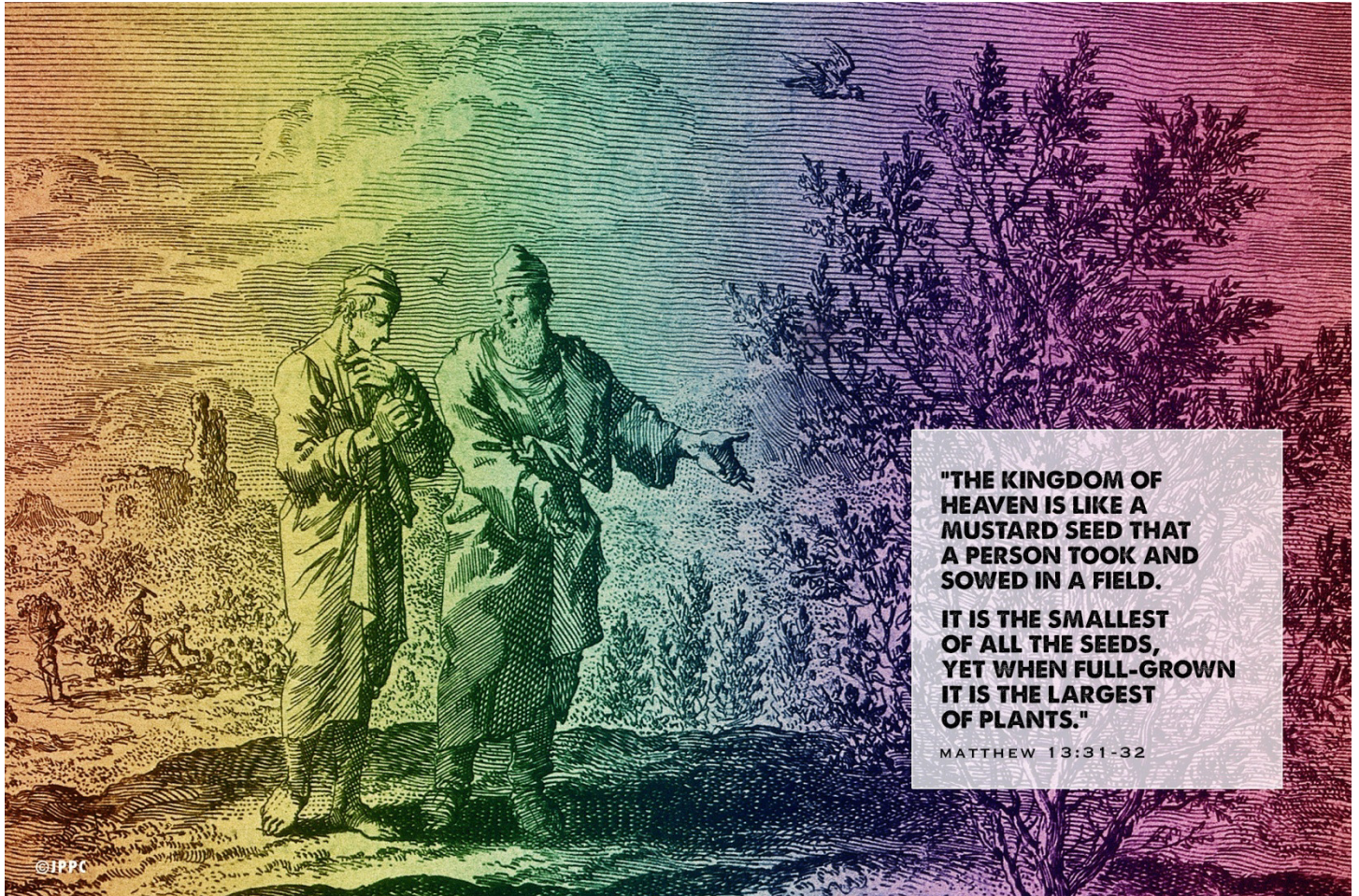


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**"THE KINGDOM OF
HEAVEN IS LIKE A
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SOWED IN A FIELD.**

**IT IS THE SMALLEST
OF ALL THE SEEDS,
YET WHEN FULL-GROWN
IT IS THE LARGEST
OF PLANTS."**

MATTHEW 13:31-32

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

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 19, 2020
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

I absolutely love visiting the Holy Land, which I've had the blessing to do 3 times. To be able to walk in the footsteps of Jesus is an unforgettable experience and doing so brings the Scriptures alive in such an unforgettable way. My hope was to organize a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February or March of 2021, but given the present circumstances, that will have to wait until 2022.

I remember my first trip to the Holy Land and how I was surprised at one stop that we made by the number of mustard bushes we saw by the side of the road. They really can grow to a large size, as Jesus tells us in this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus was so good at using examples that people could relate to in their daily lives. In this Gospel passage, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to that of a mustard seed and a little bit of yeast. Those examples would have been readily understood by His listeners. The mustard seed is one of the smallest of seeds but it produces a large bush, which I saw first-hand. And as any baker know, it takes just a small amount of yeast to leaven bread.

In the same way that a tiny mustard seed and a little bit of yeast can result in something much greater, God can take our small contributions of time, treasure of talent and our small contributions of mind, body or soul, and He can multiply them to do great things in our world. In other words, if in our love we offer to God the little or the lot that we have, then He will multiple its effect.

The point is that God wants our offering. And He wants a lot more than just our money. He wants our hearts. God wants US. He wants our daily life. He wants to be the One that we depend on each day. He wants to be the One that we *live* for each day.

Most of us can admit that we don't fully give ourselves to Christ. We are, in many ways, just marking out time with our lives. We know that Christ gave us everything – including His very own life. The question is: What do we give Him in return?

He wants our pure devotion. He wants our hearts. He wants our love. If we say we love Christ, we'll show it. We'll try to do what He wants. We'll be generous. We'll love and serve our neighbor. We'll pray more. We'll forgive more easily. We'll refrain from judging others. We'll try to live our lives in accordance with God's will, following His commandments and the teachings of the Church. If we truly love God, we won't try to figure out the minimum requirements to stay in His good graces. If we truly love God, we'll want to do all that we can in His service.

He wants our hearts and our lives – our whole lives. Let's each of us commit ourselves to loving God with our whole hearts and we'll see just how much He can change our lives – and our Church – and our community – and our world, so that it more closely resembles the Kingdom of Heaven, which begins as something as small as a mustard seed but, with our cooperation, can grow to something big and beautiful.

Kingdom Blessings,

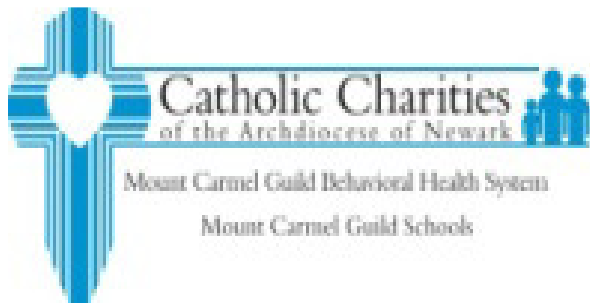


THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

This will be reported in our next bulletin



True Freedom



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities donations bin located in our parking lot. Thank you!

PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

- For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behavior, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.
- For healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the protection of all police and first responders who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety; for fair and just policing that will promote peace and well-being in all our neighborhoods, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our public officials, that they will strive to work for fair education, adequate housing, and equal opportunities for employment for all, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish, that we may cultivate welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the courage to have difficult conversations about racism, and for a better appreciation of how our words and actions – or even our silence – can impact our communities, let us pray to the Lord.
- For solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

RCIA

If you have any questions concerning a Catholic who desires to complete his/her sacraments or someone who God is gracing to desire to come into His family the Catholic Church or just want to know about the Catholic faith, please give the office a call and ask for Sr. Mary Selina (973-763-5454) with any of your questions

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 state that the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a Catholic in good standing.

Facebook

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

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

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.**

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 patients who aren'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.

Binge on this!

Don't be bored while stuck at home! Become more deeply engaged in your faith! Our Lady of Sorrows offers you free access to FORMED, an online depository of wonderful books, movies, audios, and much more. Here's how to sign up and start enjoying all those benefits:

1. Go to: www.formed.org
2. Enter our parish code: RJCHGZ (if requested)
3. Create a personal account with your email address and a password
4. Start enjoying the best Christian content all in one place!



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>

Registration for CCD Has Begun!

Please help us plan and prepare for the upcoming catechetical year by registering for CCD today. Simply click on the registration link found on the OLS website under the Religious Education tab or input the following <https://forms.gle/apwFq81s3m6wJpXa9> into your browser to sign your child(ren) up for the 2020-2021 year.

During this time of great uncertainty, there is no need to commit to a particular day or program type at this time - but we do need to know if your child will be attending our program this fall. Families are asked to make a general commitment to CCD by August 15th so that we can:

- Establish our total expected number of students so that we can gauge how many students may need to be accommodated safely in the school at a time.
- Establish the total number of students we can expect for each grade so that we can order student workbooks and materials.
- Establish how many students we can expect for each grade so that we can determine how many volunteer catechists we'll need to recruit.

The next phase of our registration process will begin on August 15th. By then we hope to have more information from the NJ State Department of Health and the Archdiocese of Newark about the types of classes we are able to conduct and the kinds of protocols and procedures that we will need to have in place in order to hold those classes safely. The safety of our staff and our students remains our top priority. We feel that this phased approach to CCD registration is the best way to determine student numbers in a climate of general uncertainty about the face of education for the coming year.

Between now and our next registration phase, we will continue:

- Working on upgrading our traditional homeschooling program to more structured a Google Classroom format
- Researching best remote catechetical practices
- Training our catechists to help them transform in-person sessions into meaningful virtual experiences should we need to move to a hybrid or totally remote learning program at any point during the year

Our CCD fees continue to remain the same as they have for the last three years. As always, families needing to be added to a payment plan or requiring financial assistance will be accommodated. Please contact Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com for details.

CCD Fee Schedule (Early Bird - through August 15th)

1 child - \$140
2 children - \$230
3+ children - \$315

We look forward to working with you to bring the good news of Christ to all the families in our parish this coming year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Catechetical Coordinator Jen Noll, jennollols@gmail.com, if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the religious education program here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



Email olssvdp@aol.com if you are in need of assistance.

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.



The Archdiocese of Newark has partnered with GoFundMe Charity to help parishes during this time when parish finances are being so negatively affected. This is a coordinated and unified effort by the Archdiocese and all parishes within the Archdiocese.

Thankfully, Cardinal Tobin has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment in support of donations given through this GoFundMe. The assessment is an administrative fee charged to parishes to support archdiocesan operations and ministries. We will not have to pay that 18% fee for contributions made through GoFundMe, which charges only a small fee per donation to cover payment processing, as is typical for online fundraising platforms. Aside from that small fee, every penny that you give will go directly to OLS.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish. Visit our parish GoFundMe Charity page: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/our-lady-of-sorrows-south-orange>

The funding flow for this initiative offers both simplicity and transparency for our parish community and others who choose to contribute:

- All money raised through individual parish GoFundMe pages will flow into a central archdiocesan fund, and the Parish Business Services team will aim to release all funds to parishes in the amount raised for the parish within the week.
- Pastors, parishioners, and the public can track how much each parish has raised in total on their individual parish GoFundMe pages.
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically.

You may, of course, continue to support our parish by means of mailing in your weekly envelope or by using our regular online giving portal, which can be found at the bottom of our web page. Please note, though, that contributions through those 2 means will continue to be assessed by the Archdiocese, while contributions to the GoFundMe Charity will not be assessed. In other words, your donation will go much further through GoFundMe Charity.

No matter how you choose to give, please know how incredibly grateful we are! Thank you, God bless you, and Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2020

5:30 PM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2020

8:00 AM Ann & Jack Stuart
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:30 AM In Memory of the Mancuso,
 Macaluso, Miserendino &
 Inguaggiato Families

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020

7:00 AM James A. Lynch
 12:00 PM Joseph Bryson

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020

7:00AM Bishop Charles McDonnell
 12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

7:00 AM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour
 12:00 PM Ernestina Lacy

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2020

7:00AM Christian Mompremier – Special
 Intention
 12:00 PM Rose Coccia

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020

7:00AM Richard Schena
 12:00 PM Ocie Lacy – Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020

8:30 AM James Handy
 12:00 PM Monica Degnan – Special Intention

VIGIL MASS JULY 25, 2020

5:30 PM Lucia & Pellegrino Luciani

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

8:00 AM Samuel Giuliano 8th Anniversary
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:30 AM Rev. Thomas G. Rainforth

IN MEMORIAM

This week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory **Bishop Charles McDonnell**. Requested by Maria Wilms.

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 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, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto and Melissa O'Brien.

