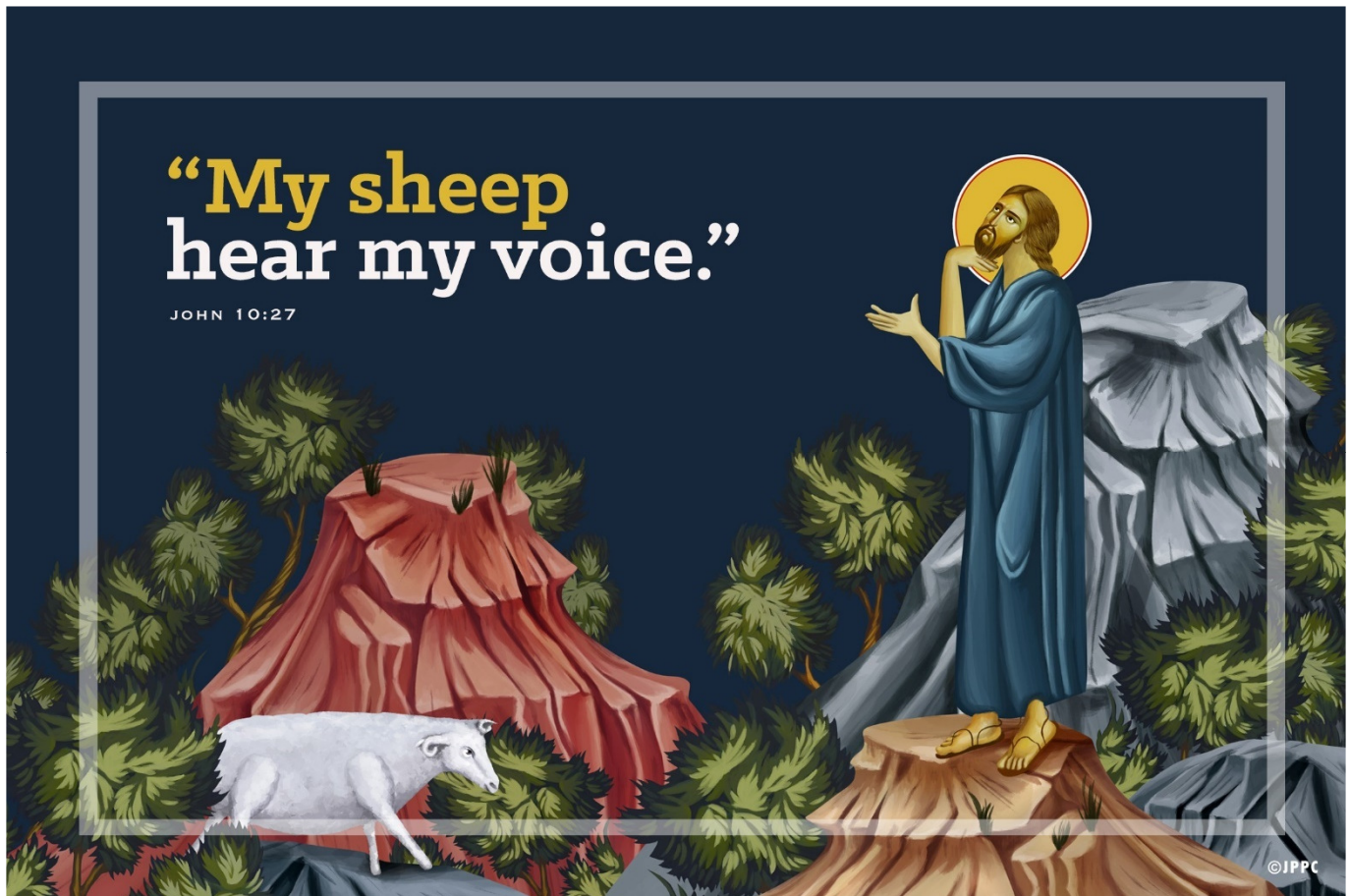


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am*
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May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

As I noted in last weekend's bulletin column, 40 young people of our parish received their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 7th. We pray that they will fall completely in love with Jesus, who they received for the very first time in the Eucharist, and that they will desire to be fed by Him in Holy Communion every single week at Mass. May every time they receive the Eucharist remind them of their First Communion and how much God loves them.

We thank Jen Noll, our Catechetical Coordinator, and Colleen McDonald, our Administrative Assistant for CCD, for the enormous amount of work that they have put in to help our young children and their families arrive to this point in their journey of faith. We're also very grateful to the CCD catechists and OLS school teachers who helped to prepare our young people to receive this most wondrous sacrament.

This past week was our last week of CCD classes before summer. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank our amazing catechists. They give so much of themselves to share the faith with our young students. There's an old expression: "If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to." We thank our catechists for teaching our children to follow Christ. God bless and reward you!

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Today is, of course, Mother's Day, when we thank God for the gift of our mothers and all those in our lives who have mothered us in one way or another. Not a day goes by that I don't think about my own mother (the best mother ever!), who returned home to the Lord in 2008. Mothers are a reflection of God's love and we pray for all mothers today, that they may experience God's blessing not just today, but every day, and that their children will honor and treasure them always and in all ways.

God has blessed us not just with an earthly mother, but a Heavenly Mother as well. As He hung upon the Cross, Jesus gave us His Blessed Mother Mary. We should turn to our Blessed Mother every day, placing ourselves under her mantle and seeking her powerful intercession in our lives. At the end of our 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, we will have a May Crowning ceremony. What a wonderful way to show our love and devotion to Mary our Mother!

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This Sunday is also referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Even though we may sometimes walk in the dark valley, we should not fear, for Jesus our Shepherd is with us to bring us His comfort and to guide us into verdant pastures.

Good Shepherd Sunday is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfill Jesus' command that we "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.*" We are experiencing a definite shortage of vocations to the priesthood and our prayers are needed now more than ever. We pray especially that a young person from our own parish might respond to God's invitation to work with Him in the harvest. I am absolutely certain that right at this very moment God is calling one or more young people from OLS to a priestly or religious vocation. Let's pray that they are open to that call and that they respond to it generously. I am so glad that I responded to God's call and I would not trade my priesthood for anything in the world. I pray that other young men and women may know the joy of experiencing the humbling but great gift of a priestly or religious vocation. This prayer by Pope St. John Paul II is a powerful one:

"Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say 'Yes' to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen."

Blessings in Jesus the Good Shepherd,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The script is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "F" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Budgeted	\$11,179	\$480,697

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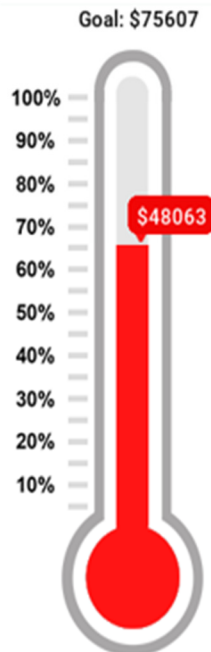
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Update from the OLS Food Pantry

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:

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- **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.

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Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey"

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, which at this time we're offering in particular for peace in Ukraine. Please consider spending 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 Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



Get Formed

For several years now, Our Lady of Sorrows has provided a free subscription to FORMED.org to all of our parishioners. FORMED has wonderful resources for the whole family (including young children and teens!) to learn more about our Catholic faith. FORMED provides Bible studies, documentaries, talks and movies for people of all ages so that everyone may grow in their faith. If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

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Sponsor Certificates A reminder:

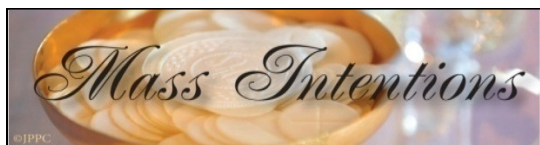
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Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. 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.**



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

5:30 PM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

8:00 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

10:00 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

11:30 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022

7:00 AM Josie Sugayan

12:00 PM Mecca Vaccaro

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

12:00 PM Deric Faulkner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2022

7:00 AM Thomas Eubanks - Special Intention

12:00 PM Guillermo Sanchez

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

7:00 AM Ngi Peter Quoc Tran

12:00 PM Carrie Pfannenstiel

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

7:00 AM Joseph Muller

12:00 PM Yolanda Pozo

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

8:30 AM Erin McCune

12:00 PM Samori Eienne - Special Intention

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2022

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

8:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Sheila Hedderton Strickland**. We pray for the repose of her soul and also for those left behind during this time.

In Memoriam

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

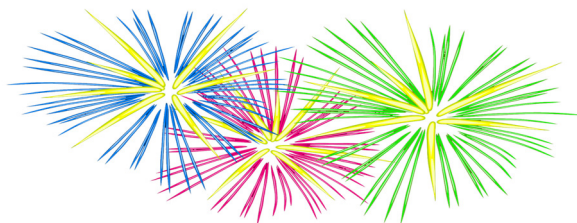
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REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Cathy Craig, 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, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Wilma Wiggins, Joe Tirone, Jeanie Marucci and Jo Kirk.





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naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25: 35-36

Annual Appeal ^{the 2022}

May 5, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our recent celebration of Easter reminded us of the joyous news that Christ has risen! Let us rejoice in His Resurrection. Jesus has conquered death so that we might live evermore.

Let us remember that many are still suffering, whether from the loss of loved ones, unemployment, fear or anxiety. But we know there is hope, as Christ remains with us always. Even in times of darkness, Easter joy gives us the confidence needed to overcome our anxious fears. I ask that you please share generously with others the Pascal joy of this season of grace.

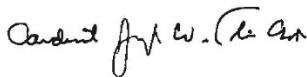
As a reminder, the Archdiocese of Newark's Annual Appeal allows us to fulfill the mission of our local Church in our parishes and through programs and ministries that serve the faithful and beyond. The Annual Appeal ensures the continuation of these vital ministries. Now – more than ever – we must recommit ourselves to the mission we received at our baptism: to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments, transmit the faith to future generations and care for the poor and vulnerable. Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure are vital if we are to renew our efforts to be Christ's hands and feet, his mind and his heart in the service of others.

I invite you, once again, to prayerfully consider a gift to the 2022 Annual Appeal. We are currently at 75% of our goal for 2022. Through our shared commitment, we can achieve this goal and make a difference.

Rest assured that all contributions to the Annual Appeal directly support the programs and ministries of this Archdiocese. You may visit our website at www.rcan.org/areas-support to learn more about how your gift helps to sustain our programs and ministries.

Thank you for your faithful witness to the Gospel, your commitment to the future of our Church and your generous stewardship. May the Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones abundantly and may Mary, Mother of the Church, strengthen our resolve to serve God's people ever more faithfully.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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