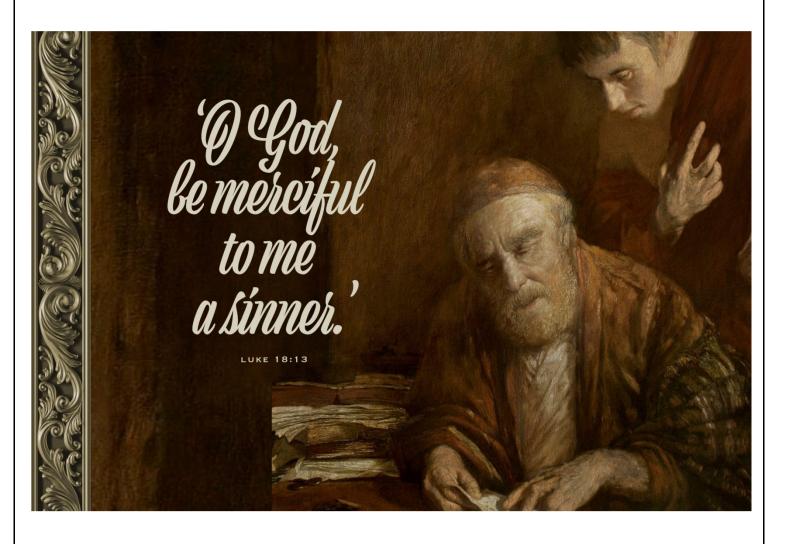
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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

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

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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October 27, 2019
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BRIAN

This coming Thursday is Halloween, a day that kids love because they can pretend to be whoever they wish to be for a day (and they get free candy!). That pretending is perfectly acceptable for a child. But for us adults, putting on a mask and pretending to be someone we're not is not acceptable if we want to be true followers of Christ. We are not called to *appear* to be a holy people. We are called to *really* be a holy people.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus railed against the hypocrisy of the Pharisee who went into the temple to pray. In his prayer, he showed himself to be a pretender, a man who had a view of himself that had nothing to do with the reality of who he was. He might as well have been putting on a Halloween costume, because he was wearing the mask of pride, the mask of self-righteousness, the mask of arrogance. The tax collector's prayer, on the other hand, was pleasing to Jesus because there was nothing duplicitous or self-serving about it. He did not even raise his eyes to heaven and beat his breast as he said, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus consistently warned against hypocrisy. The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines hypocrisy as "a feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; behavior that contradicts what one claims to believe or feel." The Pharisee in our Gospel was, in a sense, trick-or-treating because he was merely putting on a show.

Jesus looks and sees many *others* who are also trick-or-treating like the Pharisees. Maybe He's even speaking to us. Even if our occasional hypocrisies are not as serious as those of the Pharisee, we nevertheless need to be ever on our guard so that they do not become too deeply rooted in us.

And so Jesus' message is addressed to *all* of us. He is challenging *all* of us and asking us: How does hypocrisy manifest itself in my life? Well, perhaps it's when we outwardly proclaim one standard while privately living a contrary one. I know that I'm sometimes guilty of that. Or maybe it's when we judge others by a different rule from the one with which we judge ourselves. We tend to justify and exonerate in ourselves that which we judge wrong in others. As Mark Twain said, "Nothing needs reform so much as other people's habits." But we really know that hypocrisy has taken hold of us when our attitude is: "Do as I say and not as I do."

We are good disciples when we practice what we preach, when we live what we profess, when our motives are pure, and when our words and actions are without deception. This is what is meant by integrity. A person of integrity is one of honesty, without guile, a genuine, authentic person, whose interior convictions are externally evident, who outwardly shows in word *and* deed that he is what he claims to be, a person of sincerity, truth, principle, character, and reliability, whose word can be trusted, and who inspires respect in others.

By our words, by our actions, by our attitudes, by our daily living, we convey a message to those around us about who we truly are. If we are to be the disciples of Jesus, then He demands that we be people of integrity, with not even a hint of hypocrisy in us. He challenges us to a truthfulness of mind and heart that is reflected in both word *and* deed.

The challenge is clear but, I admit, not always easy. Halloween and make believe are for children, but following Jesus is the serious work of people who are willing to expose their faces and their lives to the world. Let Christ be our model. In Him, we find someone whose words and actions always matched, who always practiced what He preached, whose word is ever reliable, whose promises merit absolute trust, and who is Truth itself.

Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

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October 20 th	Week 17	Y. To Date		
Collection	\$12,667	\$206,391		
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$225,577		



The Thanksgiving for Seniors dinner will take place on Sunday, November 24th at 2 pm in the gymnasium. Please call or email Mame Hogan at 513-314-7845 or mamephogan@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to help cook or if you would like to attend. Everyone looks forward to the delicious turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and green beans provided by our generous volunteers.

Reflections on Catechism

2713 Contemplative prayer is the simplest expression of the mystery of prayer. It is a *gift*, a grace; it can be accepted only in humility and poverty. Contemplative prayer is a *covenant* relationship established by God within our hearts. Contemplative prayer is a *communion* in which the Holy Trinity conforms man, the image of Got, "to his likeness."

Men's Retreat Day!

Men of the parish are invited to join us for a day of reflection/retreat on Saturday, Nov 9, at St Joseph Shrine in Stirling, NJ. The program will include two presentations, time for private reflection and prayer, Mass, and an opportunity for confession. It will start at 9:00 AM and end around 3:00 PM. Fr Peter Okafor will be our spiritual leader for the day. The event is sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group. The cost is \$40.00 and includes a continental breakfast and full hot meal for lunch. Car pooling will be available. For reservations or questions, please contact Len Mrozak (Imrozak@aol.com / 908 872-4968) or Greg Tobin (gmgso@aa.org / 973 818-2547).

Facebook

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Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry A Word on Life...

How to Build a Culture of Life Read the full version at respectlife.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for humanlife. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with

Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His

Our mission field is daily life.

unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE — To participate, contact Lisa Hart at <u>lisa@lifeneteducation.org</u> or at 973-769-4422.

"Behold, children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward." — Psalm 127:3

To be part of our ministry or for more info, contact Elena

at <u>elena.santoliquido@gmail.com</u> or Katharine at <u>katharinetownsend@hotmail.com</u>. Follow us on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/olsprolife</u> or on Instagram @olsprolife.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men's Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. "Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path" Rise and Shine with the Lord.

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

Think About It

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth. The dry land he called Earth and the gathering together of the waters he called Sea. "Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. We must all change our day to day actions to live more sustainably. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility. The problems are big and urgent, but hope remains if we act in honesty an love (Pope Francis)." What we do makes a difference and we must decide what kind of difference we want to make. Peace and Justice Committee

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 2nd, at 12:00 noon

"Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."—St. John Chrystostom

Our Lady of Sorrow's Mass of Remembrance, held in memory of departed family members, friends, and parishioners, will be celebrated on Saturday, November 2nd, at 12:00 noon. There is a Book of Remembrance by the Baptismal Font to write the names of your loved one to be remembered. The Book of Remembrance will be placed in front of the altar during this special Mass.

A reception with light refreshments will be held in St. Joseph's Hall immediately following the Mass. **To show our support of each other we ask anyone who wishes to bake or buy a cake, or some cookies, or fruit please call the office or send in the attachment letting us know what you will contribute

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Note Well: Bring items in October 30 and October 31st to the office.

THANK YOU TO ALL IHN VOLUNTEERS!

Happy Anniversary! This fall marks the 10th year of the revival of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) ministry here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the past decade, including all those who volunteered for the most recent October IHN Host Week. What a fantastic team we have!--volunteers who set up and breakdown the living space in record time; prepare delicious home-cooked meals; diligently shop for supplies for the week; thoughtfully spend time with the families socializing and doing fun activities; conscientiously staying overnight with the families; and caringly laundering the linens from the week. A special thank you to all the CCD students and their families who helped with setup and came to spend time with the IHN families one evening. And a shout out to the Youth Group for kindly volunteering during host weeks every year for the past decade! To all who have volunteered over the years, please know that your help is much appreciated and that you were truly following the gospel call to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."—
Matthew 25: 40

Looking ahead our next IHN Host Week will be in the summer of 2020.

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.

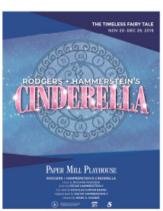


Our Lady of Sorrows School News Learn Serve Lead Succeed

Our Lady of Sorrows School is fortunate to be part of the OLS Parish Community and located right on the OLS Campus. OLS School is committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus and always striving for academic excellence and forming exemplary leaders for our own SOMA community and for the 21st Century. We have a robust STEM program, outstanding art program and offer highly regarded programs in Language Arts and Math. Our Lady of Sorrows School educates children from Pre-K through grades K-8. We encourage you to schedule a tour and even have your child visit for the day! See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer your family! Visit www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org or call 973.762.5169.







Join fellow OLS Families
For a fun evening at the
Paper Mill Playhouse
Sunday, December 1, 2019
7:00pm
to see
Cinderella!

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OLS has reser	rved a limited number of ti	ckets at the special	
group ra	te of \$35.00 per ticket (ad	ults and kids).	
Seats	are on the rear sides of th	e orchestra.	
Complete the te	ear off form below and ma	il/deliver your check	
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Name:		Make check payable to: Our Lady of Sorrows	
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

5:30 PM Theodore Kubilus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Charles Chukwuemeka Onwuka

11:30 AM James DeMeo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus 12:00 PM Robert (Bob) Kelly

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus 12:00 PM Nancy Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019

7:00 AM Mary Von Schlegell 1st Anniversary 12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased Members of the Grajski Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

7:00AM Anne Endrich Gallo 12:00 PM Edward Deehan

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019

7:00AM Russell Pace Sr.

9:30 AM School Mass – Russell Pace Sr. 12:00 PM Florence Giammella 1st Anniversary

7:00 PM Margaret Farrell

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

8:30 AM All Souls 12:00 PM All Souls

VIGIL MASS NOVEMBER 2, 2019

5:30 PM John Pogany

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Joan Hamilton 11:30 AM Joseph G. Calabrese

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr.**. Requested by Ocie & Ernestina Lacy.

OFFER OF GIFTS

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

IN MEMORIAM

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or 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, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag, George Richmond Files Jr., and Beth Hebron.



OLS Halloween and Fall Festival

Saturday

November 2 5pm - 9pm

in the OLS Gym

All food provided by the Parish

Bring your own dessert and BYOB.

\$10 per person/ \$20 per family Please RSVP to Michelle Dixon 617-283-1718 medixon8@gmail.com

Games for kids, square and line dancing for adults/kids and music Kids can wear their Halloween costumes (adults too if you're up for it!)

