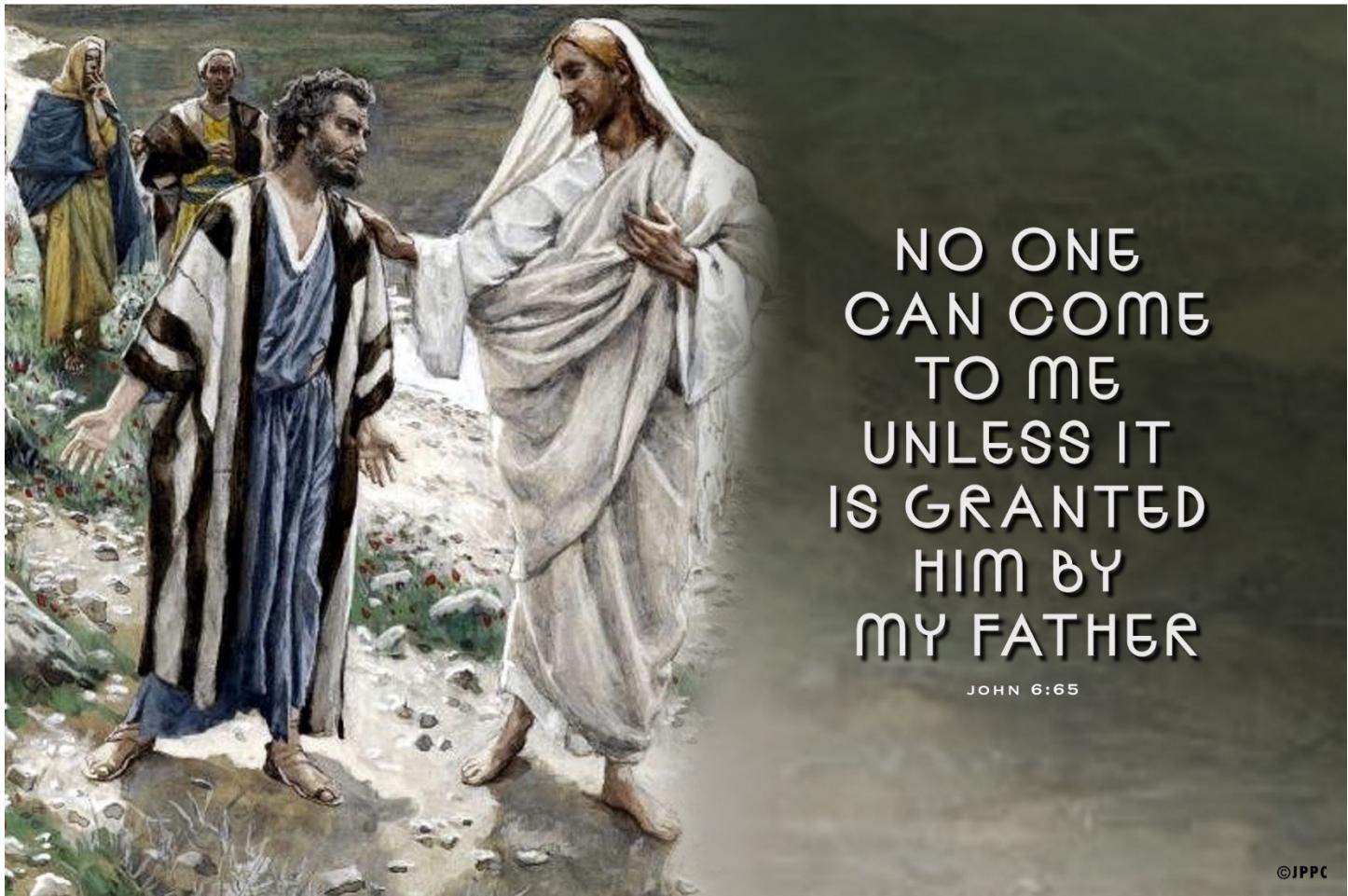


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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am

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

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August 22, 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message From Fr. Brian

An often-times told story tells of a person who wrote the following to his local newspaper's Letter to the Editor section: "I've gone to church for 30 years now and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

In reaction to that letter, many other people wrote letters to the Editor in support of or against that sentiment. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

You might want to use that logic with friends and family members who have stopped coming to Church. This logic can also be applied to this Sunday's Gospel passage, in which many of the disciples of Jesus, not understanding – and, indeed being scandalized by – His teaching on the Bread of Life, stopped following Him and returned to their former way of life.

In response, Jesus said to the Twelve, "*Do you also want to leave?*" Simon Peter, speaking for the others, replied, "*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*"

Those who left Jesus because of their inability to accept His teaching on the Eucharist deprived themselves of so much. They didn't realize how much they could be nourished by Our Lord and so they therefore were like that guy in the story above who was ready to give up on going to Church.

It's no secret that many Catholics have stopped practicing their faith and have given up on going to Church. I'm sure that you have friends and family members who fit that description. Sometimes it's simply a matter of laziness. Other times it's a matter of them becoming overly engrossed by what this world offers and therefore losing interest in God and in the supernatural. And, sad to say, some members of the Church, especially bishops and priests, have scandalized many people by their immoral and evil conduct to such an extent that they have caused otherwise faithful people to look for answers elsewhere.

As a Church and as individual members of the Church, we have much work to do heal the wounds caused by those scandals. We who remain – and we number in the hundreds of millions – have a mission: to bring healing to those wounds. Our mission also includes helping our brothers and sisters who have walked away from the Church, for whatever reason, to understand what they are missing, the nourishment they are not receiving by not availing themselves of all that Christ and His Church has to offer.

Let us all pray that those who have fallen away – as well as ourselves – will be able to repeat the words of Joshua in this Sunday's first reading: "*As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*"

Blessings,



Please join us for our Parish and School Picnic!



**Sunday
September 12**

12:30-
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August 15 th	Week 8	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,537	\$80,593
Avg. Budgeted	\$11,179	\$78,253

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Congratulations to our eighth 2021 Calendar Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Patricia Roche on winning our 8th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Patricia won \$1,500! Patricia's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 4 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com & purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 Check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is September 15th. Good luck to everyone!



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.

Help Wanted - Yes, Even Here at OLS

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."
(Matthew 9:37)

Help Wanted...Now Hiring...Thank you for your business and patience with our staff as we deal with the national labor shortage. Signs like these seem to be popping up everywhere and like so many organizations and businesses, the OLS CCD program is also in need of help. This year our program finds itself in particular need of faithful men and women who are willing to help educate the next generation of Catholics in matters of the faith. We are currently in need of a 2nd, 6th and 8th grade CCD teacher for Monday afternoons from 3:55 - 5:15 pm. Our program runs from the third week of September to the first week in May. Materials and training provided. Please contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com for more information. If you can't volunteer, please keep our program in your prayers!

Have Kids? Let Us Help You!

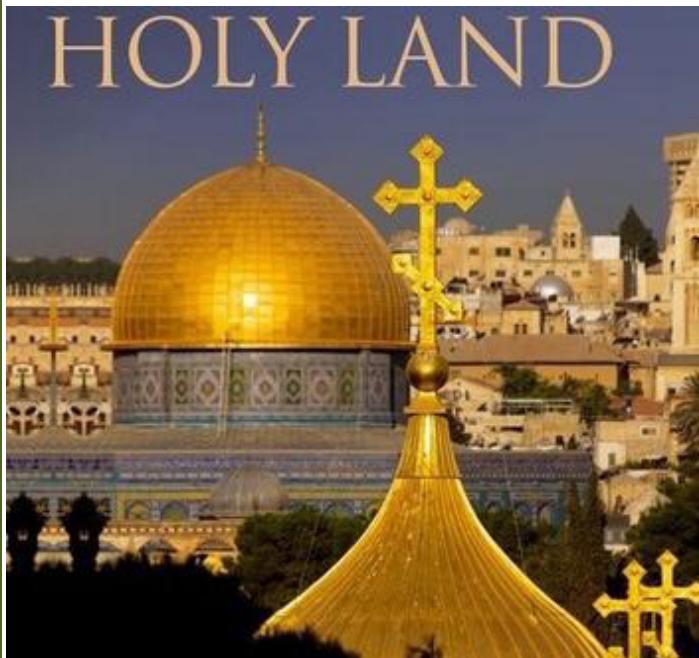
While parents are the primary educators in matters of the faith, you don't have to do it all alone. Let your parish help you! The OLS CCD program is here to help your child develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. But before we can assist your family, we need to know who you are! If your child will not be attending a Catholic school this year, please be sure to visit the parish website and click on the "Religious Education" tab to register him or her for CCD. Our in-person Monday and Tuesday classes begin the third week in September and run through the first week in May. Please reach out to Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com for more information about how to take the next important step in forming your child's faith.

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?

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 16th, 45 people have expressed interest in this trip. If you are interested (without committing yourself), please email Fr. Brian at your earliest convenience: frbrianneedles@gmail.com.



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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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This sacrament is administered by a priest who lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then anoints the sick person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, while praying: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who frees you from your sin save you and raise you up."

Who can receive this Sacrament?

- Anyone suffering any kind of mental, physical, spiritual or emotional illness
- Facing serious surgery
- Advanced age
- Anyone in danger of death

***** *There will be a special bagged lunch this year******

Sign-up Deadline: September 9th

Names of those attending:

Name and address of contact person: _____

Phone # of contact person: _____

Number staying for a light lunch []

Please make sure to indicate if you will be staying for lunch. Only those who indicate that they will be staying for lunch will receive a lunch bag. We will not have any extras.

Please note: The area near the baptismal font will be set aside for those who need to have Holy Communion brought to them. If anyone has a concern just let us know and we will work out a way to help you. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Mary Selena at 973-763-5454.



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VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

5:30 PM Joseph Lanzl

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

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

MONDAY,AUGUST 23, 2021

7:00 AM Juliana Celony Philippe
12:00 PM Sr. Consuela Bradley, S.C.C.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

7:00AM Debra Flynn
12:00 PM Christyan Franz Jean-Charles

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

7:00 AM Lyndon Bryce
12:00 PM The DeehanandDePaola Families

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Reginald Eugene - Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021

7:00 AM George O'Neill
12:00 PM Jeanne M. Calabrese - 15th
Anniversary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

8:30 AM David and Ilse Pollard
12:00 PM John P. Deehan

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 28, 2021

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

8:00 AM Debra Flynn
10:00 AM Robert Melillo Jr.
11:30 AM Steven Fuld

In Sympathy of

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

In Memoriam

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

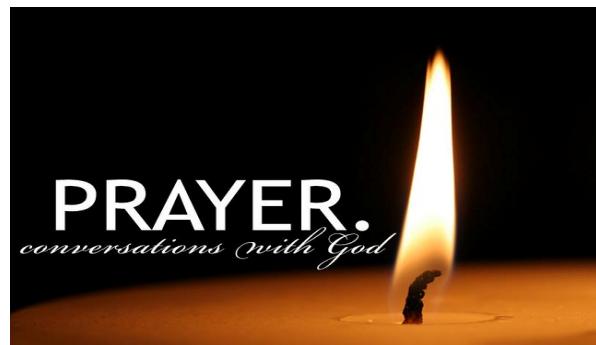
This Week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Sr. Philippine Bonner,S.S.C.** Requested by Maria Wilms.

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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.



2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? Yes No

Date (weekday) _____ 7:00 am 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) _____ 8:30 am 12:00 Noon

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