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 MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 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
 Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill and arrange Communion calls Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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May 23, 2021 Solemnity of Pentecost

A Message from Fr. Brian

This Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, 28 of the young people of our parish will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank Bishop Manny Cruz for celebrating this Sacrament with us. We are also most grateful to Chris Kaiser, our Youth Minister, Colleen McDonald, our Administrative Assistant for Youth Ministry, as well as all of the OLS teachers and parish catechists who have in any way helped to prepare our students for Confirmation. Our prayer for those receiving Confirmation this weekend is that they will allow the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and direct their lives.

As we pray for our young parishioners who will be confirmed, let us pray also for ourselves, that our lives may give witness to the fact that the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received at our Baptism and again at our own Confirmation, are active within us, guiding and directing us in all of our thoughts and actions.

Following is a beautiful prayer in which we seek the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to pray it on Pentecost and as often as you can:

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,

the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,

the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,

and the Spirit of Fear of the Lord that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit.Amen.

If you have not been confirmed, please contact Sr. Mary Selina, who can answer all of your questions about the process for completing your Sacraments. Her email address is: passociate07@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Cardinal Joseph Tobin will be the celebrant and homilist at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, June 6th (the Solemnity of Corpus Christi). Please join us in welcoming Cardinal Tobin to OLS!

Pentecost Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 16 th	Week 46	Y. to Date
Collection	\$14,332	\$541,693
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$553,769

Catholic Home Mission \$539 Food Pantry \$724

Thank you for your continued support!

<u>Congratulations to our fifth 2021 Calendar</u> <u>Raffle Winner!</u>

Congratulations to Carol DeMeo on winning our 5th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Carol won \$1,500! Carol'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 10 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 June 15th. Good luck to everyone!

Help Needed with Altar Linens!

We are in need of a few people who can help us with the laundering and ironing of our altar linens (the purificators and corporals). Several people who currently help us with this have already or will soon be moving away. It's a great honor to assist in this task, as the linens are used in the celebration of Holy Mass. If you are able to assist with this task, please email Ana Santoliquido:

ana.santoliquido@gmail.com. Thank you!



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?

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided 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 in the front vestibule of the church Monday-Friday 7am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday. 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 <u>olspantry@gmail.com</u> or call 973-370-0458.



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

Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal



Are **you** or **someone you know** being called to the fullness of the Catholic faith? Are do **you** or **someone else** need to confirm your Baptismal call by receiving Confirmation? Please do not hesitate to call the parish office and ask for **Sister Mary Selina** any time after May 23rd.

Please Do Not Hesitate to say YES to the Lord's invitation.

From the Blood Drive Committee:

Though coronavirus may be preventing us from conducting our scheduled June 2020 blood drive, please don't let it prevent you from considering the needs of others. Blood product reserves are always depleted during the summer months and the current pandemic has only compounded the problem. Yet, consider the cancer patient who isn't afforded the luxury of taking time off from chemotherapy during this lockdown; they are among many who so desperately rely on your selfless donations.

May we encourage you to reach out to Vitalant blood services to **schedule** a donation. They have fixed donation sites in West Orange, Parsippany, Lincoln Park and Paramus, and can be contacted via vitalant.org or by phoning 201–251–3703.

All donors and staff will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the blood drawing site

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.**



To make a gift: https://support.rcan.org/a/donate

Meet Our Staff

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Lectio Divina Workshop

Saturday, June 5, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Do you often feel lost or confused when reading the Bible? Does reading the Bible seem dry to you? Do you feel intimidated when reading Sacred Scripture? Do you want to learn how to prayerfully and profitably read the Bible?

If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then this Workshop is for you!

This Workshop will show you how to read Scripture in a prayerful and spiritually profitable way. It will teach you how to speak to God and listen to Him when reading Scripture. It will show you how the Bible is a love story and that you are a central character in that story.

The Workshop will happen in 2 stages:We'll first learn about the ancient practice of "Lectio Divina," which is translated as "divine reading." It refers specifically to a very easyto-learn and accessible 4-step approach to Scripture reading practiced by monks since the early Church.After a short break, we'll then break into small groups and engage in an actual session of Lectio Divina.



When: Saturday, June 5, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
What to Bring: Your Bible, a pen, note paper, and an open heart!
RSVP: Fr. Brian Needles – <u>frbrianneedles@gmail.com</u>

"Diligently practice prayer and Lectio Divina. When you pray, you speak with God;

when you read, God speaks to you."- St. Cyprian

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book is now open. You may send in you \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit basket. When we receive your request, we will call you unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it t card).	requests by mail or plac to let you know if the da	e this form in the Sunday collection ate and time you requested is
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VIGIL SATURDAY,	MAY	22,	2021
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5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021

People of the Parish
Elizabeth Giuliano Magnes - 36 th
Anniversary
George O'Neil
Youth Group Confirmation

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

7:00 AM	Josephine Clemens
12:00 PM	Sr. Marie Elise Briel, S.C.C.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021

7:00AMPatrick Joseph McHugh12:00 PMInfant Jesus of Prague

<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021</u>

7:00 AMJoseph Geoghan12:00 PMRose Shoemaker - 2nd Anniversary

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

- 7:00AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM Bernard R. Schaefer
 - 2.00 FWI Bernard K. Schaefer

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish12:00 PM Geraldine Mehu – Special Intention

<u>SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021</u>

- 8:30 AMJoseph Preston12:00 PMFrantz JeanCharles
 - VIGIL MASS MAY 29, 2021
- 5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

8:00 AM Ella Rodriquez – Special Intention 10:00 AM Joann Hollingsworth 11:30 AM Robert E. Antinozzi – Special Intention

<u>In Memoriam</u>

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

This Week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of *Sr. Marie Elise Briel, S.C.C.*. Requested by Maria Wilms.

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, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Charles Gianni, Agnes Marshall and Bekim Colaku.



