternal protection over us and our loved ones.

Blessings in 2022,





### **THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>December 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 26</b>	<b>Y. to Date</b>
Collection	\$12,886	\$310,523
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$290,654

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

**\$28,482 (as of 12/28/21)**

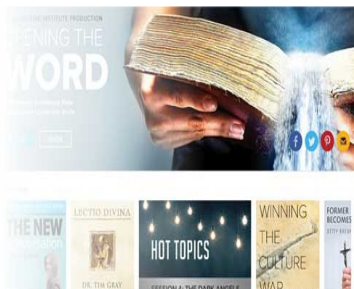
**Budgeted \$50,000**

Flowers \$328  
Assessment \$731  
Music \$240  
Repairs and Maintenance \$25,975  
Food Pantry \$3,037

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4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.

### **Stewardship Reflections**

*"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' "* (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### **RE-GIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED - this is the last weekend**

OLS is once again participating in the **Re-Gifting Project**. Few of us "need" all of the gifts we receive at Christmas, and sometimes we receive gifts we do not want or can't use. Instead of rushing back to the store right after Christmas to return the gifts, or letting them gather dust on a shelf, why not share our Christmas joy by giving these gifts to others?

This is an opportunity to give to those in need at a time when many are struggling, and it is a great lesson for adults and children alike to look at all of the gifts they have received and offer one to someone who may have none at all.

Your donated gifts may be brought to church on the weekend of **January 8/9**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items.

The gifts will be delivered to Mercy House on January 9, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson: 973-378-3136 or [annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com).

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### **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](http://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.**

### **Update from the OLS Food Pantry**

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide 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:**

- **Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00** – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- **Saturday: 8:00-6:00** – Church front vestibule
- **Sunday: 8:00-12:00** – Church front vestibule
- ***Please do not leave food at the Rectory.***

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](mailto:olspantry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.



### **Sponsor Certificates: A reminder**

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of 6 months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish, is a practicing Catholic, and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

## 2022 Mass Book

The 2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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### **VIGIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**

5:30 PM Carrie Pfannenstiel

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Lambusta and Abramo Families

10:00 AM George Evans

11:30 AM People of the Parish

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

12:00 PM Michael Iantosca

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

7:00AM Gregorio Guerra

12:00 PM Claudio Archibald

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022**

7:00 AM Marie R. Cusumano

12:00 PM Robert Ferro

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022**

7:00 AM Joseph A. Muller

12:00 PM Rosalia Segismundo

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022**

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

12:00 PM Edmond Moylan

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022**

10:00 AM Patricia Chiocchi

11:30 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

### **VIGIL MASS JANUARY 15, 2022**

5:30 PM Anthony Wonski

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Manuel Fernandes

11:30 AM Rev. John J. Krozser

### **In Memoriam**

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

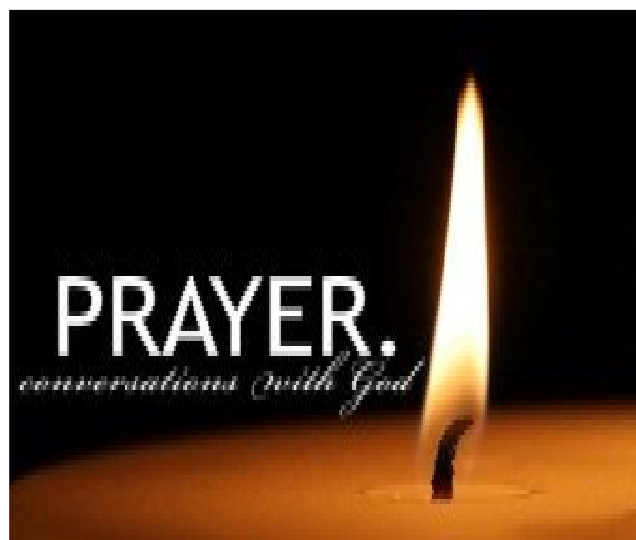
This Week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Joseph Licitra**. Requested by Patricia Grana.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other 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, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon and Mary Jane Tannen.



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