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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 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

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May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

This past Monday evening, we concluded our small group video series entitled *The Search*. It was a real blessing for the 40 participants, who met on 7 Monday evenings via Zoom. Each Monday evening consisted of a half hour video and then we split up into small groups for another half hour to discuss the video that we had just viewed.

We all agreed that one of the greatest benefits derived from meeting like this was the connections that we made with one another. The small groups were composed of individuals who did not necessarily know each other (except to recognize each other's faces in church). By the end of the series, new relationships were formed and a real bond was created among all of the participants. We all agreed that after a year of the pandemic, it was so nice to connect with others in this way as we explored our faith together. We look forward to offering another series in the Fall when more connections can be made with fellow parishioners.

Our experience with *The Search* is just one more proof that we are most definitely made for community, for relationships, for connecting with others. Of course, the greatest connection or relationship that we can make is the one we have with Jesus Christ. In this Sunday's Gospel, He tells us: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."*

Abiding in Jesus and allowing Him to abide in us is the calling of every Christian disciple. When we remain connected to Jesus, we can bear much fruit in His Kingdom. But Jesus also tells us that *"without me you can do nothing."* A branch that is not connected to the vine withers and dies. The reverse is also true: When a branch is connected to the vine, it can flourish. When we stay united to Jesus, we can grow, flourish, and bear much fruit. Our 2nd reading from St. John makes the same point, and he connects this union with Christ with the keeping of the commandments, especially the command to love one another. He writes, *"Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them."*

Some of the ways that we can remain connected to Jesus the Vine is through personal and liturgical prayers, especially our participation at Mass; by frequent reception of the Eucharist; by receiving His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; by daily reading of the Scriptures; by a lively devotion to Mary, His Mother and our Mother; and by serving one another through acts of charity. There are, of course, dozens of other ways for us to remain more closely united to Jesus. I encourage you to make an examination of conscience and ask yourself how closely you are united to Christ and His Church, how deep your relationship is with Jesus, whether you're bearing real fruit for His Kingdom, and whether you are allowing yourself – the branch – to be nourished daily by Jesus – the Vine.

The wonderful thing of abiding in Christ and allowing Him to abide in us is that this results not only in being united with Jesus, but with us becoming more and more like Jesus in the process. As St. Paul said, *"It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives within me"* (Gal 2:20).

Wishing you a fruitful week,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>April 25th</u>	<u>Week 43</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$12,211	\$504,964
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$517,654

Easter: \$35,792 Budgeted: \$39,000

Food Pantry \$805

Thank you for your continued support!

Christian Initiation Highlights

Three new members were initiated into our Christian Community: Oliver David Haselton, Jacob Corona Krumenaker, and Sariah Grace Jean-Pierre. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 30, 2021.

Reminder about face masks

Please remember to keep your face mask on during the entirety of Mass, lowering it only when you receive Holy Communion. Thank you for your cooperation.



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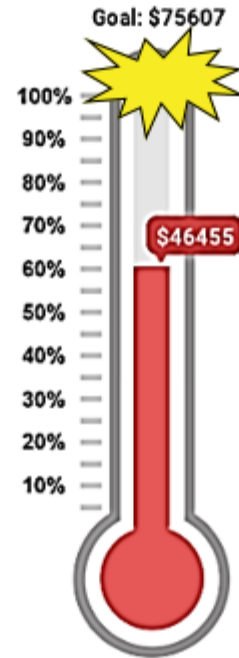
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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?

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>

CCD Thank You

This past week over CCD students and 25 catechists successfully completed a challenging yet rewarding religious education year. Thank you to all of our teachers who made the year possible through a combination of Zooms and self-recorded instructional videos. Thank you to our families who continued to enroll their children in our program and who were willing to fill in any gaps by taking a more active role in the faith education of their kids. That parent-parish partnership was invaluable and deeply appreciated. We pray that the parents who found themselves watching CCD videos and completing CCD assignments with their kids found that they grew closer to both their children and the Lord during the past year. And finally, thanks to a great group of resilient kids who were willing to remain at their computers after a full day of school to learn more about Christ. Our CCD team looks forward to the prospect of being able to see all of our catechists, parents and students this fall when we hope to be able to hold in-person classes once again.

We aim to begin CCD registration in June when we have a clearer understanding of the types of classes we will be allowed to offer. Information about registration for the coming year will be sent out to existing families via email. It will also be posted in our parish bulletin and on the parish website. Families with school-aged children who are not enrolled in a Catholic school should contact Jen Noll (jennollols@gmail.com) for more information about how to become a part of the CCD family here at OLS. Thanks - Jen Noll, Catechetical Coordinator

Sponsor Certificates A reminder:

to receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

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.**

Meet Our Staff

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2021 Mass Book

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Is a Mass card required? Yes No

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

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Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)



VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the
Lambusta&Abramo Families

10:00 AM Maryann Capano

11:30 AM Vincentia Lewis

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

7:00 AM Special Intention

12:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Patricia Smith - 22nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

7:00 AM Patrick Kevin McHugh

12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

7:00AM Florence Toriello& Friend Ann

12:00 PM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

7:00 AM Fr. Brian X. Needles – Special
Intention

12:00 PM Ayoub Family Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Kszoszcz Family

12:00 PM Joanne Copeland

VIGIL MASS MAY 9, 2021

5:30 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

8:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **David King, Paul A. McGuire and William Harry Shiel.**

We pray for the repose of their souls and for those left behind during this time of loss.

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 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, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Pat Bendrot, Kate Mullin, Stephen Fuld, Rosemary Muller, Maritza Cruz and Norma Gonzalez.



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