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Go your way,
YOUR FAITH
HAS SAVED YOU.

MARK 10:52



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 12:45 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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OCTOBER 24, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

There are approximately 44 million people in the world who are blind. Another 295 million suffer from moderate to severe vision impairment. Imagine not being able to visually see your loved ones? Or not being able to see the beautiful world that surrounds us?

That was the situation faced by Bartimaeus, the man who is healed of his blindness by Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel. Of course, there is another type of blindness that we often suffer from: spiritual blindness. This type of blindness prevents us from seeing the world as it is, that prevents us from seeing what really matters, that keeps us from seeing what Christ sees.

Bartimaeus knew that he was blind and that he needed Our Lord's healing power to make him see. He knew it and he acted upon it. The question for us is: Do we know that we too are often blind? Do we know that we really don't see reality as Jesus sees it, that we often don't even see the presence of God in our lives, that we're bedazzled and blinded by the glitz and glitter of this world, and that our souls are often surrounded by a spiritual darkness? Do we see this?

Bartimaeus was insistent on encountering Jesus so that Our Lord might heal him. In his darkness and in faith, he said to Jesus, "*Master, I want to see.*" And what did Jesus do? He stopped everything to pay personal attention to him. St. Mark records this as the last miracle that Jesus worked before entering into Jerusalem to suffer and die. Jesus brings His whole redemptive journey to a grinding halt to respond to this blind man's request.

And what was Bartimaeus' reaction to Our Lord curing him? The Gospel says, "*He followed Him on the way.*" He followed in Jesus' footsteps. He wanted to see and experience life as Jesus did.

This is a wonderful Gospel passage for helping us reflect on what we see. Or perhaps even more importantly, what we don't see. What do we fail to see because of our apathy, indifference, selfishness, pride, or arrogance? Do we see the hurting, the hungry, the miserably poor, the suffering and the outcast?

The media presents us with all the glittering beautiful people, those at the pinnacle of political and corporate power, the superstars in the sports and entertainment worlds. But what about the little people, the no-names that never interest the TV and newspaper reporters unless they are struck by tragedy?

Christ asks us to see and pay attention to those who are marginalized, those whom this world holds in little regard, those whom this world judges to be of little value. That means the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the sick, the lonely, the depressed, and everyone else that the world considers to be the refuse of humanity.

Helen Keller said that there are none so blind as those who refuse to see. In that sense, spiritual blindness is much more insidious than physical blindness. We therefore beg Our Lord to heal our blindness, to restore our sight so that we can see the world as He sees it. Like Bartimaeus, we ask Jesus to heal us, crying out to Him, "*Master, I want to see.*" And like Bartimaeus, we should commit ourselves to ignoring what the world thinks should be seen and honored. And like Bartimaeus, we follow Jesus Christ. That's what Christians do. They see as Christ sees and then they follow Him.

Jesus, we want to see. Have pity on us.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

| Oct 10th | Week 15 | Y. to Date |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Collection | \$13,068 | \$174,215 |
| Budgeted | \$11,179 | \$167,685 |
| | Assessment \$1,796 | |
| | Food Pantry \$175 | |

| October 17th | Week 16 | Y. To Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Collection | \$10,170 | \$184,385 |
| Budgeted | \$11,179 | \$178,864 |
| | World Mission Sunday \$2,001 | |
| | Food Pantry \$1,436 | |
| | Repairs and Maintenance \$285 | |
| | Music Ministry \$800 | |

Thank you for your continued support!

**The 2022 Mass Book will be open on
Monday, October 25th**

Forms to book Masses will be available in the vestibule of the Church, our website (www.olschurch.com), and in the digital newsletter.

All Souls Concert of Remembrance

All are invited to a performance of the Requiem by Maurice Durufle on Friday, October 29 at 7:30PM. The parish choir will offer this monumental work of choral music in memory of all of the faithful departed. Admission is free and all are welcome.

**Congratulations to our tenth
2021 Calendar Raffle Winner!**

Congratulations to Hugo and Linda Monformoso on winning our 10th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. They won \$1,500! Their ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. Our next drawing is November 15th. Good luck to everyone!

**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>**

**October is "Socktober" at Our Lady of
Sorrows**

Our parish is collecting **NEW** socks to distribute to the patrons of our food pantry and to the patrons of St. Ann's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Several OLS parishioners help or have helped at St. Ann's with food preparation and distribution to those families and individuals who come for something to eat and sometimes for something to wear.

Jesus asks us to both feed the hungry and clothe the naked. We don't always see them, but they are here. Please help.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect Street,
Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00 – 4th St. 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 OR SOCKS
AT THE RECTORY**

**Gift Card Drive to Support Families
Experiencing Homelessness**

We will be holding a Gift Card Drive for Family Promise of Essex County (FPE), formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network, on the weekend of **November 6 and 7**. The following gift cards are needed: Shop Rite, Target, T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, Uber, and Lyft. The gift cards will be given to families experiencing homelessness who are currently being supported by FPE. The gift cards can be dropped off in designated baskets in the church vestibule that weekend. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com.

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 the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.**

Meet Our Staff

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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). 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.**

Lindeblad School of Music

OLS welcomes the Lindeblad School of Music Concerto winner concert this Sunday, October 24th at 4PM. The Lindeblad School of Pine Brook offers music instruction for young people and this concert will feature a faculty orchestra and some very talented young musicians using OLS's Steinway piano. More information can be found at: www.lindebladmusic.com A suggested donation of \$30 is payable at the door and all are welcome.

OLS Scouts BSA Troop 99G (Girls!)

Calling all girls ages 11 - 17! Do you like hanging out with friends, taking trips, camping, hiking, and having fun? Come join us! ScoutsBSA Troop 99G meets every Thursday 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm at OLS in St. Joseph's Hall. Parents please email OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com for more information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with 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 now more than ever 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?

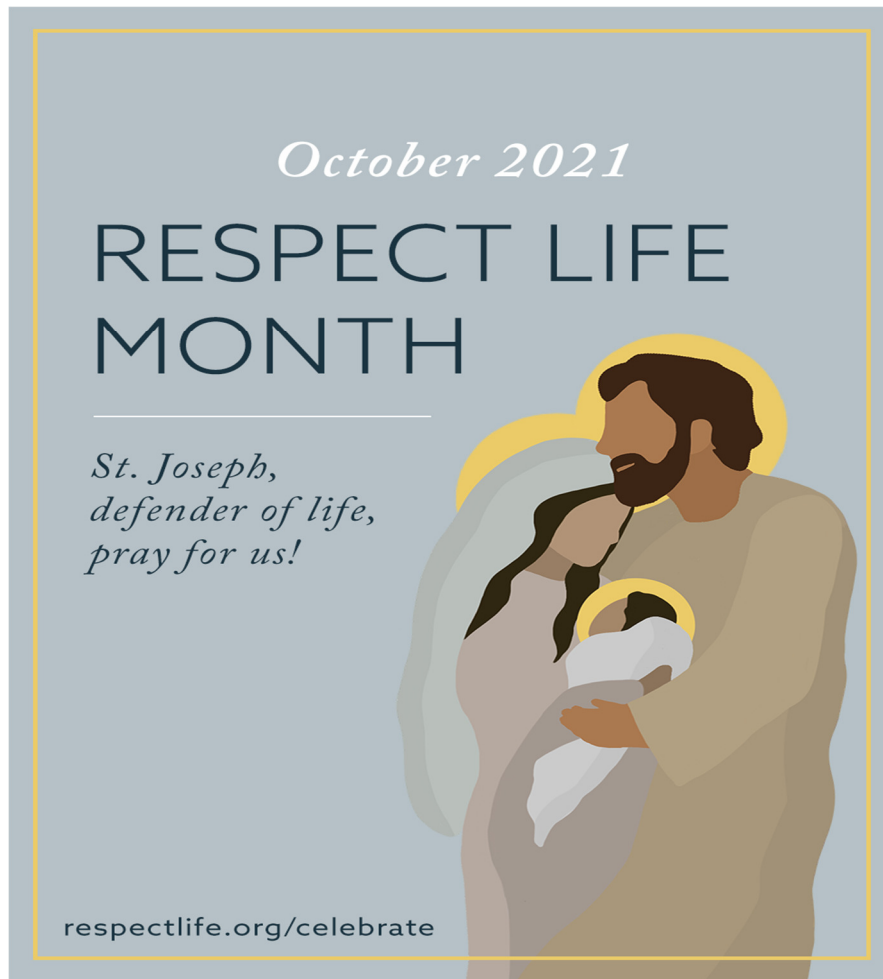
Prayer for Vocations

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."

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry at OLS



"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month in parishes across the country. Why is every human life valuable and how can each one of us help build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death? How can you be a witness to others and exemplify the beauty of the human person in a culture that has become so anti-life?

We will offer a Holy Hour for Life on Monday, October 25, at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Rich will lead us in a solemn hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all human life, especially our most vulnerable babies in the womb. Please make every effort to attend and invite your family and friends!

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, whom the Church honors this year, may we show love, goodness, and charity towards all expectant mothers, and remember our Blessed Mother who graciously answered the call to become the mother of our Savior.

Connect with us: facebook.com/olsprolife



Special Invitation To You and Your Family

To Come To the Annual Remembrance Mass on November 2, 2021 to offer Holy Mass at 7pm for All Those Whom We Love.

In a Special Way We Will Remember Those

Who Have Returned to God this Past Year and have been buried from Our Lady of Sorrows between November 2020 and towards the End of October 2021.

When you come be sure and pick up a special worship aid and Holy Card.

During the Mass, at the general intercession, the name of your loved one will be announced and prayed for. A battery candle will be turned on and will remain on throughout the Mass. At the completion of the closing hymn you are invited to take the candle home. This is yours to keep, along with Holy Card and Worship Aid

We look forward to being with you to join in praying for the person[s] you loved.

Light refreshments will be available following the Mass.

Mark the date: November 2, 2021 Our Lady of Sorrows, 7pm

Any questions call Sr. Mary Selina 973-763-5454



VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

5:30 PM Alan Fischer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM William J. Bowling

11:30 AM James DeMeo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

7:00 AM Joseph Lanzl

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

7:00AM Michael DiPrenda

12:00 PM Teresa and Philip Wilderotter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

7:00 AM Hugh B. Sheridan, Jr.

12:00 PM Emilio Gerona

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

7:00AM George O'Neill

12:00 PM Ken and Fran Bailie

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

7:00 AM George Endrich

12:00 PM Debra Flynn

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

8:30 AM Armand and Fernand Family

12:00 PM Consuelo Bautista

VIGIL MASS OCTOBER 30, 2021

5:30 PM Ted Kubilus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

8:00 AM Edward Deehan

10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Lambusta and Abramo Families

11:30 AM People of the Parish

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 *Joanne Audain*. Requested by Genevieve Serrette.

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, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, and Kyle Reardon.



2022 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)

A detailed stained glass window featuring a central figure, likely the Virgin Mary, surrounded by other religious figures and intricate patterns in various colors.

Musica Sacra at Our Lady of Sorrows Requiem, Opus 9 Maurice Duruflé

**A Service of Remembrance
for all of our Faithful Departed**

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Choir

Preston Dibble, Conductor

Kristin Dabaghian, Organist

Friday, October 29, 7:30 PM

Free will offering

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