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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 12:45 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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August 15, 2021

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A Message From Fr. Brian

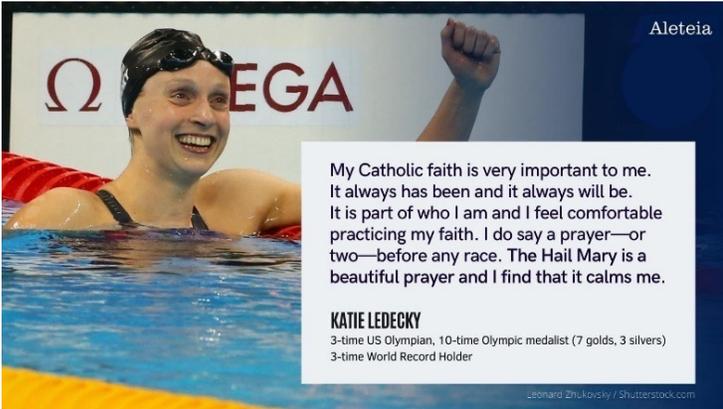
This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed into Heaven, body and soul, where she now intercedes for us. At the end of our own earthly lives, our souls – we pray – will join Mary and bask in the glory of Heaven and then at the consummation of the world, our souls will be reunited with our bodies. This is what we mean by the “resurrection of the dead.”

Of course, we must live our lives in such a way that are ready for Heaven. St. Paul believed that he was ready for Heaven when he wrote to Timothy: *“I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance”* 2 Tim 4:7-8.

The Tokyo Olympics showed forth the faith lives of many athletes, including dozens of athletes who were not afraid of witnessing to their Catholic faith. They “competed well, they “finished the race” and they “kept the faith.” May we do so as well so that we might someday win the crown of righteousness and join our Blessed Mother in Heaven.

Blessings,

Fr. Brian



Aleteia

My Catholic faith is very important to me. It always has been and it always will be. It is part of who I am and I feel comfortable practicing my faith. I do say a prayer—or two—before any race. The Hail Mary is a beautiful prayer and I find that it calms me.

KATIE LEDECKY
3-time US Olympian, 10-time Olympic medalist (7 golds, 3 silvers)
3-time World Record Holder

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Aleteia

“I learned how to pray when I didn’t know how to before. I trusted in God. I told myself, there’s a purpose, why I’m here. I thought it was impossible. But ... we can do it. **Don’t give up. Whatever the challenges and trials, let’s pray to God, He will guide us.**”

HIDILYN DIAZ
2-time Olympic Medalist - Silver, Rio 2016; Gold, Tokyo 2020
Won the Philippines’ first ever Olympic Gold medal

Photo courtesy of Hidilyn Diaz



Aleteia

My faith was being tested all week... I just kept hearing God say, “Just focus on me.” I no longer run for self recognition, but to reflect His perfect will that is already set in stone. I don’t deserve anything. **But by grace, through faith, Jesus has given me everything. Records come and go. The glory of God is eternal.** Thank you Father.



SYDNEY MCLAUGHLIN
2-time US Olympian
Tokyo 2020 Gold Medalist - 400-meter hurdles



Aleteia

“I marched into St. James the Apostle Church that Sunday in a line of teenagers with solemn faces... in a way, our procession reminded me of a medal ceremony, except that no gold, silver, and bronze medals would be given out. **Instead, our prize would be something much more powerful... the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation.**”

SIMONE BILES
7-time Olympic Medalist

Jeff Pachoud / AFP

Please join us for our Parish and School Picnic!



Sunday
September 12 12:30-5pm \$10 per person
\$25 for couples/
families



Please RSVP

Email Michelle Dixon
medixon8@gmail.com

Games and activities for children.
OLS will provide all of the food, as well as
water, soda, and coffee. Just show up! BYOB.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

August 8th	Week 6	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,510	\$69,056
Avg. Budgeted	\$11,179	\$67,074

Food Pantry: \$1,078
Church in Africa: \$1,312

Thank you for your continued support!

Baptism Prep: A chance to learn and reflect

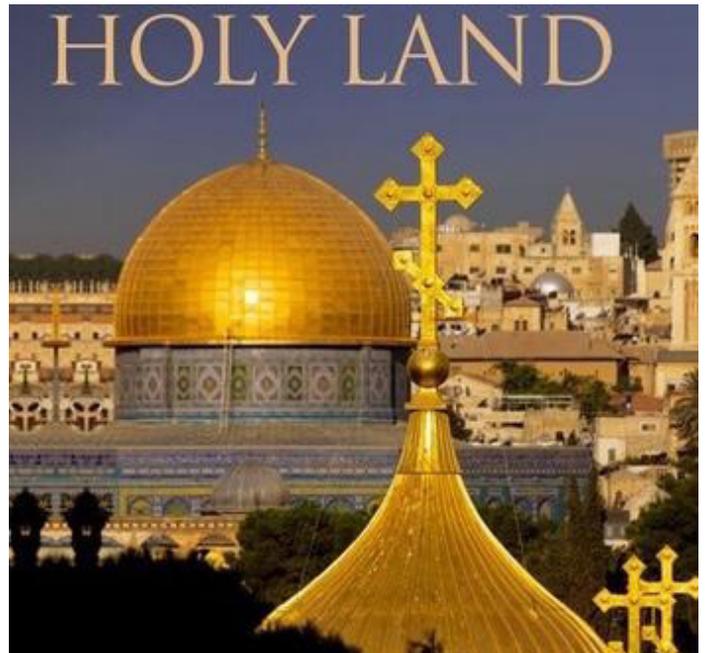
Parents who ask to have their children baptized at OLS are first asked to watch a film about the Sacrament of Baptism and then to answer a few questions. To the question of “Name one or more insights that you received from the video,” among the replies we recently received were the following:

- “The Cross is the royal throne of Christ and the Chrism oil anoints us as was done with kings and prophets.”
- “While we always thought of Baptism as a key milestone in our daughter’s life and an occasion to come together as a family, more importantly it is a welcoming into the Catholic community and the cleansing of original sin.”
- “We are not perfect, but because of Confession, we’re in a state of continual conversion, and we’re renewing our Baptism over and over again.”
- “Baptism is a necessary part of salvation, bringing an individual into the family of God and cleaning original sin. We are each soldiers, priest, prophets, and kings, and not merely bystanders in the Church. The trinitarian aspect of the family, being the domestic Church, lays the foundation for spiritual growth of the baptized. Godparents are the link the baptized and the greater Church community, as faith is both communal and individual.”

In future bulletins, we will continue to share other responses to this question and other questions. We can all learn something by reflecting on these responses.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

We are now planning a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel), from March 8-18, 2022. We will walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the trip will include, among many other sites, the following: Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, Mount Tabor, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, Mossada, and Jerusalem. As of August 9th, 45 people have expressed interest in this trip. If you are interested (without committing yourself), please email Fr. Brian at your earliest convenience: fbrianneedles@gmail.com.



OLS Choirs seek new members

While the wonderful choirs at OLS were able to partially continue their ministry during the pandemic, we look forward to the full return of our St. Cecilia Singers for children in grades 3-8; our Canticum Novum Singers who sing at the 10:00 am Mass and our Parish Choir at the 11:30 am Mass. New members are welcomed and needed in all choirs, especially men in our two adult choirs. For more information, please see Preston Dibble after Mass or at the parish office or email him: olsmusician@gmail.com

RCIA

Are **you** or **someone you know** being called to the fullness of the Catholic faith? Do **you** or **someone else** need to confirm your Baptismal call by receiving Confirmation? Please do not hesitate to call the parish office and ask for **Sister Mary Selina**. Please do not hesitate to say YES to the Lord's invitation.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

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.**

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>

New drop-off procedure for Food Pantry

Thank you to all who drop off food to our Food Pantry. Without your assistance, we could not serve all of the families that we do. Please be aware of our new drop-off times and procedures:

- Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00 – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- Saturday: 8:00-6:00 – Church front vestibule
- Sunday: 8:00-12:00 – Church front vestibule

Please do not leave food at the Rectory.

Thank you for respecting these drop off times and thank you for your continued generosity to our Food Pantry.

Meet Our Staff

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Save the Date for the return of:

*Holy Mass with the
Sacrament of the
Anointing of the Sick*

*Saturday September 18th, 2021
(Watch the bulletin for more information)*



"Is any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord..." James 5:14-15



VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021

5:30 PM William J. Bowling

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

8:00 AM Monica Mrozak
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM The Deceased Members of the
Lambusta and Abramo Families

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

7:00 AM Al Bianchi
12:00 PM Mary Bernadette Randal

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

7:00AM Elizabeth Bryce
12:00 PM Mildred Delaloye

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021

7:00 AM Lisa and Fredrik Svozilik
12:00 PM Ed McFadden

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

7:00AM William McHugh, Sr.
12:00 PM The DeehanandDePaola Families

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021

7:00 AM Special Intentions
12:00 PM David Codey Durkin

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021

8:30 AM David Durkin
12:00 PM John Santoliquido - 15th Anniversary

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 20, 2021

5:30 PM Joseph Lanzl

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Vincent & Rose Schrempp
11:30 AM Sr. Philippine Bonner, S.C.C.

In Memoriam

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

This Week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Sr. Consuela Bradley, S.S.C.** Requested by Maria Wilms.

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, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Pat Bendrot, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall and Bekim Colaku.



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