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**"THE THINGS THAT COME OUT
FROM WITHIN ARE WHAT DEFILE."**

MARK 7:15



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 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message From Fr. Rich

I often have to stop and think every time I read in the Gospels, "the Pharisees and scribes gathered around Jesus and observed him".

I have not counted how many times this statement or it's equivalent appears in the Gospels, but I would venture a guess that it has to be at least 20-25 times.

The Pharisees' attitude toward Jesus and their interaction with him is mentioned about 80 times in the Gospels. So the Pharisees and Jesus interaction make up a substantial portion of the Gospels.

And the amazing thing about this is, is that for all that contact and observation and exchange between Jesus and them, they verily never get it right about Jesus or what he is saying or doing! How can that be?

Well I believe that we can gain some substantial insight into the answer of that question if we listen to the motivation behind most of these encounters. Many times it is to trap him, to back him into a corner, to try to get him to say or do something in order to have him lose face with the people or simply to justify their own Pharisaical prejudices against him. In other words, they are constantly observing him, placing him under a microscope, not to learn from him, not to try to understand him, not to see that what his purpose is, but to find ways to dispatch him. They want him to fit within their worldview. They will only see him through the prism of their own prejudices. And for them, he is at least an obstacle and at most a threat. And he is obstacle and threat in their sight.

The reason for that is because they will only see him as they see everyone else, a mere mortal, a mere man. Their hearts are hardened to see him as he and his actions and teachings reveal him, as GOD MADE MAN.

Many times we have those same attitudes toward Jesus and God in general. How many times have we tried to confine and limit Jesus and put him under our life microscope and observe him in how he reacts to our prodding and testing?

How many times do we want to evaluate him, judge him and accept him only if he conforms accordingly to the standards we set?

Let's be honest. How many times do we only want him to be a mere mortal being that reacts and responds to our wishes and our expectations? (And of course, if there is a chance that our expectations can come to fruition, then we will most enthusiastically accord him some magical power if need be to grant our wishes.

If we wish to encounter the true Jesus of the Gospel, the true God of the Universe, the true GOD MADE MAN, then we have to do more than observe him. We have to do more than test him. We have to do more than use him to see if he is an efficient tool to acquire our worldly wants. We have to go beyond seeing Jesus only through our human eyes. We have to see him through the eyes of the theological virtues that we all receive at our Baptism. We first have to see him through the eyes of Supernatural Faith that each of us has infused in us as a gift of our Baptism. We have to see him as he reveals himself for our benefit, as GOD MADE MAN. And then we have to make use of the theological virtue of Hope to place our lives in Him as our Savior and then ultimately to LOVE him unconditionally in the theological virtue of Charity.

Only then can we observe Jesus with true understanding and see him as he truly reveals Himself, and appreciate and rejoice in the fact that he is not mere mortal. HE IS SIMPLY DIVINE! HE IS SIMPLY ALL!

God Bless

Fr. Rich

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 22nd	Week 8	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,013	\$92,606
Avg. Budgeted	\$11,179	\$78,253
Food Pantry \$847		
Repairs & Maintenance \$4,580		
Haiti \$2,534		

Thank you for your continued support!

Baptism Prep: A chance to learn and reflect

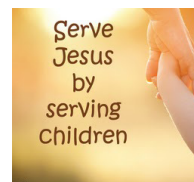
Parents who ask to have their children baptized at OLS are first asked to watch a film about the Sacrament of Baptism and then to answer a few questions. To the question of "Name one way you can help nurture your child's faith in you family setting," among the replies we recently received were the following:

- We would like to regularly attend Mass with our daughter as a family to help her connect with our community through Catholic teachings and support her on her journey of faith.
- In addition to evening family prayer, we plan to introduce the stories of the Bible to inspire and introduce the Bible to our daughter. We also hope to be living examples of our faith to her.
- We can foster the Catholic faith in every day life. We believe it will be important for us to read the Bible weekly with our children and make connections to weekly Mass.

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.

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



Catechists Needed

Do you have a love of children and a passion for sharing your faith with others? If so, please give prayerful consideration to becoming a catechist for the 2021-2022 school year. Classes run from the end of September through the beginning of May with many weeks off for holidays. Teaching manuals, catechetical resources, training and support are provided to all catechists.

As a catechist you can-

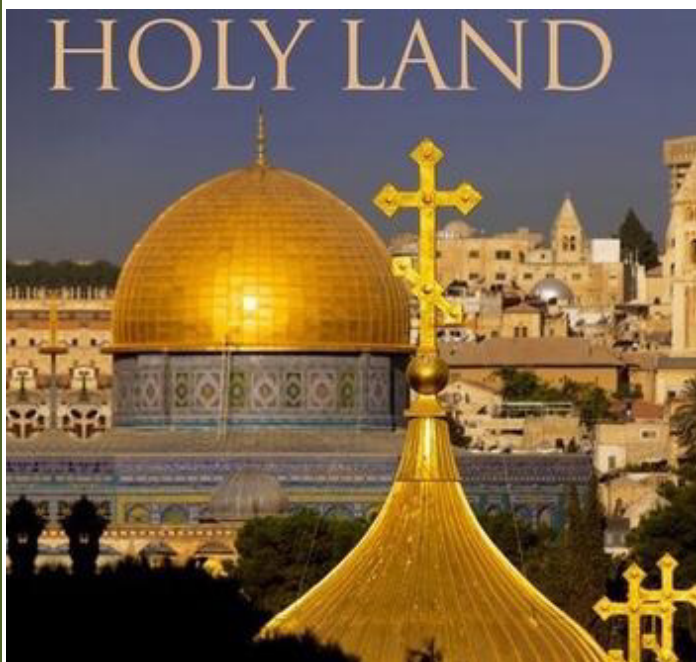
- Learn about your own faith while teaching it to others.
- Practice good stewardship by giving your time and talents to those at the beginning of their faith journeys.
- Become an evangelist by answering Christ's call to bring the gospel to others.
- Have fun while witnessing the gospel taking root in the next generation of the Church.
- Model Christian behavior by showing the youth of the parish how important God is in your own life - and theirs.
- Meet other parishioners with a shared interest in the Church and working with children.
- Receive reduced CCD tuition if you have children in the program.

Our CCD program relies upon volunteers in order to be able to offer classes for each grade and to maintain small class sizes. **Volunteers are currently needed to help lead 6th and 8th grade classes on Monday afternoons from 3:55 - 5:15 pm. We are also in need of a part-time 2nd grade catechist on Mondays.** If you are interested in helping OLS in its mission to provide quality religious instruction to the youth of the parish, please contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 ext. 235. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

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main page under news and events.
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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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***We are so Happy to Invite You To
Our Lady of Sorrows Healing Mass
September 18, 2021 – Noon Mass***

*Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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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.



VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

7:00 AM Terry Cunningham
12:00 PM Sr. Mary Jerome Kunetz, S.C.C.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Bhagwant Srichawala

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins
9:30 AM School Mass
12:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

7:00AM Dorothy Tomney
12:00 PM Arthur Phipps

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM John Grzelewski

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

8:30 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Danny Ives

VIGIL MASS SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

5:30 PM Stasia & Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta
& Abramo Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM John J. Bober

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Rita Arlene Kanehann, George Boselli and Monica Corbett**. 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. Mary Jerome Kunetz, 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.



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

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am
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