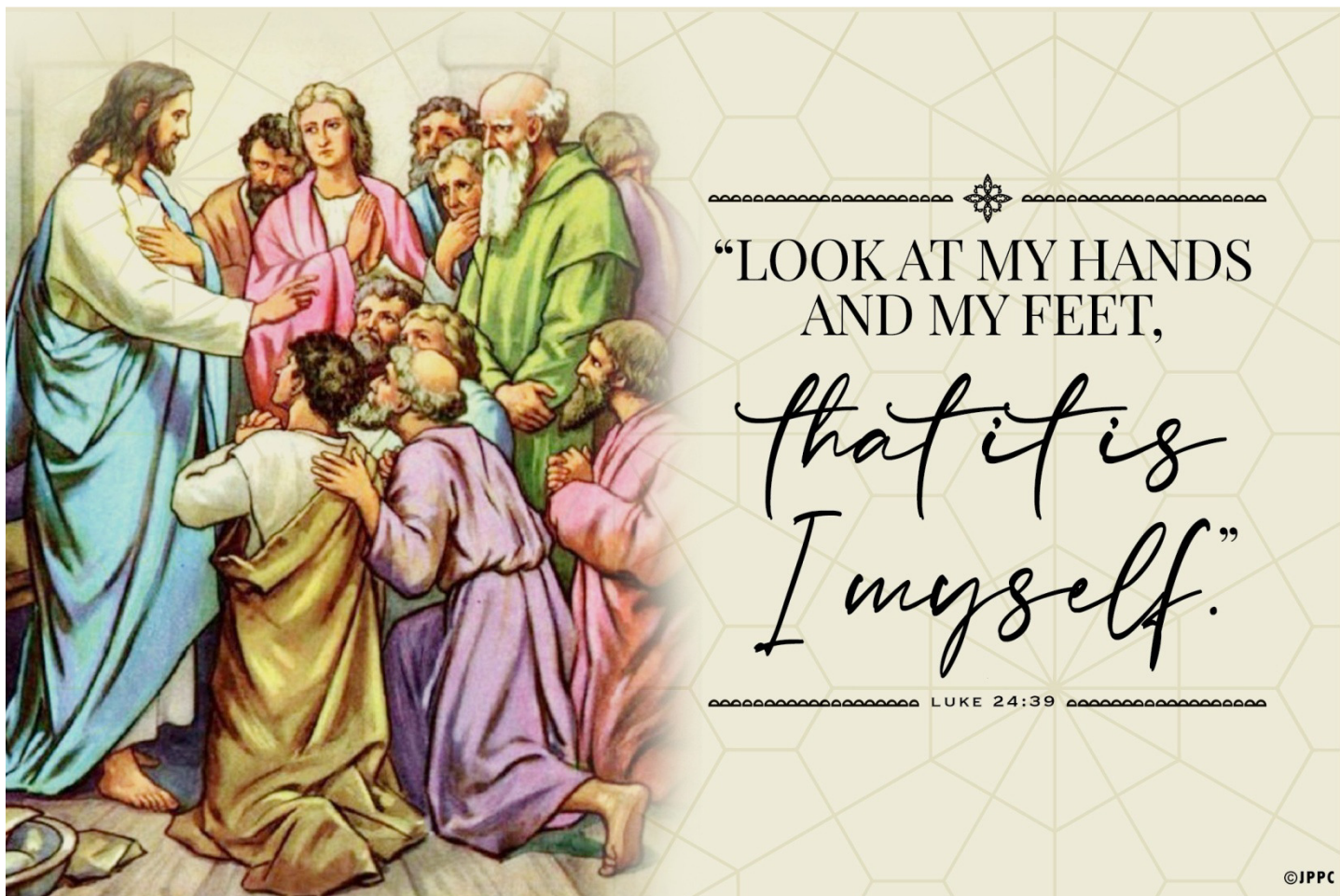


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April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

A Message From Fr. Brian

I love being a pastor, especially at Our Lady of Sorrows! I am so blessed to be a part of this parish family and to help to build up the Kingdom of God in our little corner of the world. I must admit, though, that one of things I don't like to do (and I know that I'm not alone in this!) is appealing to your financial generosity. Yet, it's one of my roles and I take seriously my obligation to help build up a culture of stewardship in our parish.

The parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows have been so supportive of the parish during the pandemic. Our Sunday collections have been strong and, as a parish, I am happy to report that we are in a very solid financial situation. I must now call upon your generosity to support the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Aside from looking out after our own parish needs, we must also see ourselves as called to support the wider works of the Archdiocese of Newark. While we all love being parishioners of OLS, we also belong to the wider church of the Archdiocese (and to the universal Catholic Church).

The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission. It supports the efforts of the Archdiocese in proclaiming the Gospel, of passing on the faith to future generations, and of caring for the poor and those on the margins. While we do an awful lot in those areas here at OLS, there are many other programs and ministries in which we are not directly involved but which we are called to support.

The programs and ministries within the Archdiocese that depend on the Annual Appeal include the following:

Caring for the Poor and Vulnerable:

Catholic Charities
Hospital and Prison Ministry
Ministry with Persons with Disabilities
Respect Life Office
Protecting God's Children

Proclaiming the Gospel:

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Office of Evangelization
Office of Family Life
International Missions
Ministry with the Deaf

Passing on the Faith:

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Catechetical Office (CCD)
College Campus Ministry (including at SHU!)
Catholic Schools (including OLS!)

Forming Future Priests and Supporting Retired Clergy:

Seminarian Education
Continuing Formation of Priests
Priest Health Care

As you can see, A LOT of people are served by the Annual Appeal. We can all be proud of the enormous work that the Catholic Church does throughout the world and right here in the Archdiocese. Can you imagine how impoverished so many people (including right here in northern New Jersey) would be without the support of the Catholic Church? Without the Annual Appeal, our mission as a church would be hindered to a degree that none of us would wish to contemplate.

Our parish's goal for the Annual Appeal is \$75,607. This amount was calculated based on our annual ordinary parish revenues. As of April 13th, a total of 84 parishioners have pledged \$35,335. This represents 46.74% of our goal. As you can see, we have a long way to go to.

If we make our parish goal by June 30th, our annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will drop from 18% to 16%, which would save the parish about \$25,000 per year. In addition, if we fail to make our goal, the parish will be obligated to make up the difference. So, for example, if by June 30th we have raised only \$50,000 of our goal, the parish will have to write a check to the Archdiocese for \$25,607.

What all of this means is that, in helping countless people within the Archdiocese who benefit from the many ministries and programs of the Archdiocese, we are also aiding our own parish.

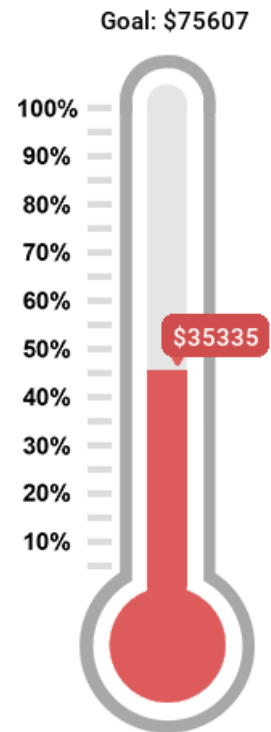
To the 84 parishioners who have already made a donation to the Annual Appeal, thank you! If you have not yet had the chance to do so or haven't given it any thought, I ask that you consider doing so.

To make a donation, go here: <https://support.rcan.org/a/donate> (be sure to designate Our Lady of Sorrows as your parish).

As I noted at the beginning of this column, I don't particularly care for this part of my role as pastor, but I do feel an obligation to make you aware of our call to stewardship of the many blessings we have received from our benevolent God. Thank you for the many ways you have responded to that call already!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

April 11th Week 41 Y. to Date

Collection	\$11,343	\$482,250
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$493,577

Easter: \$32,899 Budgeted: \$39,000

Assessment \$600

Thank you for your continued support!

**OLS welcomes the choral ensemble EMBER
on Friday, April 16 at 8PM**

The critically acclaimed choral ensemble will present a live and virtual concert entitled *Release*. They will examine in music that moment in our lives when we pass between what was and what will be. The concert will begin with Eric Whitacre's gentle wish for universality through "singing together, standing together...always." The cornerstone of *Release* is Ola Gjeilo's "Dark Night of the Soul" on texts written in the 16th century by St. John of the Cross. For this piece, Ember singers will be joined by a string quartet from the American Modern Ensemble. Additional selections include the popular theme from *The Mission*: "Gabriel's Oboe." "Under the Willow Tree" from Samuel Barber's opera *Vanessa*, "Sing Out My Soul" by Marques L. Garrett, and "Nada teturbe" by Joan Szymko. The concert will close with the uplifting spiritual "Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air." "We learned new ways of living and working; new ways of being human with other humans throughout the pandemic," remarked Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, Founder and Artistic Director. "Some [of these] we may elect to retain, having learned new things that enhance life. Together, we seek to acknowledge the sense of loss and disorder that we are left with and to make a proactive choice to hold more lightly some parts of life that may have seemed essential in the past." Tickets are available at www.scholaonhudson.org and start at \$10.

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?

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 (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 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.



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As we pray that all human life be shepherded from
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Directly following the 11:30 A.M. Mass, we will have an
outdoor procession to the Seton Hall University campus,
where there will be a prayer and worship service

Sunday, April 25, 2021, at 11:30 A.M.

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Invite your friends and family to join us
for this special event!

For more info, contact Elena Santoliquido at
elena.santoliquido@gmail.com



Prayer Novena for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life

At Mass this weekend, be sure to take home one of these prayer cards. We ask that you pray this prayer every day up to and including April 25th, which is Good Shepherd Sunday (the prayer is also on the reverse of the prayer card):

"O Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocation. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life. Amen."



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<http://www.olschurch.com>

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.**

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The 2021 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by _____

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Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) _____ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

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Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 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.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



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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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VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

5:30 PM Antoinette Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Michael McDonnell

11:30 AM Helen Inglis

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Richard Pfannenstiel - Special Intention

12:00 PM John Natale

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

7:00AM Patricia Boyle Neu

12:00 PM Katherine Phillips

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

7:00 AM Frank McLoughlin

12:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

7:00AM Edward Reuter

12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

7:00 AM Anne Nausid- Special Intention

12:00 PM Sr. Mary Stephen Christian, S.C.C.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

8:30 AM Diana Barber

12:00 PM Dorothy Wilkos

VIGIL MASS APRIL 24, 2021

5:30 PM George O'Neill

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Vincentia Lewis

11:30 AM James DeMeo

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 **Sr. Stephen Christian, S.C.C.** Requested by Maria Wilms.

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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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

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