

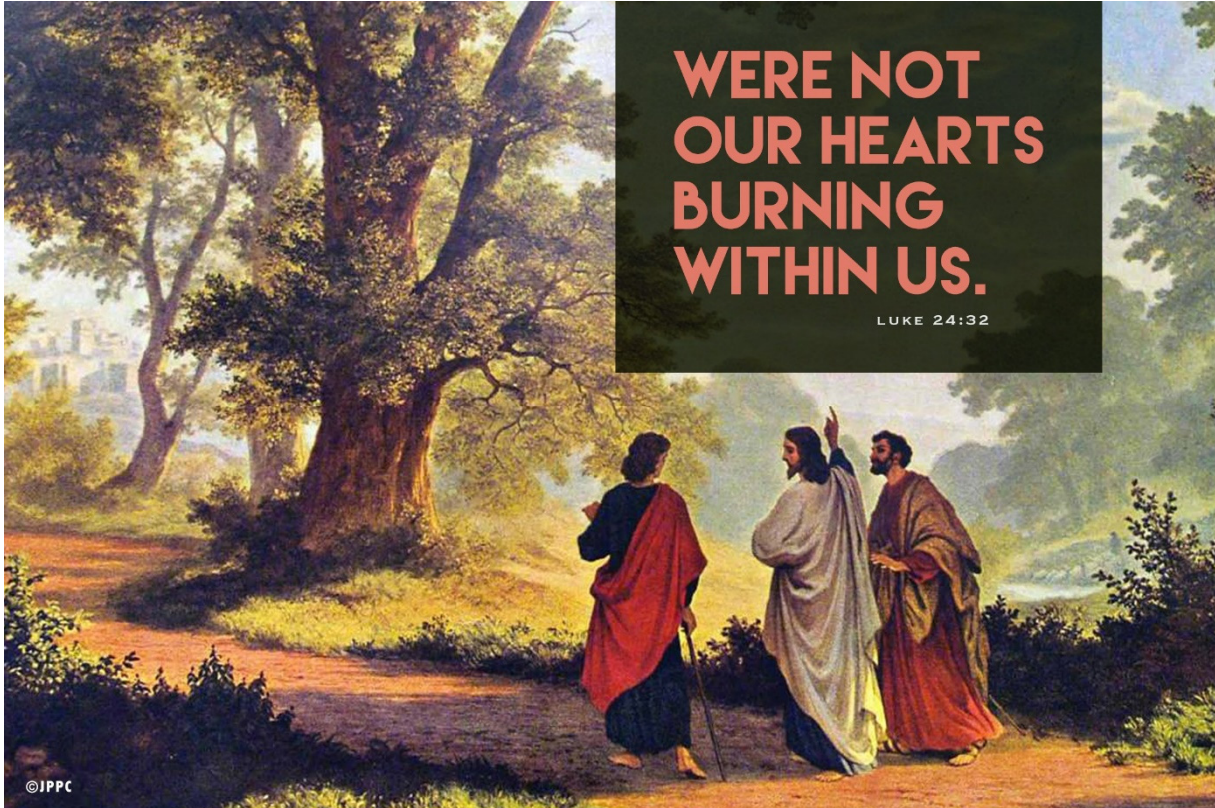


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**WERE NOT
OUR HEARTS
BURNING
WITHIN US.**

LUKE 24:32

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

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

Our late and great Pope Benedict XVI, when commenting on this Sunday's Gospel of the 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus, wrote, "This episode shows the effects that the Risen Christ works in two disciples: conversion from despair to hope; conversion from sorrow to joy; and also conversion to community life."

Every Christian's life is (or should be!) on a journey of continual conversion, and hopefully this Easter season has seen growth in each of us of a deepening sense of joy and hope in our lives and a desire to live out our faith in a more communitarian way.

I am happy to note that after 3 long years of the pandemic, our parish is growing in many ways. Our parish faith programming and ministries are now back to pre-pandemic levels and the number of families registered in the parish grows every day. This demonstrates a sense among many of us that we wish to do as Pope Benedict urged, that is, to grow in the virtues of hope and joy and to undergo a "conversion to community life."

That "community life" expresses itself and is lived out most immediately in our parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. We must, though, remember that we also belong to a much larger faith community, the Archdiocese of Newark (as well as the universal, worldwide Catholic Church). One of the ways we can help others outside our immediate parish community experience greater hope and joy is through our support of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

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 nevertheless called to support.

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.

As you can see on the opposite page of this bulletin, our parish's goal for the Annual Appeal is \$75,607. As of April 17th, a total of 99 families (representing less than 5% of OLS registered families) have pledged \$66,238, of which \$53,324 has been collected.

We don't have far to put us over the top! But timing is critical. If we make our parish goal in funds collected by June 30th, our annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will drop from 18% to 16%, which because we made our goal last year saved the parish about \$18,000. In addition, our parish receives a rebate of 50% of every dollar above our goal. 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 also aid our own parish. This helps us to do what Pope Benedict wrote about, that is, to experience a greater "conversion to community life."

If you have not yet had the chance to make a contribution to the Annual Appeal, I ask that you consider doing so. You may do so by going here: <https://www.rcan.org/sharing> (please be sure to designate Our Lady of Sorrows as your parish).

As you might imagine, calling upon your generosity is (by far!) the least enjoyable part of my role as pastor. I do feel an obligation, however, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Fr." and "Brian" being capitalized and prominent.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

April 16th	Week 42	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,013	\$501,373
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$489,766

Food Pantry \$300
Candles \$253

Easter (to date) \$35,391
Easter Budget \$39,000

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

Return of the Precious Blood

At per the directive of the Archdiocese of Newark, the distribution at Mass of the Precious Blood was suspended due to Covid. The Archdiocese has now lifted that suspension and we will have the distribution of the Precious Blood at Sunday Masses, beginning on April 16th. Please know that the Host alone contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus and so you should not feel compelled to receive the Precious Blood out of a sense that you are somehow receiving "more of Jesus" when you do so. Jesus is completely present in the consecrated Host alone.




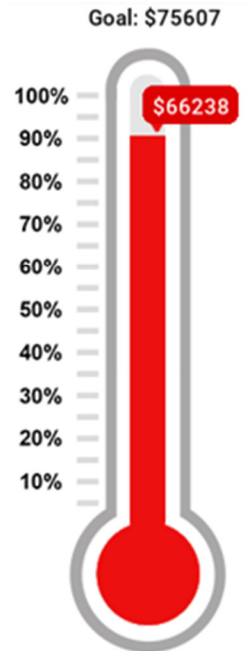
**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship in Action**

Total donors
as of 4-17-23:
99

Total # of OLS families:
2210

To make a gift:





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. Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



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Digital newsletter today! Go to our website
main page under news and events.
<http://www.olschurch.com>**

**Congratulations to our fourth 2023
Calendar Raffle Winner!**

Congratulations to Tony George on winning our 4th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Tony won \$1,500! Tony'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 8 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 May 15th. Good luck to everyone!

Meet Our Staff

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OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide 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:

- **Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00** – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- **Saturday: 8:00-6:00** – Church front vestibule
- **Sunday: 8:00-12:00** – Church front vestibule
- ***Please do not leave food at the Rectory.***

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.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

5:30 PM The Kirk Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

8:00 AM Patrick Joseph McHugh

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM James J. DeMeo

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

7:00 AM Franklin Caputo

12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Teddy Szperlak and Family Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

7:00 AM Kenneth F.X. Kunzman

12:00 PM Bernadette Zimmerman

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

7:00 AM Marilyn Horton

12:00 PM Brigitte Doeel

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

7:00 AM Rosemary Cadorette

12:00 PM Edward Henry

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

8:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Antonietta DeSiena

VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023

5:30 PM James Sullivan

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Charles Lynch

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, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Jennie Magliaro, Annalise Magilaro, Grace McGrath, Anne O'Brien and Deborah Hebron.



Give thanks to the Lord for He

Is Good. We praise Him for:



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist

Agbomherele Vincent Ajekweneh who came into the fullness of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Vivian Esther Ajekweneh, who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Kimmee Tecalix Valdez and Louis Tecalix Valdez, who completed their initiation into the fullness of their Catholic faith, receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Are you wondering? Is your heart yearning for something more? That Something more is the

Person of Jesus Christ and a share in His Divine Life. St. Augustine said, "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee oh God."

If you desire to come into the fullness of Faith in the Catholic Church next Easter ,please **call now** during this graced Easter Season. When you call ask for Sr. Mary Selina. The Church number is 973-763-5454.

If you are a Catholic but have never been Confirmed, please call and start the process in which the Holy Spirit will come to you in a powerful way as to be able to live your Catholic fully. Ask for Sr. Mary Selina. Again, the number is 973-763-5454.

Calling all Catholics: We are called by Jesus to proclaim the Good News of His Presence in our lives and invite those you know to enter into the fullness of God's Love in His Word and in His Sacraments in the Catholic Church. Please reach out and share your faith with someone you know and extend an invitation to enter into the fullness of the Catholic Church.



REMEMBER & TELL

SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Service

IN PERSON

+
LIVE STREAM

All are invited to
the Rally & Service

Sunday, April 23, 2023

3:15PM RALLY OF REMEMBRANCE

Front lawn at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel
432 Scotland Road, South Orange

4:00PM 46th Annual REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, 432 Scotland Road., South Orange
and LIVE STREAM at rememberandtell.org/2023

Guest Speaker: Fred Polak

Fred Polak is the child of Dutch Holocaust survivors, Jaap (Jack) and Ina. His parents' love story began in a concentration camp and endured for decades. The love letters they secretly exchanged strengthened them during a time of untold hardship. Jack's letters, which miraculously survived, became the basis for a book and inspired the award-winning documentary, "**Steal A Pencil For Me.**" Fred continues his parents' commitment to Holocaust education and will speak about the lessons to be learned from the Holocaust. Excerpts from the movie will be shown.



The Sister Rose Thering Holocaust Education Award Recipient:

Jim Ferruggiaro

For information and live stream link visit us at: www.rememberandtell.org/2023

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