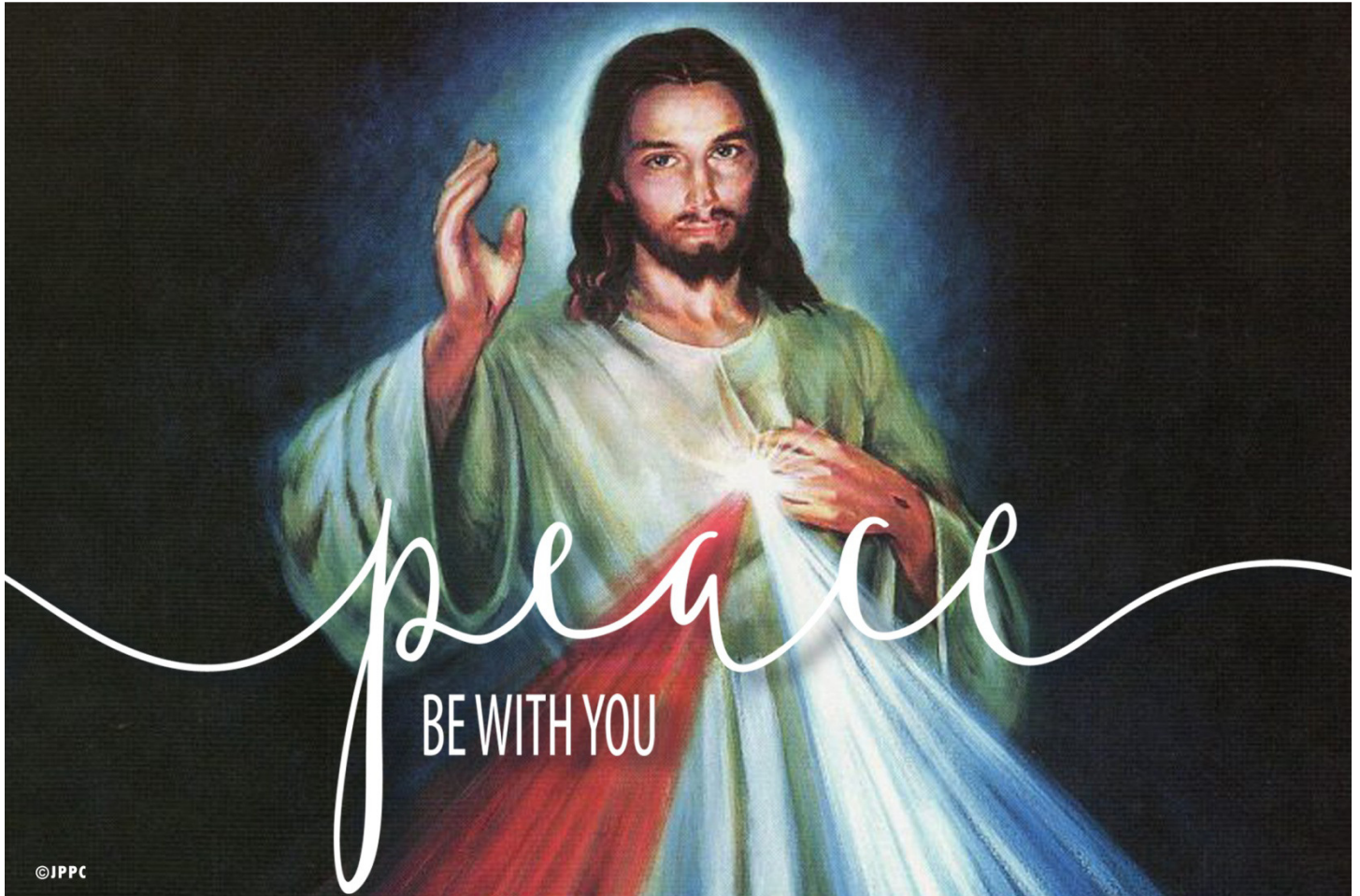


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

Penance: Confessions Saturday 1:00 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 and arrange communion calls

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April 19, 2020
Divine Mercy Sunday

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

The story is told of a politician who, after receiving the proofs of a picture, was very angry with the photographer. He stormed back to the man's studio and screamed at him: "This picture does not do me justice!" The photographer replied, "Sir, with a face like yours, what you need is mercy, not justice!"

Lots of people like to pit God's mercy against His justice. The truth is, God is both infinitely merciful and infinitely just. Neither is greater or less than the other. This Sunday, though, we focus on God's mercy. This Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, is also called Divine Mercy Sunday. Today's Gospel takes place a few days after the disciples had let Jesus down in His moment of greatest need. They had all made confident declarations of loyalty. But, when trouble came, they ran and hid like children. Did Jesus hold that against them? No, of course not. He said, "Peace be with you." At that moment their failings and their shortcomings melted away. They had experienced the infinite nature of Our Lord's Divine Mercy.

The best and surest way to experience the mercy of God is in the confessional. During this lockdown, we've been directed by the Archdiocese to not hear confessions unless it's an extreme emergency. The fact that we priests cannot hear confessions right now saddens me to no end, knowing how important the Sacrament of Reconciliation is to our people, knowing that it allows you to encounter God's infinite and Divine Mercy.

In the situation we are now in, we are not left without options. If confession is not available (like now), a private act of "perfect contrition" does allow for the forgiveness of mortal (grave) sins. Perfect contrition for our sins requires sorrow for our sins based upon a deep love for God, loving Him above all else, together with a firm resolution not to commit them again.

"Imperfect contrition" is sorrow for our sins based primarily and firstly upon the fear of the punishment of Hell, rather than the fact that our sins stand in the way of having a deep love for God. Imperfect contrition is not sufficient to obtain the forgiveness of mortal sin without sacramental confession to a priest.

How do we go about making an act of perfect contrition? First, we must strive to have that real sorrow because of our love for God. There are many formulas for making an act of contrition. A common one expresses our contrition this way: *"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin."*

Second, together with this act of perfect contrition, we must firmly resolve to go to confession when that becomes possible. The Sacrament of Reconciliation cannot be replaced by making perfect acts of contrition. Christ gave us that Sacrament as the ordinary way of being reunited with him, of returning to a state of grace.

Recently, Pope Francis encouraged us to ask God for forgiveness and then to go to confession when we are able. He said, "You do what the *Catechism* says. It is very clear: if you do not find a priest to hear your confession, speak to God, he is your father, and tell him the truth... Promise him: 'Later I will confess, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to the grace of God,"

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let's turn to our Father in Heaven and be truly sorry for our sins out of love for Him, confident that He will extend to us His infinite mercy.

Easter Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

April 12	Week 42	Y. to Date
Collection	\$4,680	\$503,730
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$557,308

Easter Collection \$28,628

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Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.
<http://www.olschurch.com>

Stewardship Reflections

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19
Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

Pope Francis' prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping
your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon Himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy
Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS and HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

Sadly, you are not able to enter our beautiful Church at this time, but thanks to our live streaming platform, you can still “attend” Mass by means of our live streaming platform.

You can view the live stream on our new YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrYouG9jGDnm3Dxp2fOZYcQ?>

A link to YouTube will also be available on our Facebook group page as we start the liturgy:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163360657011257/>



Schedule of our upcoming live streamed liturgies:

**Daily Mass 10:00 am
&
Sunday Mass 10:00 am**



The Archdiocese of Newark has partnered with GoFundMe Charity to help parishes during this time when parish finances are being so negatively affected. This is a coordinated and unified effort by the Archdiocese and all parishes within the Archdiocese.

Thankfully, Cardinal Tobin has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment in support of donations given through this GoFundMe. The assessment is an administrative fee charged to parishes to support archdiocesan operations and ministries. We will not have to pay that 18% fee for contributions made through GoFundMe, which charges only a small fee per donation to cover payment processing, as is typical for online fundraising platforms. Aside from that small fee, every penny that you give will go directly to OLS.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish. Visit our parish GoFundMe Charity page: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/our-lady-of-sorrows-south-orange>

The funding flow for this initiative offers both simplicity and transparency for our parish community and others who choose to contribute:

- All money raised through individual parish GoFundMe pages will flow into a central archdiocesan fund, and the Parish Business Services team will aim to release all funds to parishes in the amount raised for the parish within the week.
- Pastors, parishioners, and the public can track how much each parish has raised in total on their individual parish GoFundMe pages.
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically.

You may, of course, continue to support our parish by means of mailing in your weekly envelope or by using our regular online giving portal, which can be found at the bottom of our web page. Please note, though, that contributions through those 2 means will continue to be assessed by the Archdiocese, while contributions to the GoFundMe Charity will not be assessed. In other words, your donation will go much further through GoFundMe Charity.

No matter how you choose to give, please know how incredibly grateful we are! Thank you, God bless you, and Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!



HOMEBOUND Connections

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

We recognize that many of our parishioners live alone and, especially during this time of the coronavirus, are not able to leave their home. If you are one of our precious seniors, if you are homebound, if you cannot leave your home due to a compromised immune system, we ask you to let us know. We would like to call you to check in on you.

Aside from simply checking up on you, we are able to run errands for you. If you need grocery shopping done, or a prescription picked up, or any other errand run, our volunteers are ready to help you. *Our choir members are even anxious to call you and sing you a song!* And this is not just a temporary ministry necessitated by the coronavirus, but will become a new ongoing ministry of our parish.

Please send us your name and phone number by emailing us at: olscares@gmail.com. You can also call Sr. Mary Selina at 201-345-7380 and give her the information. We look forward to serving you!



SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020

5:30 PM Erminio & Giuseppa Pagliuca

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

8:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM James J. DeMeo

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

7:00 AM Margaret Paulson

12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

7:00 AM Fred DeMeo

12:00 PM Mass of Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

7:00 AM Marie Manno

12:00 PM Gladys & Richard Cohan – Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

7:00AM Monica Mrozak

12:00 PM Jacinta & Paschal Holmes – Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

7:00AM Monica Mrozak

12:00 PM Maria Wilms –Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

8:30 AM William George Atterbury

12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

VIGIL MASS APRIL 25, 2020

5:30 PM Sally Curley

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Joshua Dibble

11:30 AM Victor LeBlane

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Mark Gagliardi**. Requested by Margaret & Don Bender.

OFFER OF GIFTS

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

IN MEMORIAM

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

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, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto and Melissa O'Brien.

