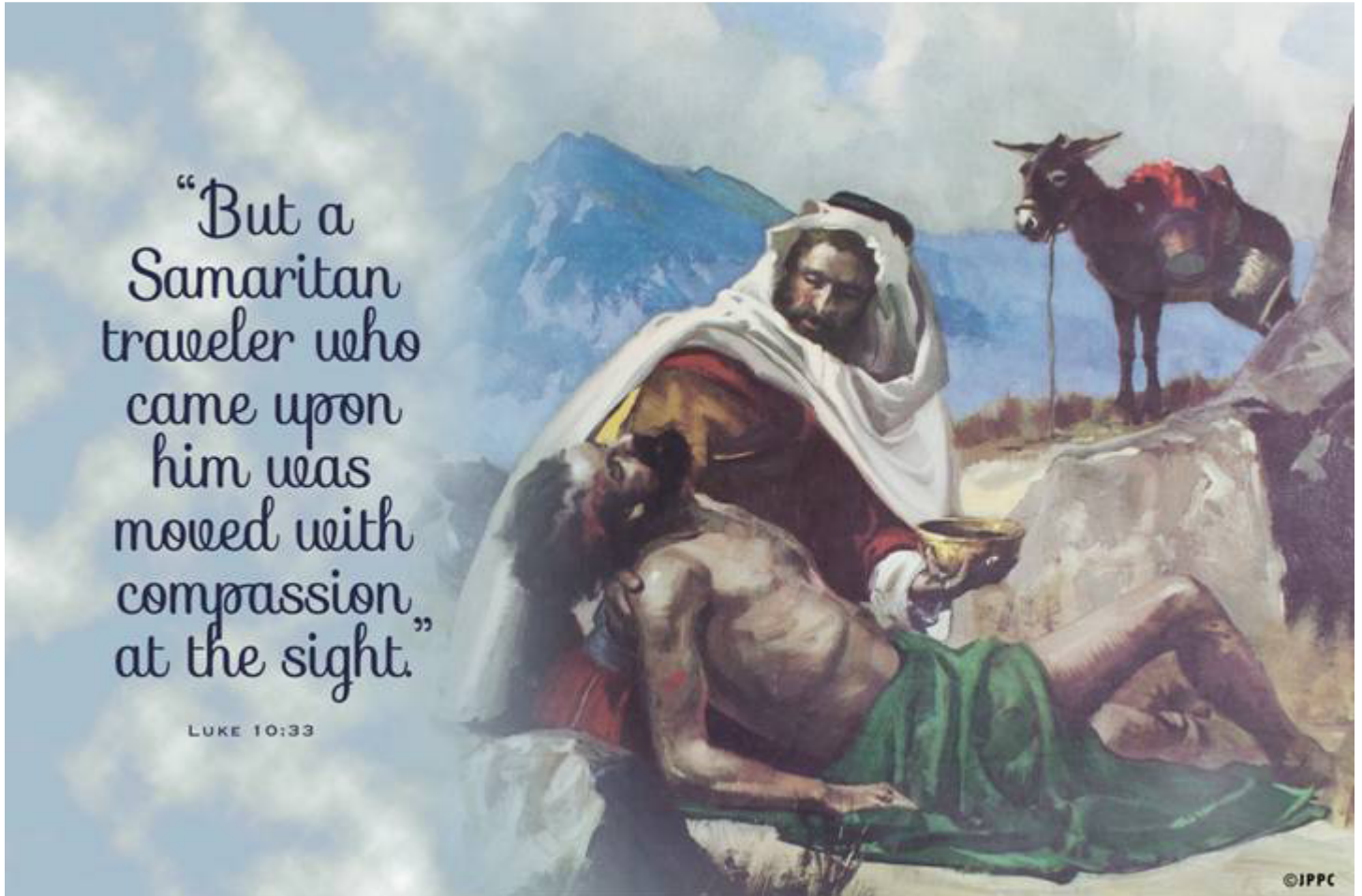


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

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

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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July 14, 2019
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message From Fr. Brian

About 3,400 years ago, at the top of 7,000-foot high Mount Sinai, and 50 days after the parting of the Red Sea, God gave Moses the 10 Commandments. Just ten simple rules to follow. Nothing complex about it. But were the Israelites content with just 10 commandments? Oh, no. They ended up adding 613 separate rules, including everything from the correct way to trim your beard to the number of steps you could walk without violating the Sabbath.

And then along comes Christ. He is the Great Simplifier. In today's Gospel, Jesus confirms to the scholar of the law that those 613 rules can be boiled down to just two, and we must follow them in order to obtain eternal life. First, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."* And second, *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

If bumper stickers existed 2,000 years ago, the one on Jesus' car would have said: Love God and love your neighbor. That's Christianity at its bare bones essentials. But even these two commandments are really just one – because they are so intimately connected, so closely united, that they are but two aspects of the one same reality. One can't exist without the other. We can't pretend that we can love God and at the same time not love each other. Loving our neighbor is the concrete and tangible way we show our love for God.

Now, I admit, it's not always easy to love our neighbor, especially when those around us aren't always so lovable. But we are all made in God's image and likeness. And so when we love our neighbor, we are loving people who themselves are unique reflections of the image of God. This Sunday's Good Samaritan parable reminds us that the neighbor that we're called to love is...everyone. Not just those that live on our block or those with whom we work, or those with whom we worship, or those with whom we socialize. Our neighbor is everyone.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, *"Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat."* That from a woman who worked with the poorest of the poor in the gutters of Calcutta. She said the greatest poverty is that of being unloved and uncared for. When people – always with the best of intentions – would tell Mother that they wanted to volunteer to help her with her work in Calcutta, India, she would always tell them, "No. stay home. Find the poor in your own backyard. You can find Calcutta in your own backyard."

She's right. There is a Calcutta of immense poverty right here in South Orange/Maplewood. It's the poverty of so many of our neighbors who feel unloved and uncared for. Mother says, "Find them. Love them. Reach out to them. They are your Calcutta."

Maybe it's the recent widow or widower down the street. Perhaps it's a teenager who has lousy parents. Maybe it's your own spouse who feels that he or she is being taken for granted. It might be the coworker who everybody ignores, who nobody talks to. Perhaps it's the cranky neighbor who nobody on the block likes. Maybe it's that member of your family who is the black sheep. Mother Teresa – and Jesus – would say, "Find them. And love them."

That's our challenge from this Gospel. Jesus says "Don't be like those in today's Gospel who crossed over to the other side of the road." Jesus is calling each one of us to be a Good Samaritan.

Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

| July 7 | Week 2 | Y. To Date |
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| Collection | \$8,638 | \$19,570 |
| Avg. Budgeted | \$13,269 | \$26,538 |

Matching Gift Opportunity

Thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our parishioners, we have received a \$20,000 matching gift opportunity to help pay for the ongoing repairs and maintenance needs of our parish property. Our weekly collections have not been meeting our budget and we are always challenged by unforeseen expenses related to our physical plant (which includes 5 buildings). The recent seal coating and re-striping of the parking lot, as well as masonry work on some of the concrete steps on our property, are just a couple of examples of the major expenses that we continually face.

An anonymous parishioner has offered up to \$20,000 to match dollar-for-dollar any offerings you make toward this matching gift effort. If you are able to assist us in this wonderful opportunity, you may put your matching gift donation in a separate envelope marked "Matching Gift" and place it in the regular collection or mail it to the parish office. The deadline for this matching gift opportunity is July 31st. Please note that this special gift should not replace your regular weekly offering. And please know how grateful we are for your continuing support of our parish!

Come Adore the Lord

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**

Live Mass Broadcast

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 8th from 12:30 to 4:00 pm.



Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry

"We gather here because we stand for life. We gather here because we stand for compassion. We gather here because we believe as our founders did because we believe all of us, born and unborn, are endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights and first among these rights is the right to life." — Vice President Mike Pence, March for Life 2019

We're on social media! Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/olsprolife or on Instagram @olsprolife.

Summer Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Host Week

The next Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week is July 28 to August 4. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the church vestibule for the various roles needed to support the families who stay with us for the week. *There are still a few open volunteer spots!* For more information, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136 or Liz Petroccia at: lizpetroccia@msn.com or 973-763-4053.

Think About It

When we are free from the need to judge or condemn, we can become safe places for people to meet in vulnerability and take down the walls that separate them. Being deeply rooted in the love of God, we cannot help but invite people to love one another. When people realize that we have no hidden agendas or unspoken intentions, that we are not trying to gain any profit for ourselves, and that our only desire is for peace and reconciliation, they may find the inner freedom and courage to leave their guns at the door and enter into conversation with their enemies.

Many times this happens even without our planning. Our ministry of reconciliation most often takes place when we ourselves are least aware of it. Our simple, nonjudgmental presence does it. Henri J.M. Nouwen

Sandra Carless; Peace and Justice Committee



SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019

5:30 PM Marie DiLorenzo

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased
11:30 AM Douglas O'Neill

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Linda Podhurst

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Onofrio Gulino

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2019

7:00 AM Mary Howley 2nd Anniversary
12:00 PM Francis Iantosca

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2019

7:00AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Philomena McGluchey – Special
Intention

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2019

7:00AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Mary Grace & John Grogan

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019

8:30 AM James Lynch
12:00 PM Margaret & Brian Pullen

VIGIL MASS JULY 20, 2019

5:30 PM Angelina Silano – 30th
Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato
11:30 AM Samuel Giuliano 7th Anniversary

Mass Book

Before we open our 2020 Mass Book we have over 100 Weekday Mass Intentions available for 2019.

IN MEMORIAM

This week's Sanctuary Candle in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Thomas & Margaret Fahy**. Requested by Mary Fahy.

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, Margaret Farrell, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jerry McElroy, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Dale Marshall, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor and Ralph Coccia.



Online CCD Registration Now Open

New and returning families can now register for CCD classes and the OLS homeschooling program by accessing the online registration form via the parish website: www.olschurch.com. Simply click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the home page.

The registration form can also be accessed by typing the following information into your computer's browser: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-3676671>

Register before July 15th to take advantage of "Early Bird" pricing. Payment may be made via credit card or bank transfer (electronic check). Please note, no child will be refused acceptance into our program due to financial hardship. Any family who would like to request financial assistance or to set up a payment plan should contact Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x285.

Monday CCD classes begin September 23rd from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6; and 7:00 - 8:30 pm for students in Grades 7 and 8. Please note, this year we are also offering a Monday afternoon class for 7th graders with limited enrollment. Tuesday CCD classes begin on September 24th from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for students in Grades 1 through 6.

If you have any questions regarding CCD registration, please contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x235.

Attention Parents of Rising First Graders

Is your child entering first grade this fall? If so, please note that the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist are received in the second year of religious education, generally in second grade. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that children must have two years of religious education before receiving these sacraments.

Please visit the OLS parish website home page at www.olschurch.com and click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the page to access our new, online registration form to sign-up for CCD and begin the very first step toward your child's reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist.