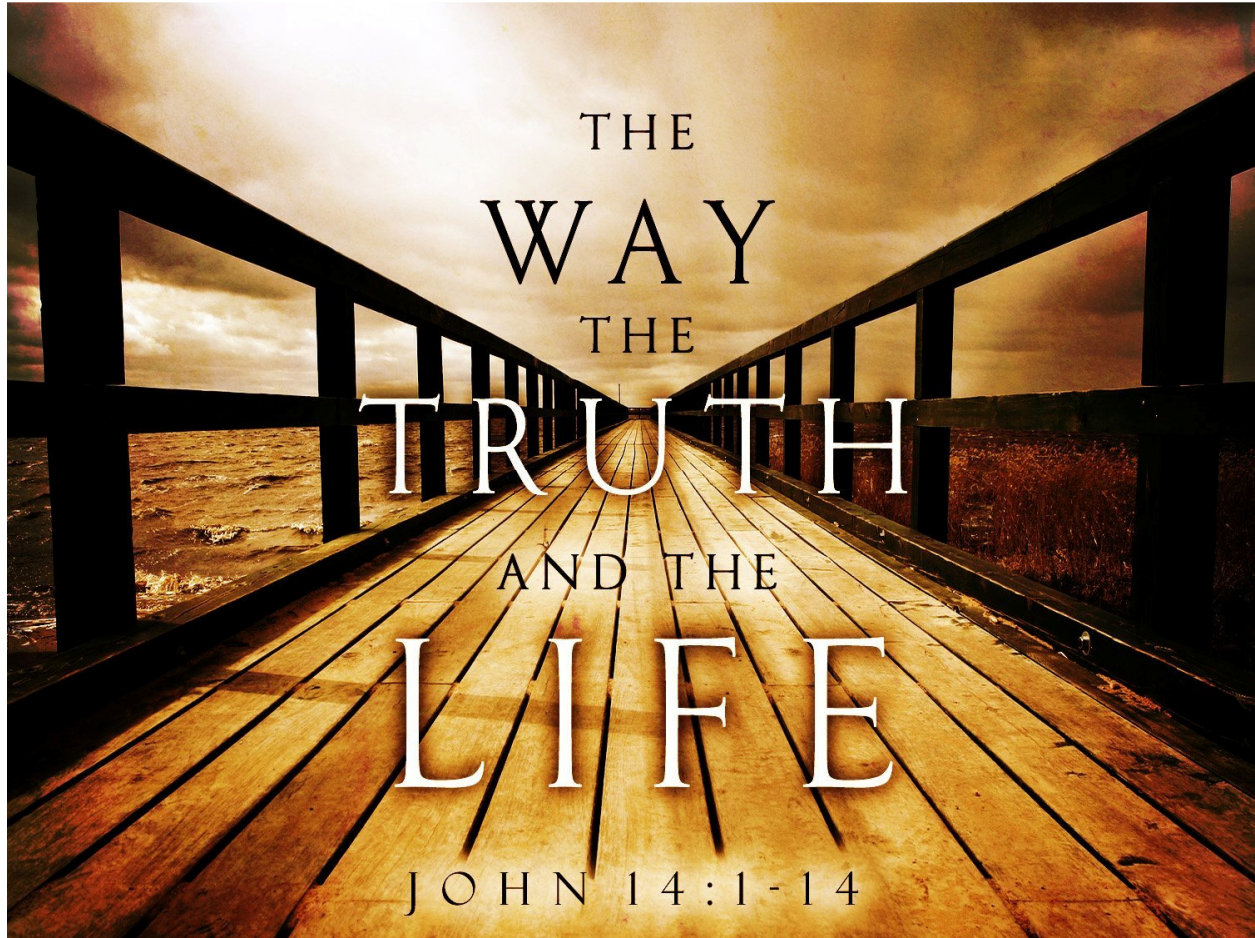


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*

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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5th Sunday of Easter

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A Message from Jen Noll

What Is Jesus Telling You To Do This Mother's Day?

Mother's Day celebrations at the Noll house are a bit unusual. Our entire family really enjoys playing games, so each year before dinner all of the moms in attendance compete in special Mother's Day challenges where we battle to "win" our favorite flowers, chocolates and kid-made craft projects. Some years feature simple games of chance with door prizes. Other years look more like a miniature version of the OLS Tricky Tray. Last year we played a trivia game entitled, "*Which Mom..?*" Acting as host, my husband gave out clues like, "Which Mom actually enjoys cleaning?" (Sadly, me.) Or, "Which Mom has the biggest collection of sheep figurines?" (Definitely not me.) We all laughed together as the clues grew more outrageous, the prizes got bigger and everyone's competitive spirits rose. Happily, as last year's champion I won the "bonus round" prize of the day: a gorgeous hydrangea for my garden.

I planted my "winnings" in my small Marian garden under the watchful ceramic eye of Mary. I initially chose the spot simply because the previous plant there had died. But now, as I look back on my choice, I think my shovel must have been directed by the Holy Spirit. Last year's hydrangea is now beginning to spring back to life and when I look at it I am reminded not only of all the amazing mothers in my family, but also of Mary: the Mother of God and our Mother. My Marian garden reminds me daily to place all my worries and anxieties at the feet of Our Lady.

So these days, when I begin to feel sad about not being able to be with the women I adore this Mother's Day or about all the holidays that I haven't been able to spend with my grandmothers who have passed away, I say a Hail Mary while admiring my Mother's Day hydrangea. When I do, I can't help feeling a sense of peace. It is then that I have no doubt that Mary, who understands sorrow better than any other mother, is watching over me and my family, near, far and deceased, just as surely as her image rests above my garden.

But what can I do to show my love for Mary this Mother's Day? Clearly, raffle tickets and trivia games aren't the way to Mary's heart the way they are to mine. Like all mothers though, Mary enjoys staying close to her children- and I can certainly do this through prayer. But I suspect that the gifts Mary treasures the most are all the times we follow the advice she gave to the servants at the wedding in Cana and, "*Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you.*" (John 2:5)

So, what is Mary's son telling you to do this Mother's Day? To me, Christ continues to implore me to bring the children of our parish into a loving encounter with him through my vocation as a catechist. Chances are good that He just might be telling you the same thing too because, after all, the final thing Jesus did in the Gospel of Matthew was to commission the disciples, saying, "*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations*".

If you think Christ is telling you to join the efforts of our parish to bring our young people closer to Him, please give prayerful consideration to joining our catechetical team when classes (hopefully) resume this Fall. The thrill of watching a child make a lasting connection with Christ is even more exciting than winning a competitive Mother's Day game of chance- and one sure to make His mother smile.

Jen Noll
Catechetical Coordinator

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 3 rd	Week 45	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,798	\$529,990
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$597,115
Easter Collection \$34,458		

Congratulations to our fourth calendar raffle winner!

Congratulations to Katy Walmsley on winning the fourth of 12 monthly drawings in our new calendar raffle. Katy won \$1,500! Joy'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 drop the raffle form with a \$120 check in the mail. Our next drawing is June 2nd. Good luck to everyone!

Bored?

Don't be bored while stuck at home! Become more deeply engaged in your faith! Our Lady of Sorrows offers you free access to FORMED, an online depository of wonderful books, movies, audios, and much more. Here's how to sign up and start enjoying all those benefits:

1. Go to: www.formed.org
2. Enter our parish code: RJCHGZ (if requested)
3. Create a personal account with your email address and a password
4. Start enjoying the best Christian content all in one place!

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<http://www.olschurch.com>

Mass intentions during the pandemic

Please know that the Mass intentions listed in the bulletin are all being fulfilled during this time of pandemic.

The listed 7:00 am Mass intention for Monday through Friday and for 8:30 am on Saturday is celebrated at a daily 9:00 am in the Convent with our religious Sisters.

The listed 12:00 Mass intention for Monday through Saturday is celebrated at our daily 10:00 live streamed Mass.

The listed 5:30 pm Mass intention for Saturday and the listed intentions for the Sunday Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am are all celebrated by our 4 priests at the Sunday 10:00 am live streamed Mass.

The sacrifice of Holy Mass is the greatest prayer that a priest can offer and we priests at OLS have been scrupulous in ensuring that all of the Mass intentions are faithfully celebrated.

Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus, hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
 St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.
 St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.



Months Seven and Eight: Developing Baby

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed and has been since about eight weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight and making his mom uncomfortable with his size. In a short time the baby will be born. His mother has plans to take him home or to place him for adoption into a loving family. She knows she can receive assistance from the church and pregnancy resource centers.

Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers that you have said for her and her baby throughout her pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace to seek the help she needs.

"Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary's protection." — St. Gianna Molla

To be a volunteer or to learn more, email Elena at elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or Katharine at katharinetownsend@hotmail.com.

Facebook: facebook.com/olsprolife | Instagram: @olsprolife.

Catholic Charities Bins To Open Again

Sentinel Management has notified Catholic Charities that our Donation Bins are anticipated to be open as of May 18th. We are grateful for your patience and look forward to your continued support. We need clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and children's books.

We pray for an end of this virus in our society and throughout the world.

Thank you with all our heart.

Suggestions for staying close spiritually while maintaining a safe and respectful social distance:

1) Begin each day with prayer. Ask Jesus to stay close to you and to all your family and friends. Pray for the health and well being of everyone you associate with, and of all God's people throughout the world.

2) Express your love and concern for the people you live with your spouse, children, other relatives or friends. Comfort and encourage them when they are frightened and feeling closed in or helpless.

3) Reach out to other family members, friends and colleagues by telephone, texting, email and other forms of social media. Let them know that you are close to them and that you share their experiences and anxiety.

4) Attend Mass and other prayers and devotions virtually. Many opportunities are available each day on television, radio and online. Participation in the life of the Church can help us feel more closely connected with God and with each other. Make the following spiritual Communion: *Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.*

5) As you go about your daily business working remotely, studying at home, doing spring cleaning, caring for children or family members, preparing dinner, doing laundry, and more look for opportunities to offer up your activities to God in gratitude for His closeness to you.



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all
MOTHERS
Beautiful and wonderful
they fill the earth
Gracious in Your call they
carry life
In a bond of love they bring
forth a child.

Happy Mother's Day



We ask You to bless all
MOTHERS today
May they feel the joys of motherhood
everyday
In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION**
be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
The pride and beauty of a family they bear
Through all pain and sorrow Lord
deliver them
In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE**
may they always stay.
AMEN!

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

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!

Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

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.



Email olssvdp@aol.com if you are in need of assistance.

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.



SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

5:30 PM All Mothers Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

8:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins

12:00 PM Briand Eugene

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

7:00 AM Alex – Special Intention

12:00 PM Marie Manno

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato

12:00 PM Rita Shannon – Special Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

7:00AM Deacon John Inguaggiato

12:00 PM Anna Bryson – Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2020

7:00AM Deacon John Inguaggiato

12:00 PM Angelo LeMola

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020

8:30 AM Patricia Wiggins

12:00 PM Mary Ellen Rusten – Special Intention

VIGIL MASS MAY 16, 2020

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

11:30 AM Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr. Centennial

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in Loving Memory of **Susan 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.

