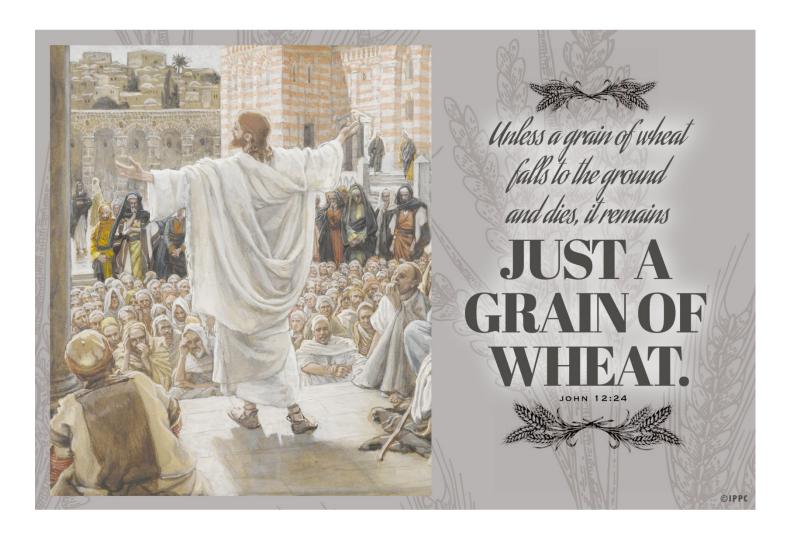
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March 21, 2021 5thSunday of Lent

A Message From Fr. Brian

The other day I noticed that a few of the tulips in front of the rectory had broken through the ground. They have not yet, of course, flowered, but it will only be a matter of time before they do. They had disappeared last Fall, but they are ready to rise again to show their beauty. What once seemed dead, is alive.

Death often seems to have the final say, but we Christians know that absolutely isn't the case. Lent is an opportune time for us to ponder our own death, not in order to be morbid, but to face reality. What you read next isn't news to anybody: we all must die. Of course, we don't like that fact. We try to dodge it, deny, and hide from it, but the simple reality is that we can't escape it. But Jesus's own death and resurrection assures us death does not have the final say over life.

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of Lent and it has traditionally been referred to the beginning of Passiontide, which marks the last two weeks of Lent. It is a time when we focus more and more on the Passion and Death of Jesus. While we look forward to the joy of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus, we can't avoid first living through Good Friday and the awful agony and death that Jesus had to endure.

As we journey through this Passiontide, one of the things that we ought to focus on is Jesus's complete willingness to suffer for our salvation. In this Sunday's Gospel, He says, "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say?'Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." The purpose of Jesus's birth into this world wasn't just to show us a good example of how to live, to say things that would bring us so much consolation and comfort, to bring health to those of His time who were in need of healing, or for the other many other beautiful things that He said and did that continue to live on in our world. The principle purpose of the Incarnation of Jesus was our salvation, our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, the opening of the gates of Heaven so that we might enjoy eternal life with the Triune God.

Our Gospel this Sunday makes clear that Jesus knew that the hour of His death and subsequent glorification was drawing very near, and He willingly submitted to it, even though it troubled Him. The hour of His glorification would put an end to death as the last word. Now, as we walk through the valley of death, we do not walk alone. Jesus is with us because He's been there before and He knows what it is like. And He promises us that just as He rose from the dead, so too will we. He made that very clear when He said, again in this Sunday's Gospel: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

During these last two weeks of Lent, be sure to gaze upon a crucifix. Spend some time meditating upon all that Jesus had to suffer for you. Thank Him for giving His life for yours. And tell Him how grateful you are that just as death did not have the last word over Him it won't have the final word over you. Thank Him, that like those tulips in front of the rectory, you too will blossom again.

Passiontide Blessings,

Fr. Brian

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Congratulations to Patricia Roche on winning our 3rd of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Patricia won \$1,500! Patricia's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 10 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com & purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 Check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is April 15th. Good luck to everyone!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We once again have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with recitation of 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 more than anything else right now 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?



EASTER MASS SCHEDULE:

Please take careful note of our Easter Mass schedule, which is different from our normal Sunday Mass schedule:

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3: 8:00 pm Easter Sunday, April 4: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

Position Openings

The following positions are available at St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, NJ:

- · Part-time Parish Secretary. Monday-Friday at 25 hours a week. Computer skills are required.
- · Part-time Coordinator of Faith Formation for grades 7 & 8 and our Confirmation Program. Job description will be provided upon request.

Those interested in being considered for either position are asked to send their resume to Msgr. Emery at: msgremery@aol.com

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Friday, March 19, 2021, at 7:30 P.M.

(The Holy Hour will directly follow the Stations of the Cross.)

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Invite your friends and family to come pray with us!





Lenten Penance Service

Our Lady of Sorrows WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service. We will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. Prepare your soul for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus by first making a good confession.

Stewardship Reflections

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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.

New Confession start time

Confessions will begin to be heard at 12:45 pm on Saturdays (rather than 1:00 pm) and will continue until 2:00 pm. This adds an additional 15 minutes of scheduled confession time.

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Stations of the Cross

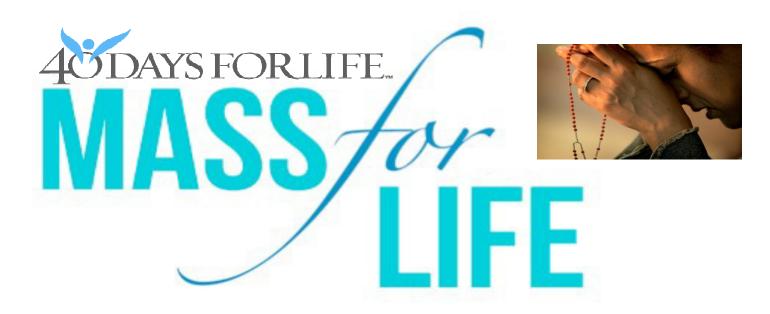
We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm.Please join us as we accompany Our Lord on the road to Calvary.



Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided 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 (1gt, 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 in the front vestibule of the church Monday-Friday 7am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday. 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.



"But this kind (of demon) does not go out except by prayer and fasting" - Matthew 17:21

Saturday, March 27th, 2021

As part of our fall 40 Days for Life Campaign we will be having a Mass and Rosary Procession. Please join us in this public witness for life!

Church of the Immaculate Conception (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) 30 North Fullerton Ave, Montclair, NJ 07042

SCHEDULE

9:00 AM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, part of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish with Father Stephen of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

9:45: to 10:45 AM

Rosary ProcessiontoPrayer Site across the street from Pilgrim Medical Center and return to Immaculate Conception Church

10:45 AM

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The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of

Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

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The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.





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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

5:30 PM Sal Gatto

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

8:00 AM Ann O. Coakley 10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM The Deceased Members of the

Lambusta & Abramo Families

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

7:00AM Phyllis Merant Special Intention

12:00 PM Walter Wiggins Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM David Kugel

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish 12:00PM Christopher Staszak

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

8:30 AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM David Kugel

VIGIL MASS MARCH 27, 2021

5:30 PM Walter A. Mattheis

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Gary Clemens 11:30 AM George O'Neil

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: *Mary Judith* (*Judy*) *Clohosey and Dorothy Wilkos*. We pray for the repose of their souls and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

In Memoriam

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

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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.

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