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MASSES: 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 28, 2019 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

### A Message From Fr. Brian

The Psalmist writes, "Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth; break into song; sing praise. Sing praise to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and melodious song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy to the King, the LORD." (Ps 98:4-6)

The photo on the front of the cover of this weekend's bulletin is of Glenn Devitt, who has served our parish music needs for the past 19 years, including the last 12 years as Director of Music and Organist. He is shown doing what the Psalmist encourages us to do: praising the Lord through music.

Sadly for us (but happily for him!), Glenn has decided to retire to his home in Florida. It's a gross understatement to say that he will be terribly missed. Glenn has helped to build a sacred music program at OLS that aids all of us in more easily encountering God's glory and majesty. Our wonderful choral tradition, the use of polyphony and chant, the selection of hymns, the magnificent organ, and the inclusion of other instruments all work harmoniously together to form a music program that is most worthy of the beautiful worship space that we enjoy. Under Glenn's leadership, I like to brag that our sacred music program has very few rivals in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Music isn't just an addition, an extension, an add-on to the liturgy. Instead, it is itself an indispensable part of the liturgy. Think about this: even at the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples sang a hymn. At that great liturgy of the Lord's Supper, music was an integral part of what was happening. Jesus and His disciples were doing something very biblical: singing. The importance of music is shown by the fact that in the Bible, the verb "to sing" (along with words such as "song") occurs 309 times in the Old Testament and 36 times in the New Testament. What we do at Mass in singing and praising God through music is a continuation of what believers have been doing for millennia.

Pope St. John Paul II put it this way: "As a manifestation of the human spirit, music performs a function which is noble, unique, and irreplaceable. When it is truly beautiful and inspired, it speaks to us more than all the other arts of goodness, virtue, peace, of matters holy and divine. For good reason it has always been, and it will always be, an essential part of the liturgy."

Glenn, together with our musicians and choir members, has helped us to more deeply experience the beauty of liturgy and indeed to get a foretaste of the heavenly liturgy. The sacred music program at OLS, in a very beautiful and noble way, aids us in giving greater glory to God, even as it lifts our spirits to contemplate "matters holy and divine."

Providentially, the liturgy for today has the psalmist proclaiming that "in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple." We are grateful beyond words to Glenn for helping us all to sing God's praises as we worship in our holy temple.

As he leaves us, Glenn does so having gifted us with something quite beautiful and we're so very indebted to him. Thank you, Glenn, and may you forever enjoy and sing of God's blessings!

Blessings,

Stewardship is a way of life

# THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

This will be reported in the next bulletin

#### 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!

#### Save the Date

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

#### Reflections of Catechism

2632 Christian petition is centered on the desire and *search for the Kingdom to come*, in keeping with the teaching of Christ. There is a hierarchy in these petitions: we pray for the Kingdom, then for what is necessary to welcome it and cooperate with its coming. This collaboration with the mission of Christ and the Holy Spirit, which is now that of the church, is the object of the prayer of the apostolic community. It is the prayer of Paul, the apostle par excellence, which reveals to us how the divine solicitude for all the churches ought to inspire Christian prayer. By prayer every baptized person works for the coming of the Kingdom.

#### Think About It

Welcoming the Stranger Among Us; Unity in Diversity This is the title of Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration and the Movement of Peoples. The following are excerpts from that teaching:

The full US Bishops pastoral statement may be found on the internet at usccb.org. It reviews the biblical vision of love for strangers. It sets out 3 basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching on immigration.

First Principle: People have the right to migrate to sustain their lives and the lives of their families.

Second Principle: A country has the right to regulate its borders and to control immigration.

Third Principle: A country must regulate its borders with justice and mercy. Principle One and Two must be understood in the context of Principle Three. A country's control of immigration must be governed by concern for all people and by mercy and justice, and the common good, not on self interest. There is a right of families to live together. ... Before God, we cannot excuse inhumane treatment of certain persons by claiming that their lack of legal status deprives them of rights given by the Creator. Thus the presence of millions of people living without easy access to basic human rights and necessities is a grave injustice.



SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019

5:30 PM Rocco Silano 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2019

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette

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Purgatory

10:00 AM Ann Waldron Stuart – 1<sup>st</sup>

Anniversary

11:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2019

7:00 AM Lenore M. Antinozzi

12:00 PM Alacoque White Special Intention

**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019** 

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh

12:00 PM Jacinta Holmes Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

7:00 AM Quinns, Mulligans & Doyle Families

12:00 PM Nicole Degnan Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

7:00AM Dionigi Maladorno

12:00 PM Annie Degnan Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

7:00AM Frances Shusko

12:00 PM Mary Ann & Nick Pullen

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan

12:00 PM Eileen McDonald

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 3, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta

& Abramo Families

10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato

11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette

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Purgatory

#### 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, Ralph Coccia and Deacon John Inguaggiato.





# **Our Lady of Sorrows School News**

Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed



Our Lady of Sorrows School is proud to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open!

Parents who are interested in sending their children to OLS School (Pre-K, K-8) are encouraged to schedule a school tour as soon as possible before classes fill up. See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer!

At OLS School, we are very excited about the future. Come join our growing community filled with wonderful teachers, fantastic students, passionate parents, and our Principal, Ms. Judy Foley.