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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

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February 6, 2022
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

The Catholic Church, including here in the Archdiocese of Newark, is desperately in need of more young people to respond to God's call that they become priests and religious brothers and sisters. Our prayers are essential in making that become a reality. This is why we often include prayers for vocations in our Sunday intercessions.

But it's also true that God calls not just priests and nuns to be His faithful disciples. On the day of our Baptism, God calls each one of us to do great things for Him. And none of us can say that we're not worthy of the call. If Jesus could use the Apostles with their obvious weaknesses and sinfulness, He can also use each of us to advance His message of love and forgiveness.

Look at St. Paul. In the longer version of this Sunday's 2nd reading, he says, "*I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostles.*" St. Paul was at one time Christianity's worst persecutor, but he ended up doing great things for God.

Look at Isaiah. In our 1st reading, he says, "*Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips.*" Isaiah knew he had weaknesses, but he ended up doing great things for God.

Look at St. Peter. Peter denied Jesus. He wasn't faithful. He lacked the courage to take a stand in public. He was impetuous and would say and do things without thinking. In our Gospel, Peter says to Christ, "*Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.*" But St. Peter ended up doing great things for God.

Look at St. Matthew. Matthew had a past as an unscrupulous tax-collector who cheated the people. But God called him out of that life. St. Matthew ended up doing great things for God.

Look at St. Thomas. He would only believe in the Resurrection of Jesus if he could put his fingers into the nail wounds of Our Lord. Thomas lacked faith. But St. Thomas ended up doing great things for God.

Doing great thing for God is not just for the canonized saints and the people in the Bible. It's for all of us. Like *Paul*, we aren't perfect. Like *Peter*, we aren't always faithful. Like *Matthew*, we have a past. Like *Thomas*, we sometimes doubt.

But God can deal with our imperfection and weakness. And so this week, God tells us that He wants to take the messiness that is our life and to create something beautiful with it. We are to let go of our sense of unworthiness, our uncertainty, our anxiety, our doubt, our sinfulness. But before God can turn our messy lives into something beautiful, we need to do something for Him.

Granted, most of us are already doing a lot for God: as Christian parents, as Christian neighbors, as faithful and active members of this parish. Notwithstanding that, God is calling us to be holier and more faithful witnesses to His love. God is calling each of us to do something more.

Maybe God is calling you to pray more (every day); to go to Confession; to reach out to someone in pain; to spend more time with your family; to be more charitable in the words you use; to be even more generous with your wealth; to do something major to improve your marriage; to volunteer somewhere; to swallow your pride and forgive a past hurt; to go to Mass at least one other day of the Week; to say "I love you" more often; if you're a young person, maybe God is calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

God is calling each of us and He's waiting for our response. In our 1st reading, God asks Isaiah, "*Whom shall I send?*" May our response be the same as Isaiah's: "*Here I am, Lord. Send me!*"

Your unworthy servant,



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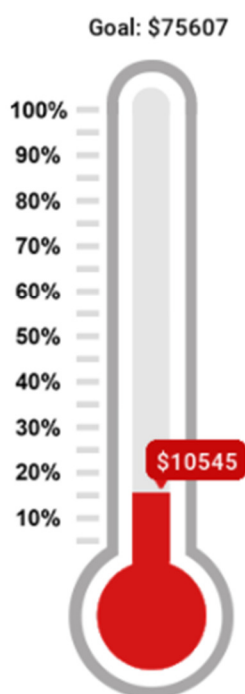
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NJ Youth Chorus

OLS welcomes the NJ Youth Chorus this Sunday, Feb. 6 in a concert at 4:00 pm. The NJ Youth Chorus is a local ensemble including nearly 50 young singers in middle and high school. Tickets and more information are available at www.njyouthchorus.org. Please note that advance ticket purchase via their website is required to attend. All are welcome!

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

Stewardship Reflections

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)
Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

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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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.**

Lenten Small Group Video Series

Enrich your Lenten journey by joining our small group virtual (Zoom) video series!

We often hear about Jesus' passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. In ***No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion***, we are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on His journey from His agony in the garden to His crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with Him today.

No Greater Love is a five-part Bible study program that begins on Wednesday, March 9th and continues for the following 4 Wednesdays, ending on April 6. We will meet by Zoom at 7:00 pm on these Wednesdays. Together we will watch a video and then we will break up into virtual small groups to discuss the video. To register for this virtual video series, contact Fr. Brian: frbrianneedles@gmail.com.

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. This Lent, experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you and grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

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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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

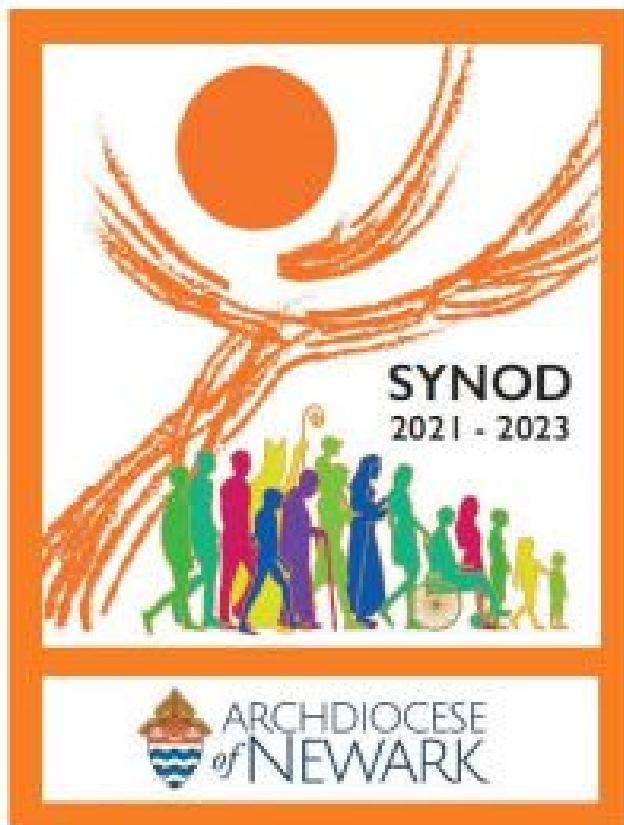
Program:

- 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
Villa Pauline Retreat Center
Thank you for your compliance.*



Synod on Synodality Listening Sessions

Wednesday, February 2
7:00 - 8:30pm

Sunday, February 13
12:30 - 2:00 pm

Phase 1 of the Synod on Synodality begins at the Parish level, where our parishioners are able to give feedback to the Archdiocese on topics including the Global Church, the Archdiocese of Newark, and local questions related to Our Lady of Sorrows.

This is your opportunity to add your thoughts and opinions to the topics facing the Church today. Results will be synthesized and presented at the upcoming Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023.

Please join us at one of the sessions listed above
and let your voice be heard!



Walking together, inspired by the Holy Spirit



VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

8:00 AM Guillermo Sanchez
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Lambusta and Abramo Families
11:30 AM The Brutofsky Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

7:00 AM Mike Vendola
12:00 PM Jack McConville

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

7:00AM Mary DiPrenda
12:00 PM The Salvante Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

7:00 AM Joan Matson - 1st Anniversary
12:00 PM Anthony Richards

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

7:00 AM Mary Crecca Kenny
12:00 PM Araceli B. Recio

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

7:00 AM Michael Robertson - Special
Intention
12:00 PM Bertha R. Sabater de Sanchez - 13th
Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

8:30 AM Al Brazinskas
12:00 AM Nancy Sullivan

VIGIL MASS FEBRUARY 12, 2022

5:30 PM All Rosarians Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Robert Novembre
11:30 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

In Memoriam

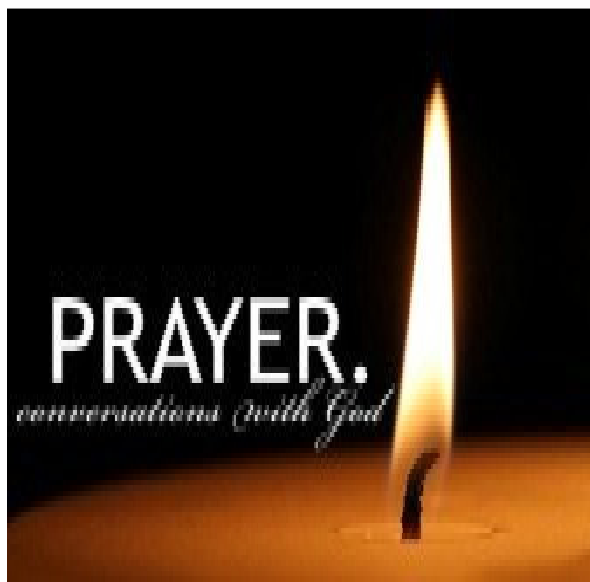
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Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Angie Sena, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, 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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