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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 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 for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

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

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December 26, 2021
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Angelus Address given by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
St. Peter's Square, Sunday, December 26, 2010**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel according to Luke recounts that when the shepherds of Bethlehem had received the Angel's announcement of the Messiah's birth "they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger" (2:16). The first eyewitnesses of Jesus' birth therefore beheld a family scene: a mother, a father and a newborn son. For this reason, the Liturgy has us celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the First Sunday after Christmas. This year it occurred the very day after Christmas, and, taking precedence over the Feast of St Stephen, invites us to contemplate this "icon" in which the little Jesus appears at the center of his parents' affection and care.

In the poor grotto of Bethlehem — the Fathers of the Church wrote — shines a very bright light, a reflection of the profound mystery which envelopes that Child, which Mary and Joseph cherish in their hearts and which can be seen in their expression, in their actions, and especially in their silence. Indeed, they preserve in their inmost depths the words of the Angel's Annunciation to Mary: "the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Lk 1:35).

Yet every child's birth brings something of this mystery with it! Parents who receive a child as a gift know this well and often speak of it in this way. We have all heard people say to a father and a mother: "this child is a gift, a miracle!" Indeed, human beings do not experience procreation merely as a reproductive act but perceive its richness and intuit that every human creature who is born on earth is the "sign" par excellence of the Creator and Father who is in Heaven.

How important it is, therefore, that every child coming into the world be welcomed by the warmth of a family! External comforts do not matter: Jesus was born in a stable and had a manger as his first cradle, but the love of Mary and of Joseph made him feel the tenderness and beauty of being loved. Children need this: the love of their father and mother. It is this that gives them security and, as they grow, enables them to discover the meaning of life. The Holy Family of Nazareth went through many trials, such as the "massacre of the innocents" — as recounted in the Gospel according to Matthew — which obliged Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt (see 2:13-23). Yet, trusting in divine Providence, they found their stability and guaranteed Jesus a serene childhood and a sound upbringing.

Dear friends, the Holy Family is of course unique and unrepeatable, but at the same time it is a "model of life" for every family because Jesus, true man, chose to be born into a human family and thereby blessed and consecrated it. Let us therefore entrust all families to Our Lady and to St Joseph, so that they do not lose heart in the face of trials and difficulties but always cultivate conjugal love and devote themselves with trust to the service of life and education.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>December 13th</u>	<u>Week 24</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$11,162	\$285,404
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$268,296

Food Pantry \$2,952
Repairs and Maintenance \$745
Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,881

***Thank you for your generosity to our
Christmas collection!***

**Congratulations to our 12th & Final 2021
Calendar Raffle Winner!**

Congratulations to **Frank Hand** on winning our 12th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Frank won \$1,500!

Thank you to all that joined in with our Calendar Raffle this year. It is the largest fundraiser we do here in the parish. We are going to switch things up a little this year. Look for the new raffle in the spring!

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?

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Digital newsletter today! Go to our website
main page under news and events.
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**RE-GIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN
NEED**

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 following dates: **Sunday, December 26** and the weekends of **January 1/2** and **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.



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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.**

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 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.**



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We will have Masses at:

Friday, Dec. 31, 5:30 pm
Saturday, Jan. 1, 10:00 am
Saturday, Jan. 1, 11:30 am

Please Note: We will not have a 5:30 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, Jan. 1.

Happy and Blessed New Year!

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

“What was family life in Nazareth like? In the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbors, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things, in perfect union with the Will of God the Father.”

St. Josemaria Escrivá

“If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family.”

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Prayer to the Holy Family

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.
MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.
JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.
HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

***Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,
pray for us!***



No 5:30 pm Mass on Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

- 8:00 AM George Just
- 10:00 AM People of the Parish
- 11:30 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021

- 7:00 AM Myron Martinetion
- 12:00 PM Mrs. Mary Oswkah

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021

- 7:00AM Jose Pereira Fernandes
- 12:00 PM George O'Neill

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

- 7:00 AM Iolanda Grasso
- 12:00 PM Anthony Wilkos, Jr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

- 7:00AM James Osuna
- 12:00 PM Joseph Michael Oess

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

- 7:00 AM The Brutofsky Family
- 12:00 PM Walter Mattheis - 1st Anniversary
- 5:30 PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

- 10:00 AM The Brutofsky Family
- 11:30 AM Dr. Joseph Seltzer

No 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

- 8:00 AM Eleanor Volpe Gaboury
 - 10:00 AM George Evans
 - 11:30 AM John Simone Sr.
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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 **George Just**. 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, 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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