

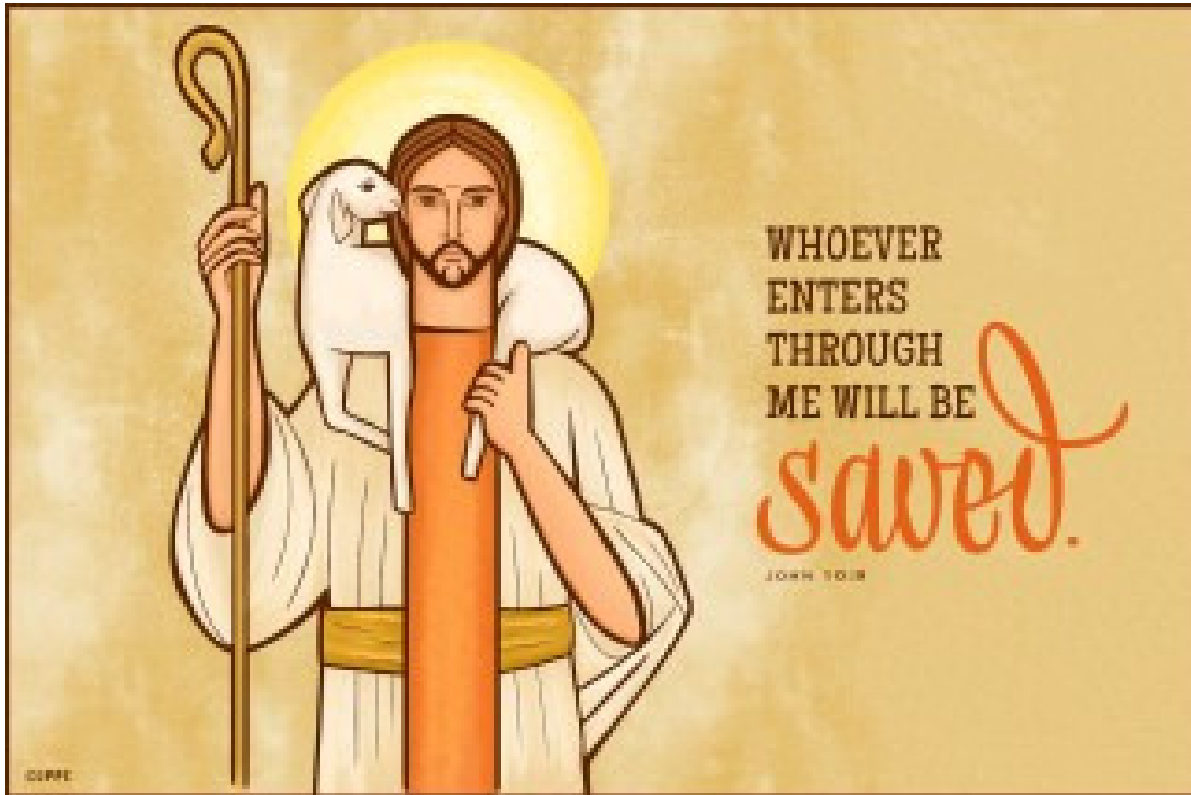


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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

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

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April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

One of the things that always seems to strike at the sensibilities of non-Christians – as well as some Christians – are the numerous paradoxes that make up our mysterious and beautiful faith. For example, a few paradoxes are: the Cross leads to the Crown, we must lose our lives to save them, God is three in one, we must become poor to become rich. And then there's the strange, paradoxical image that we find in this Sunday's readings: Jesus is both Lamb and Shepherd.

The 4th Sunday of Easter is always Good Shepherd Sunday and in the Gospel we hear how Jesus talks about being a shepherd to His sheep. But we also know that Jesus is often described as the Lamb, the spotless Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. So Jesus is both the Lamb and the Shepherd. That's a paradox. But it's a paradox that makes perfect sense.

The reason that Jesus is Shepherd is precisely because He first offered His life as the Lamb, as the Victim. And we are His flock, sometimes lost in the dark, afraid, surrounded by the terrors of the night. But Christ the Good Shepherd comes and finds each one of us and leads us safely home.

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep and they follow His voice. I don't know about you, but I have an impossible time telling the difference between identical twins. But I have not yet found a parent of twins who couldn't tell them apart. Why? Because parents are intimately acquainted with their children. The Good Shepherd likewise is able to tell which sheep is which because He intimately knows them and so they follow His voice.

Next Saturday, May 6th, at two separate Masses, 48 of the young people of our parish will follow the voice of Jesus as He leads them to the altar for their First Holy Communion! What a blessing for them and their families! We are grateful to our religious education department, led by Jen Noll and Colleen McDonald, as well as our parish school, and for the teachers and catechists who have helped to prepare our children for this very blessed day. May Jesus the Good Shepherd continually lead these children back to the altar of God so that they may be constantly fed and nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist.

Some of the children who make their First Communion on May 6th will lead us in our annual May Crowning ceremony at the 10:00 am Mass on May 7th. The month of May is traditionally devoted to our Blessed Mother and it's a beautiful tradition to crown Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth at the beginning of May. As the old hymn puts it: "Bring flow'rs of the fairest, bring flow'rs of the rarest...O Mary! we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May!" What a beautiful tribute this will be to Mary on Mother's Day!

Mary herself carried the flesh of Jesus within her for 9 months. In a very real sense, she became a tabernacle, as she carried within her the Eternal Word made Flesh, God Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Each of the 48 children of our parish who make their First Holy Communion on May 6th will likewise become tabernacles: living, breathing, moving, walking tabernacles, carrying within them the same Jesus that Mary carried within herself. And the same thing happens to each one of us as we receive Holy Communion. What an incredible gift! Each time we receive Communion, may we receive Jesus with the same joy, fervor, reverence, purity, and grateful hearts as though it were our first, last, and only Communion!

Good Shepherd Sunday Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

April 23rd	Week 43	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,321	\$512,694
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$501,554

Food Pantry \$8,106
Candles \$340

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

**Pilgrimage - New Jersey Fatima Shrine -
Saturday, May 20, 2023**

You are invited to travel with members of the OLS Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus *Regina Pacis* Council to the Fatima Shrine in Washington, NJ. Pilgrims will meet for a light breakfast at OLS at 9 am, carpool to the Shrine and return to OLS by 5:15 pm.

Pilgrimage highlights include:

- Visit replica of the Fatima Capelinha and hear a talk on the "Fatima Apparitions."
- Participate in community recitation of the Rosary and attend Mass at the Shrine's church.
- Opportunities for Confession.
- Lunch at Mamma Maria's Italian Restaurant - estimated cost per pilgrim - less than \$17.50.
- Visit replica of Holy House of Loreto, and hear a talk on "Fatima Devotions."
- Free time to visit gift shop and other Shrine sites, Outdoor Stations; St. Padre Pio shrine, St. Therese and St. St. Francis gardens, etc.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact Rosary Society President, Kathy Shelffo at kathyshelffo@gmail.com, or Knights of Columbus member, John Robertson at maryleads2@aol.com.



Thank You!

A huge thank you to those who attended last weekend's Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service, including Deacon Andrew Lee and the members of our parish choir, under the direction of Preston Dibble, who contributed so much to the service. It was an important community event to remember the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and to stand up to all forms of hatred. Interested in joining our efforts? Go to: www.rememberandtell.org.

olschurchministries@gmail.com'. Below that, in white text, is 'PS: If you're a parent in need, I'll help find you a babysitter!'. At the very bottom, in small white text, is a paragraph: 'In this Workshop, we'll learn the practice of "Lectio Divina," an accessible 4 step approach to Scripture reading practiced by monks and laity alike since the early Church. We'll then separate into small groups and engage in this style of prayer together!'."/>



The OLS Knights of Columbus *Regina Pacis* Council is sponsoring a pro-life fundraiser. Here's how you can participate:

- Pick up a baby bottle after Masses on the weekend of *May 20-21*.
- Take the baby bottle home and fill it with spare change, cash, or a check (payable to First Choice), while at the same time praying for First Choice as they serve and empower women in preserving the lives of the unborn and the newborn.
- Return the baby bottle on the weekend of *June 17-18*.

To learn more about First Choice and the important, live-saving work they do: <https://1stchoicefriends.org/>

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?



May Crowning

Please join the OLS Rosary Society and our parish First Communicants as we honor Our Lady on Sunday, May 7th, at the 10:00 am Mass.

The Rosary Society's next meeting is Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00 pm in the lower chapel. All are invited to pray the Rosary together and join us for a meeting and refreshments afterward. All are welcome! Contact kathysheffo@gmail.com with any questions

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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

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Ann Buff

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Maryann Capano

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Patricia J. Smith - 24th Anniversary

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

7:00 AM Patrick Kevin McHugh

12:00 PM Beatrice Erivo

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

8:30 AM Grace McGrath

12:00 PM People of the Parish

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

5:30 PM Mary Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8:00 AM Antonette Mantone

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Members of the Ford Family

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Jennie Magliaro**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen.

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, Anne O'Brien and Deborah Hebron.



2023 Mass Book

The 2023 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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Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) _____ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon
Date (Saturday) _____ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

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