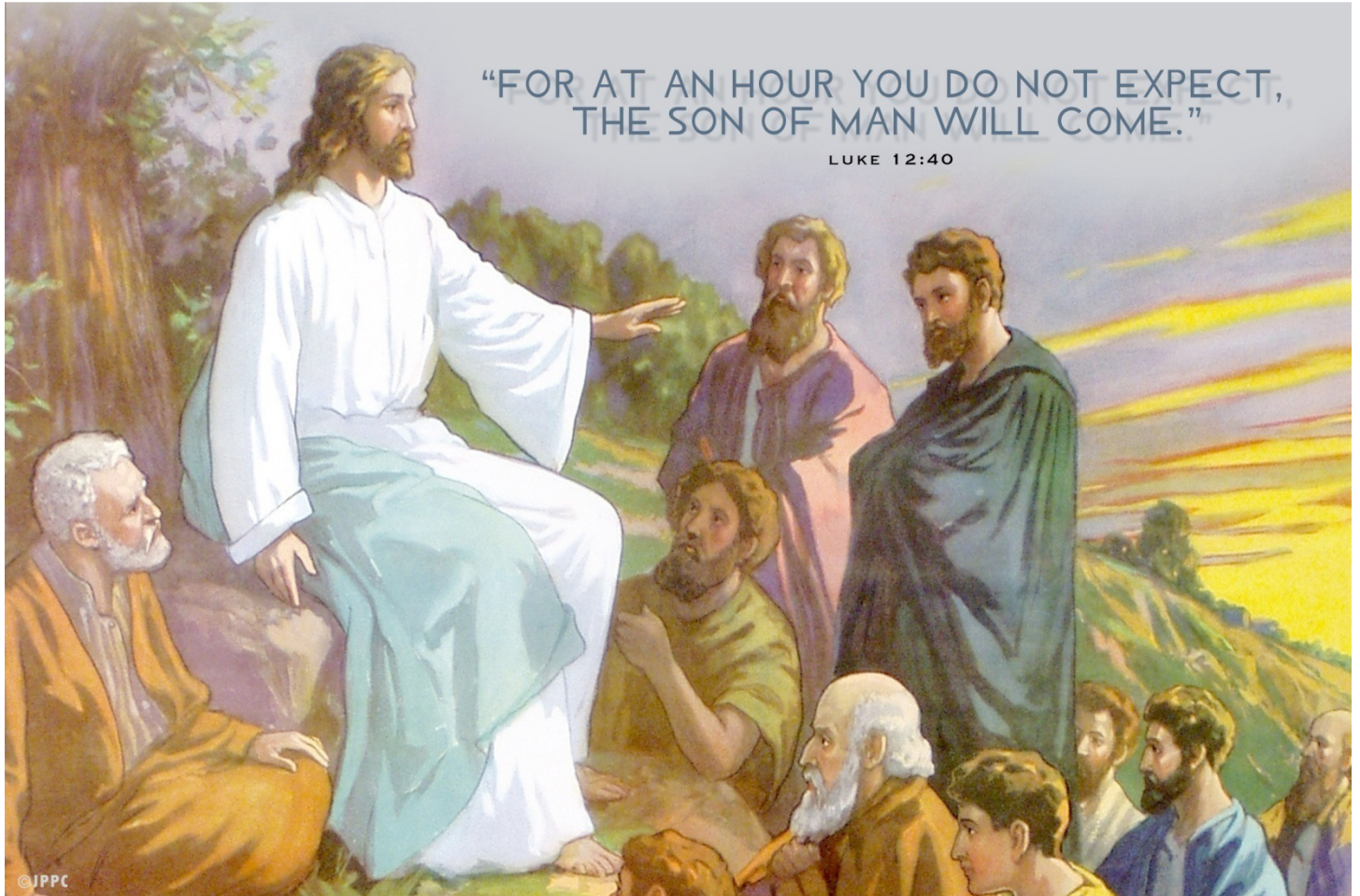


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*

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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message From Fr. Chan

Why do Christians give alms? Why should we give up our own possessions to others? In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples: **"Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be"** (Lk 12:33-34). Seems simple enough – we give alms on earth to store up treasure in heaven. In other words: we are investing our earthly goods for the attainment of heaven.

Is this transactional point of view truly the correct understanding of what Jesus is telling us? We must be careful with this type of understanding: we cannot *buy* our way into heaven. We cannot *merit* heaven, no matter how great the deed or pure the intention. If that's the case, then what do we make of the Lord's teaching?

The giving of alms is not simply an act of good will toward our neighbor. Rather, to truly give alms in the way our Lord Jesus commands us, we ought to keep in mind what he tells us prior to His command of giving alms: **"your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom"** (Lk 12:32). This is fundamental to our lives as Jesus' disciples and agents of charity in the world. We have found the *greatest treasure* (cf. Mt 13:44), the *pearl of great price* (cf. Mt 13:45-46). We have been given the Kingdom of God!

Our almsgiving, then, is a concrete act of our faith. It's as if to say: I am detached from material possessions because I know that I already possess the greatest treasure already! It's a bold declaration to God and to the world that our material possessions, relative to the goodness of the kingdom of God, is worthless. This is the sentiment of St. Paul when he writes: *"More than that, I even consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ"* (Phil 3:8).

So, we ask ourselves: is our heart set on the treasure of heaven? Rather than living in the logic of transactions and deal-making, are we living with the logic of the Kingdom? Only when we are converted, through His grace, to reorganize our lives to the workings of the Kingdom of God are we able to *truly* give ourselves over to God and to our neighbors. And when we learn to join our almsgiving to the Lord's Cross, the greatest act of charity, we will be found vigilant upon our Master's arrival. Then, in the fullness of His Kingdom, when selfless love and pure charity will abound, we will *recline* with Him *at table* as His *blessed servants* (cf. Lk 12:35-37). May He grant us the grace to do so. Amen.

Fr. Chan

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

August 4 th	Week 6	Y. to Date
Collection	\$9,973	\$65,040
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$79,615

THANK YOU TO ALL IHN VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all who volunteered for the summer Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Host Week. It is always amazing each week to see how everyone's talent, time, and treasure jointly help create a welcoming and comfortable "home" space for the families we host: those who cook meals, shop for items/supplies we need, set up and breakdown the living area, socialize and engage with the families each evening, stay overnight with the families, do laundry or drive families to do laundry, or donated items or monetary gifts for the Giving Tree. In whichever way you helped, you were truly living the gospel call to serve our brothers and sisters in need. "Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you . . . ?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"— Matthew 25: 37-40

Looking ahead our next Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week will be October 13 to 20.

Facebook

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men's Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. "Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path" Rise and Shine with the Lord.

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 - National Shrine Pilgrimage

Every 3 years, the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This year's pilgrimage is **Saturday, October 26**. OLS will partially subsidize the bus cost to help our parishioners partake in this pilgrimage. More information about how to sign up will be in the bulletin as we get closer to the date. Join Fr. Brian and Deacon Walter for this wonderful opportunity to gather with parishioners from all over the Archdiocese to pray at and participate in Mass at our National Shrine.

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!**

Think About It

In A.D. 368 when Cappadocia was stricken with a dire famine, the suffering was intense. Basil distributed the entirety of his inheritance to the poor. He also used Church funds to open soup kitchens where he was often found serving food, girded with an apron. Some of the people in his social class, however, both held on to their money and enjoyed profit from the higher prices resulting from decreased supply and increased demand. We are fortunate to still possess the text of a homily he preached to his peers during this crisis: "You refuse to give on the pretext that you haven't got enough for your own need. But while your tongue makes excuses, your hand convicts you—that ring shining on your finger silently declares you to be a liar! How many debtors could be released from prison with one of those rings! How many shivering people could be clothed from only one of your wardrobes? And yet you turn the poor away empty-handed." - from the book *When the Church Was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers*



SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

5:30 PM Helen Bell

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

8:00 AM Margaret Moran
10:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased
11:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Fernando Gomez

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2019

7:00 AM Antonietta Minichiello
12:00 PM Rosa Delia Shoemaker

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

7:00 AM Robert Fornale
12:00 PM Jaime Forero

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

7:00AM Michael Checkawhiz
12:00 PM Melanie Zappo
12:00 PM Mary Urbanski Dash

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2019

7:00AM Patrick O'Malley
12:00 PM Michael Ebert

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

8:30 AM Elizabeth Bryce
12:00 PM Robert Fornale

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 17, 2019

5:30 PM Frances Jandoli

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Albert Piccinini, Beatrice & Jerome Guida
11:30 AM Ibrahim Shaheen

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Nancy Catherine Sullivan, Russell J. Pace Sr. and JoAnn Mistretta.** 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.

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

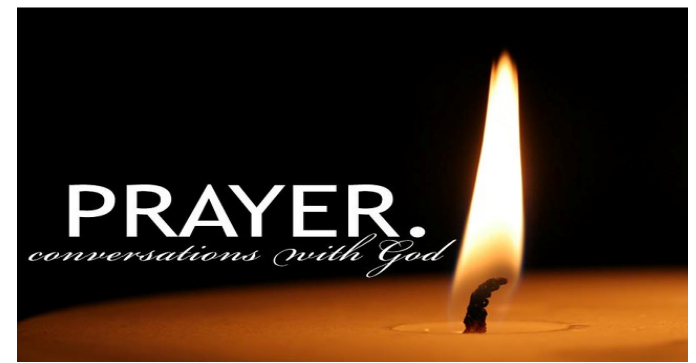
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

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 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.