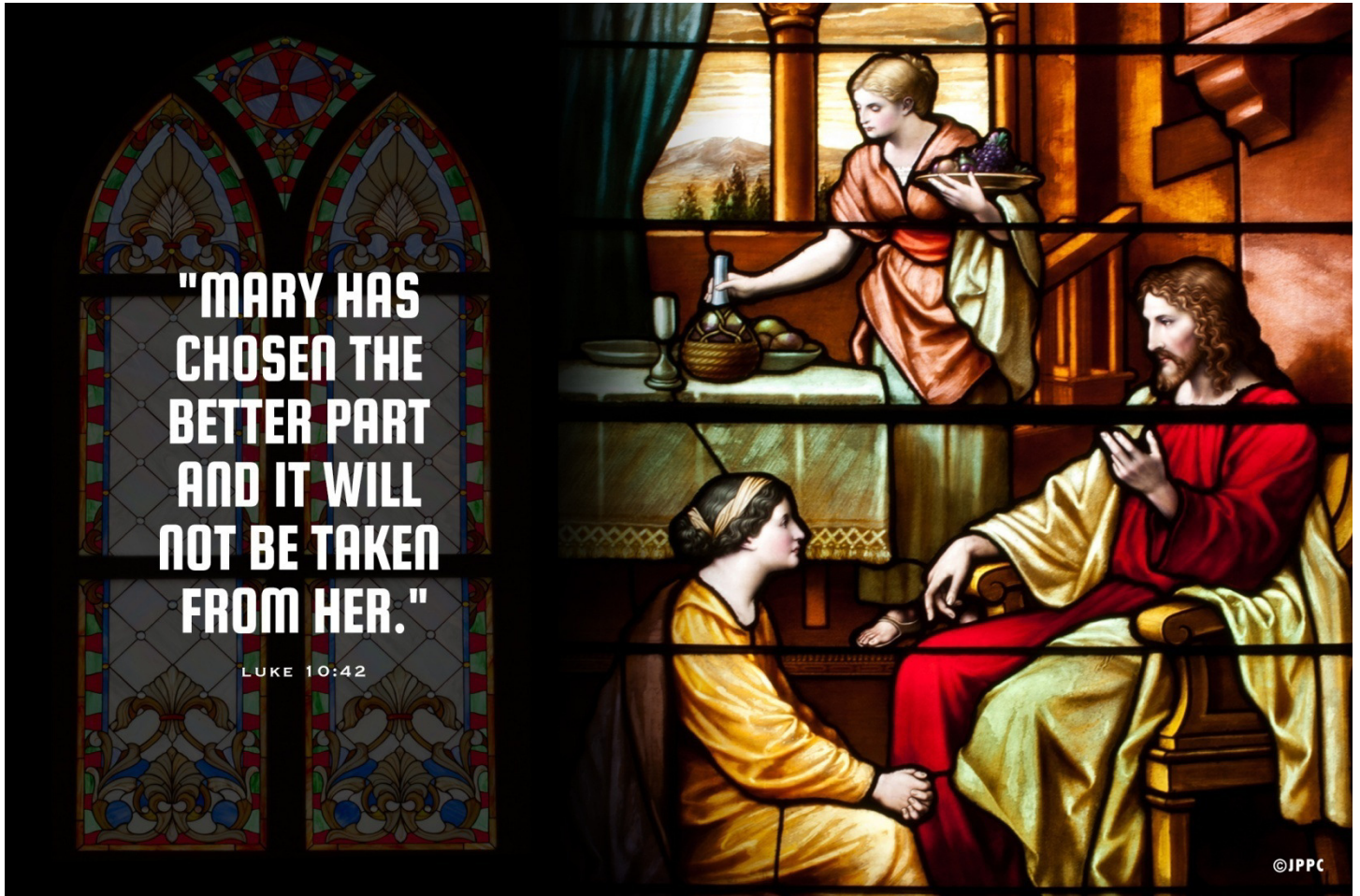


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

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

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July 21, 2019
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message From Fr. Brian

When I was a seminarian, my fellow classmates I had went on a long 10-day retreat in Assisi, Italy. As you can imagine, they were glorious days, as we prayed and meditated in the places made famous by St. Francis and St. Clare. We stayed in a monastery of Benedictine nuns and above the entryway was a sign that read, *Hospes venit, Christus venit*, which means “When a guest comes, Christ comes.” That expression was made famous by St. Benedict himself.

In this Sunday’s Gospel, the guest was, indeed, Christ Himself. Jesus had stopped by the house of His good friends Martha and her sister Mary. As Martha busied herself preparing the meal and making sure that everything was perfect for their guest, Mary sat at Our Lord’s feet, drinking in everything He had to say. Finally, Martha had had enough. She thought Mary was being lazy and she appealed to Jesus to get her sister off her duff to lend a hand in the preparations.

But instead, Jesus gave a gentle rebuke to Martha, the one who had exhausted herself in making sure that things were just right. Jesus said, “*Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part.*”

To generations of underappreciated and overworked homemakers, Our Lord’s response seems out of place. It doesn’t seem to strike the right balance. After all, hospitality is one of those Christian virtues that we all prize so highly.

So, what’s going on here in this Gospel? Well, Jesus is simply saying that Mary had the right priorities. Mary knew that there is nothing more important, including taking care of house guests, than listening to Jesus and basking in His presence. Isn’t that exactly what prayer is? Listening to Jesus and basking in His presence?

Martha received Jesus as a guest. She’s obviously not hostile to Jesus. He’s a welcome guest in her family’s home. But at the same time, the story clearly wants us to see a difference between Martha and her sister Mary. They aren’t exact opposites, but they’re different in the way they relate to Jesus.

Martha *received* Jesus, but Mary does more than simply receive; she *sat at His feet* and she was *listening*. She took up a position which any ancient Jew would recognize as profoundly significant: to sit at the feet of one’s rabbi is the position of a disciple. A disciple sits at the feet of the master. Mary sat at the feet of Our Lord and listened to Him. She’s a model of true discipleship.

During these summer months, as we get together with friends and relatives and welcome many different people into our homes and lives, let’s not forget that Jesus continually looks for an invitation from us. He wants us to spend time with Him in prayer, to sit at His feet, to listen to Him, and to speak to Him. In other words, He wants us to choose the better part and to be His disciples. Let’s not keep Him waiting at the front door of our heart.

Blessings,



Stewardship is a way of life

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THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

July 14	Week 3	Y. To Date
Collection	\$14,326	\$33,896
Avg. Budgeted	\$13,269	\$41,734

Deacon John Baltus, RIP

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek word *diákonos* and means "servant." Deacon John Baltus was ordained a deacon in 1992 and he was, most assuredly, a servant in the truest sense of that word. Deacon John Baltus served Our Lady of Sorrows from January, 2012 until his very recent passing. Previous to that, he served the Church of St. James in Springfield and St. Theresa in Kenilworth. He continually expended himself in faithful service to our parish and he will be sorely missed. His service at the Altar of Lord, at the Pulpit, at the Baptismal font, at the graveside, and in so many other ways touched many lives. May the Lord richly reward Deacon John for the service he rendered in helping to build up the Kingdom of God. May Deacon John rest from his labors in the embrace of our merciful Savior.

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!

Christian Initiation Highlights

Six new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Eleanor Constance Morin, Lucius Antonio Greco, Maeve Ann McLaughlin, John Nash Pappalardo, Jace Peace Mark Bharrat and Max Alexander Shanawaz. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 18, 2019

Save the Date

Please mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 8th from 12:30 to 5:00 pm.



Reflections of Catechism

2098 The acts of faith, hope, and charity enjoined by the first commandment are accomplished in prayer. Lifting up the mind toward God is an expression of our adoration of God: prayer of praise and thanksgiving, intercession and petition. Prayer is an indispensable condition for being able to obey God's commandments. "[We] ought always to pray and not to lose heart."

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

"Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is right and it is duty." —Archbishop Oscar Romero

Think About It . . . Anna Nelson for the Peace and Justice Committee



SATURDAY, 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

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Sarah Lear - Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019

7:00 AM Rose Coccia
12:00 PM Rose Coccia

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2019

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Margaret Clarke - Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019

7:00AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM James Handy 3rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2019

7:00AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Rose & Eugene Catena

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

8:30 AM Ralph & Filomena Ferrace
12:00 PM Adam Jobbers-Miller

VIGIL MASS JULY 27, 2019

5:30 PM Rocco Silano 52nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette
Ezuduemoih & Family & Souls in
Purgatory
10:00 AM Ann Stuart
11:30 AM People of the Parish

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Deacon John Baltus**. We pray for the repose of their soul and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

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 **Rose & Eugene Catena**. Requested by Mary Ann Catena.

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, Ralph Coccia and Deacon John Inguaggiato.



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>.

Be sure to register before September 15th to avoid late fees. 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.