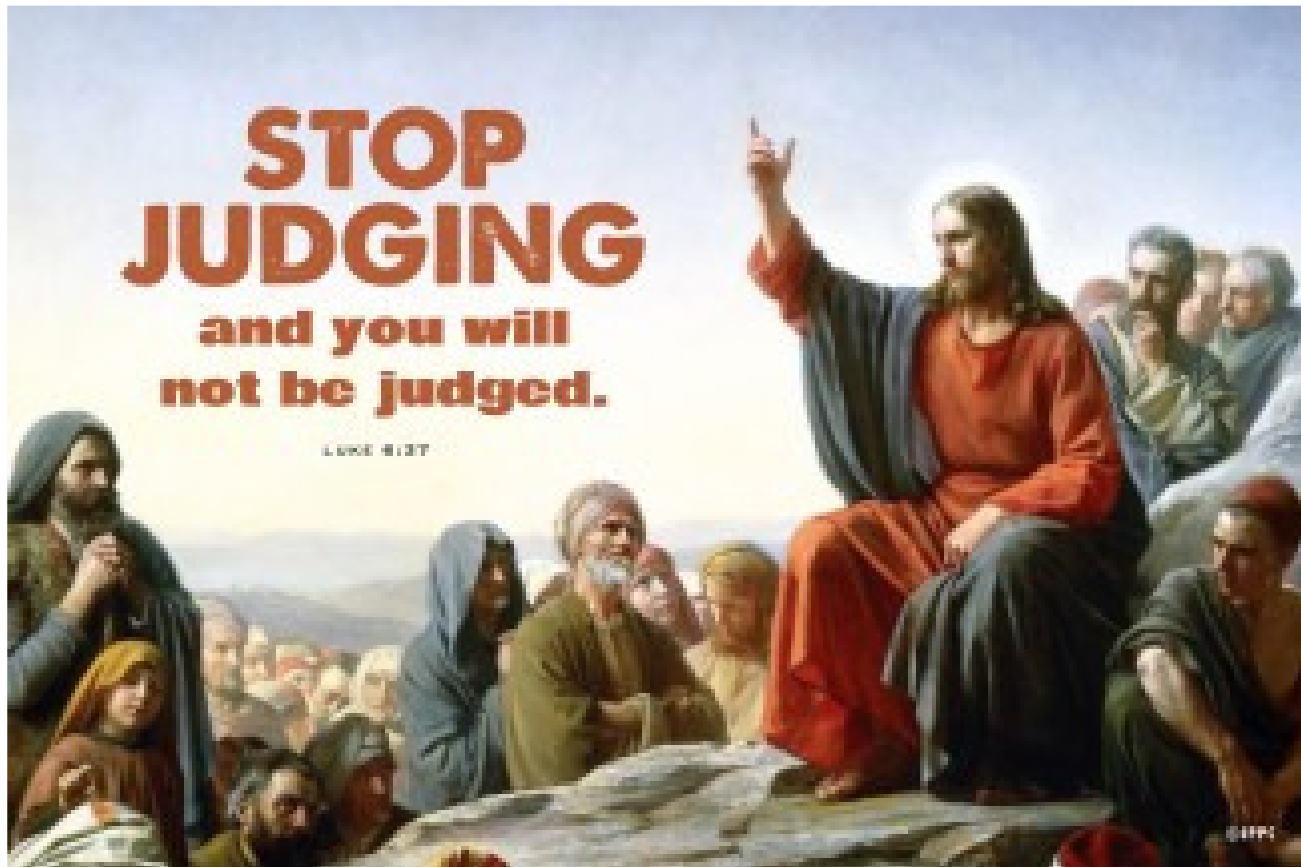


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Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

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

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

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February 20, 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

The Alleluia verse for this Sunday's Mass is: *"I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you."* It is, quite literally, impossible to love as absolutely and completely as Christ does. His love for us is absolute and irrevocable and He demonstrated that love for us most powerfully on the Cross. There has never been a more powerful display of Christ's love for all of humanity than His willingly subjecting Himself to the agony of the Cross. We will once again soon commemorate that love during the Paschal Triduum, which culminates in Christ's victory over sin and death by means of His Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

To prepare our hearts and minds for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, OLS is offering a virtual (i.e., via Zoom) video series with small group discussions during Lent, which begins very soon: Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. The name of the series, which comes to us from Ascension Press, is **"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion."** We will meet (virtually) at 7:00 pm on the first 5 Wednesdays of Lent, beginning on March 9th and concluding on April 6th. Each session will begin by watching together a video of about 30 minutes. These videos are beautifully filmed and they help the viewer to understand much better the Biblical account of Christ's Passion. After we watch the video, we will then break into small groups and we will discuss that evening's topic for another 30 minutes.

The 5 sessions are:

- March 9: The Prayer of the Agony: Jesus in Gethsemane
- March 16: "Are you the Christ?" (Mark 14:61): Jesus' Arrest and Trial before the Sanhedrin
- March 23: The Trial Before Pilate: Jesus is Condemned to Death
- March 30: The Death of the Messiah: Jesus Carries His Cross, Is Crucified, and Dies
- April 6: The Seven Last Words: Jesus the Teacher at Calvary

How many Lents have you lived through in which you have failed to grow closer to Christ? Too many to count, right? We make wonderful resolutions on Ash Wednesday about how we're going to grow deeper in a spirit of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and then before we know it we arrive at Holy Week and not much has changed in our souls. Don't let this Lent pass you by without stimulating in your soul a deep love for what Christ did for us on Calvary. May we respond to His "No Greater Love" this Lent by falling more deeply in love with Him. This video series might just be what you need to do that. See the flyer in this bulletin. To register, email me at: frbrianneedles@gmail.com.

We recently had 2 amazing parish Listening Sessions, at which we began the discernment of where OLS is currently strong and areas where we need to continue to grow. We asked and received responses to 8 questions. For example, we asked the questions: "What do you like most about OLS?" and "How can we better engage the youth of our parish to become more active in the Church?" We received hundreds of responses to all of the questions and in time I will write a report to the parish about what we have learned from these Listening Sessions and the steps the parish must take in order to continue to build up the Kingdom of God in our midst. If you were not able to attend one of the Listening Sessions but wish to have your voice heard, you may answer the same 8 questions electronically at this link: <https://forms.gle/uZAArtPuTg5sF1Bp9>.

Your identity will be *completely anonymous*, including to the parish, and you do not need to have a Google account to respond. The deadline for responses is February 28th. Please consider partaking in this process. We value your input!

With much love,



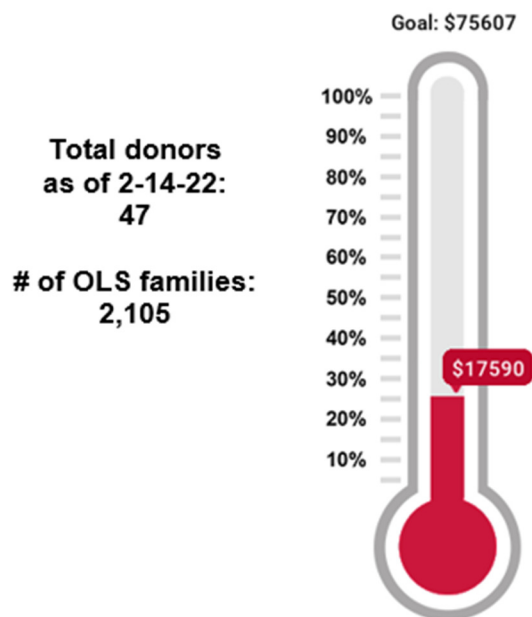
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Calling our Young Parishioners!

The St. Cecilia Singers is our parish children's choir, which is open to young parishioners in grades 3-8. After a short pandemic pause following Christmas, we are resuming the choir this week, for our regular Thursday rehearsals. New children are needed to make the choir a success as we prepare for the Lenten and Easter seasons. A combination of singing and handbell playing makes the choir not only enjoyable but educational in learning musical skills as well as deepening their understanding of their Catholic faith through music. Please contact Preston Dibble at the parish office to register your child or for more information: olsmusician@gmail.com

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?

Stewardship Reflections

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

Meet Our Staff

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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.**

OLS SCOUTS BSA CORNER

Have you heard that the Boy Scouts of America now admits girls...and OLS has it's own troop for girls ages 11 - 17? ScoutsBSA Troop 99G is looking for a core group of five girls to help grow our Troop.

So far this Scouting year we've visited The Cloisters & The Metropolitan Museum of Art, gone snow tubing in the Poconos, and volunteered for the OLS Food Pantry, among other things!

Bring a friend and join us on our next adventure!

Parents: Did you miss our parent-interest Zoom call?

Email OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com for information. We can't wait to tell you about our program!



GET FORMED

For several years now, Our Lady of Sorrows has provided a free subscription to FORMED.org to all of our parishioners. FORMED has wonderful resources for the whole family (including young children and teens!) to learn more about our Catholic faith. FORMED provides Bible studies, documentaries, talks and movies for people of all ages so that everyone may grow in their faith. If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. When prompted, sign us as a parishioner
2. Select your parish (using our zip code - 07079 - is easiest)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.

NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION

Dates – Times – Location

We will meet virtually by Zoom at 7:00 pm
during the first 5 Wednesdays of Lent:
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6.

Discover more fully Christ's amazing love
for you through this virtual small group
video series. Every Wednesday, via Zoom,
we will watch a 30 minute video and then
we will break up into small groups to
discuss the video.

Cost – Registration

No cost! To register, email Fr. Brian:
frbrianneedles@gmail.com

If you can't make a particular Wednesday, no
worries! Join us for the other Wednesdays!

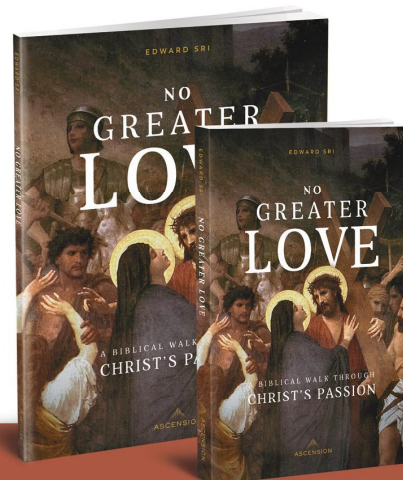
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This Lent, follow Jesus to Calvary!
We will meet every week for prayer, fellowship,
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location in the Holy Land, so we can see the actual
locations where Christ's passion occurred!

**Thousands sought Jesus during his life.
Only a few followed him to Calvary.**

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Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.



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Men's Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 19

Men of the parish are invited to participate in a 1/2 day Lenten retreat sponsored by the OLS Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group.

Date: Saturday, March 19, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Location: * Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, Mendham, NJ
Leader: Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Parochial Vicar, OLS
Cost: \$45.00

Program:

- Continental Breakfast upon arrival
- First Presentation by Fr Rich
- Opportunity for Confession / Private Reflections
- Mass
- Hot Lunch
- Second Presentation by Fr Rich
- Recitation of the Rosary
- Dismissal by 3:00 PM

For Reservations and questions, contact Len Mrozak (908 872-4968). lmrozak@aol.com or Frank Franzonia (862 224-6769) ffranzonia@gmail.com

* The Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center is located on the beautiful grounds of The Sisters of Christian Charity Mallinckrodt Convent in Mendham. Carpooling will be available. Visit their website scceast.org

*Masks and vaccinations
are required
at the Motherhouse and
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Thank you for your compliance.*



VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

5:30 PM William M. Cody, Sr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Bob Gawel
11:30 AM The Casagrande Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Bernard Nathanson - 11th
Anniversary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

7:00AM Beebe Family
12:00 PM Elizabeth Polaski

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

7:00 AM Peter Tartaglia
12:00 PM Roberta Nash

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

7:00 AM Judith McCarren
12:00 PM Douglas John Harper

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

7:00 AM Betsey LaVecchia
12:00 PM Msgr. James Cafone - 7th
Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

8:30 AM Guillermo Sanchez
12:00 AM James Richards

VIGIL MASS FEBRUARY 26, 2022

5:30 PM James Sullivan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8:00 AM Guillermo Sanchez
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM William R. Haine

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Gerald Auriemma**. We pray for the repose of his soul and also for those left behind during this time.

In Memoriam

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

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, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan and Robert Charles.



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