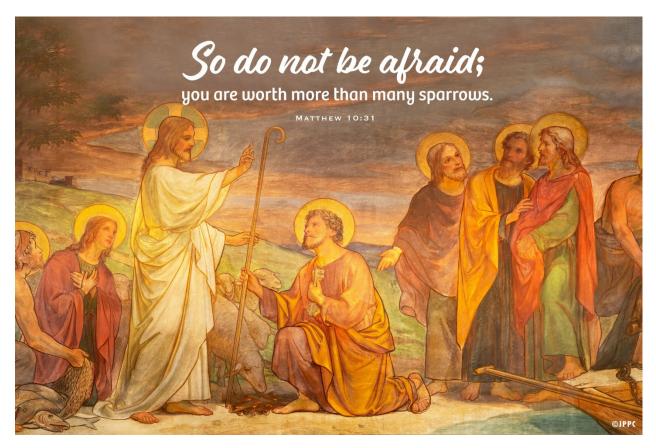




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 MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm
Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment
Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of 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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June 25, 2023 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Most of us have one or more fears. It seems to be a common trait of us humans to be afraid of one thing or another. Some of the most common fears are: acrophobia (fear of heights – I have this); aerophobia (fear of flying); arachnophobia (fear of spiders); ophidiophobia (fear of snakes – I have this); trypanaphobia (fear of injections – good thing I don't have this, given my last name!); and glossophobia (fear of public speaking).

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus instructs His disciples (and us) to have no fear and to be not afraid. We are told that God, who numbers every hair on our head, is ever present to us, tending to us and keeping us in His love. That said, there is one thing that we should fear. With apologies to Franklin Roosevelt, it's not quite true that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. We should fear sin because it's an act in which we rebel against our Creator, offend Him and refuse Him reverence and love. And that has eternal consequences.

Now, one sin that I think is very hurtful toward Our Lord is when we deny Him, either overtly or in a more subtle manner, such as when we refuse to stand up for our Christian faith or the Church herself when she comes under unfair attack. It seems as though anti-Catholicism is the last accepted form of bigotry. Open us the *New York Times* or watch any amount of TV, and before long, you'll encounter the Christian faith and the Catholic Church under attack. Our ability to respond to those attacks is often limited to writing letters of protest. But what about when someone attacks or mocks the faith or the Church in our very presence? Do we stand up for her, defend her, show our love and devotion for her? Or do we cower, do we shrink back and let the snide remarks and ignorant opinions just pass by without comment?

In the Gospel, Jesus says, *"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my Heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."* The history of Christianity is full of saints who have shed their blood in acknowledging Christ. We are the descendants of countless heroes and heroines who bravely and without concern for their own safety refused to deny Christ and His Church. Beginning with the first Christian martyr, St. Steven, all the way down to the present age, when so many are still suffering and dying for the Church throughout the world, Christians have risked life and limb to acknowledge Christ.

We might not be called to be shed our blood for Christ, but we can still have a "martyr's spirit." A martyr, in the Greek, means a witness. A martyr is someone who is willing to defend Christ and His Church, in season and out of season; someone who doesn't stand back and allow unfair and bigoted criticisms to go unanswered; someone who is willing to risk the scorn that might come from defending the Christian faith and the Church. And someone whose faith in Christ is lived not in darkness, but in light, whose faith is demonstrated by his or her daily living.

We need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet Him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. So let's gather the courage necessary to confront our fear of feeling awkward or scorned or belittled when we stand up for our Christian beliefs and our Church. Let's have the courage and witnessing-spirit of a martyr, so that Christ will acknowledge us before the Father. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, *"Fear no one...Do not be afraid."* And He says, *"Be a witness to me and proclaim it from the rooftops."*

Summer Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

June 18 th	Week 51	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,663	\$606,886
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$595,857
_	Food Pantry \$788	
	Candles \$333	
	Peter's Pence \$2,110	

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

<u>Annual Missionary Appeal</u> <u>This Weekend of June 24 - 25, 2023</u>

Every year, the Archdiocese of Newark asks each parish to participate in a collection for missionaries throughout the world. This year, Fr. François X. Eale from the Democratic Republic of Congo, will preach at all of our Masses this weekend and he will request our support for this year's missionary appeal. Fr. Francois is from the Diocese of Bokungu-Ikela in Congo and our financial assistance will better enable the pastoral work of that diocese to give children from very poor families an opportunity for education and provide clean water to poor communities. A second collection will be taken that weekend at all Masses to support their missionary work. Thank you for your generous response to this appeal for the Church's mission in Congo.



If you have not already done so, you can still return your Baby Bottles by placing them in the collection basket.

Young Adult Kick-Off a Great Success!

Last Saturday, we held our very first Young Adult activity: a BBQ and Bonfire. It was co-sponsored by Our Lady of the Valley Church in Orange and St. Anthony's Church in West Orange. We we're hoping for an attendance of 45-50 people in their 20s and 30s. God inspired more than 150 young adults to show up!

It was a wonderful evening as many people were able to meet each other in a faithfriendly environment. The food was great! Even though we only expected 45-50 people and 150 showed up, everyone was fed since many people brought food. It was our own version of the multiplication of the loaves miracle!

Here's a photo taken toward the end of the evening. At the end of the evening, we all went into the church and prayed Night Prayer together. It was an incredibly beautiful and hopeful evening!



We are coordinating with 5 additional parishes (aside from those mentioned above) to continue to grow this very needed and important ministry within the Church.

Please be sure to watch the bulletin and social media for future Young Adult gatherings. For more information, contact Stephanie Sonnick: olschurchministries@gmail.com

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events. <u>http://www.olschurch.com</u>



Join Us!

Allow us the privilege of helping your child develop a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ through the OLS CCD program.

CCD Classes Begin the Week of September 17th. There are 25 Classes in the Catechetical Year.

Grades K-8 (Mondays, 3:55 - 5:15 pm) Grades 1-8 (Tuesdays, 3:55 - 5:15 pm) Homeschooling Program Offered As Well

Classes Meet in the OLS Church and the OLS School.

Register Now to Reserve Your Child's Spot! Go to the OLS Website: olschurch.com Click on the "Religious Education" Tab

Register Before July 15, 2023 1 Child - \$140 2 Children - \$230 3+ Children - \$315 **Register After July 15, 2023** 1 Child - \$170 2 Children - \$260

3+ Children - \$345

Questions? Contact Jen Noll, Catechetical Coordinator <u>jennollols@gmail.com</u>

<u>Congratulations to our sixth 2023 Calendar</u> <u>Raffle Winner!</u>

Congratulations to Drew Bauman on winning our 6th of 12 monthly drawing in our calendar raffle. Drew won \$1,500! Drew's ticket went right back into 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 6 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com and 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 July 15th. Good luck to everyone!



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. 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?

Meet Our Staff

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VIGIL, SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

- 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola. **Deehan and Salvante Families**
- 10:00 AM Elaine Marlowe – 40th Anniversary
- Rev. John Kroszer 11:30 AM

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

- 7:00 AM Ricardo Tumang
- Jennie Magliaro 12:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023

- Msgr. Edward G. Bradley Special 7:00 AM Intention
- 12:00 PM Joseph Johnston – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023

- 7:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih – Special Intenion
- 12:00 PM Mercifie Fabues Lucilia Stimphond

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023

- 7:00 AM Lenora M Antinozzi
- 12:00 PM Bernadette Ezuduemoih - Special Intention

FR<u>IDAY, JUNE 30, 2023</u>

- 7:00 AM Lionel J. Miller, Jr.
- William Holmok 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

- Sila Jean-Philippe 8:30 AM 12:00 PM
 - Christine Sullivan Corpion

VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023

5:30 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Joseph Woerner
11:30 AM	George Evans

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, Deborah Hebron and Kathleen Mullan.



Our Lady of Sorrows "2023 Calendar Raffle"



\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win! Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month Only 500 tickets will be sold

Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 15th day of each month at @ 1:00 pm in the Church office. First Drawing: January 15, 2023

Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday, it will be brought to the office. We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

We can take checks, cash or credit cards

Click here to purchase online <u>https://olschurch.com</u> or print the form to send in with your check or cc #

Our Lady of Sorrows 2023 CALENDAR RAFFLE ORDER FORM					
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2023 Mass Book

Requested by		
Address		
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