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**September 27, 2020**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure**

## A Message from Fr. Brian

The year 2020 has been one of upended plans and we've all had to make adjustments in our lives and schedules. Not exempted from these altered schedules was the celebration of the sacraments in our church. I think of all of the wedding couples who have had to set new dates, which isn't an easy task given that the reception halls are now being inundated with requests for the remainder of 2020 and for 2021. Likewise, during the lockdown we were not able to celebrate funeral Masses, which was a very painful reality for those who were mourning the passing of a loved one. Now that our church is open and our permitted capacity is 150 people, we have rescheduled many weddings, and we are beginning to celebrate funeral Masses once again.

Also affected by the lockdown was the celebration of the Confirmations for the youth of our parish, which was to have taken place in May. Instead, 28 of our parish's youth were confirmed this Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, in two separate ceremonies. Our prayer for them is that they will continue to grow in the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that they will allow their lives to be guided and directed by that same Spirit. We thank Chris Kaiser, our youth minister, and Colleen McDonald from our staff, for helping to prepare our youth for Confirmation.

48 of the young people of our parish who were expected to receive their First Holy Communion this past May will receive First Communion on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in 3 separate Masses. While ordinarily we celebrate First Communions at a Sunday parish Mass, our limit of 150 congregants precludes that possibility this year. In any event, we're very excited for our First Communicants as they prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We pray that every time they receive the Eucharist thereafter will bring them the same excitement and anticipation. Thank you to Jen Noll, our Director of CCD, and Colleen McDonald, as well as the catechists from our CCD program and the teachers from our parish school, who helped to prepare our children for this Sacrament.

Finally, we're happy to announce that 3 adults of our parish recently received sacraments through our RCIA program. Kathleen Rosenbluth was baptized, confirmed and received First Holy Communion. Andrea Kassium was confirmed and received First Holy Communion. And Sebastian Parco was confirmed (and was married in our church on July 18th!). Congratulations to all of them. Our prayers are with you as you continue your Christian journey. Thank you to Sr. Mary Selina, S.C.C., and her RCIA team, for helping to prepare Kathleen, Andrea, and Sebastian for the reception of the sacraments.

After the October 3<sup>rd</sup> First Communions, we'll be "all caught up" with the celebration of the sacraments. I'm sure you join me in praying that in 2021 we'll be back to normal (whatever that may look like!) and that our lives and schedules will become more predictable!

OLS Blessings,





**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
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<b>September 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Y. To Date</b>
Collection	\$10,204	\$141,295
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$144,462
Repairs and Maintenance - \$1,049		
<b><i>Thank you for your continued support!</i></b>		

**Sunday September 27, 2020 is Priesthood Sunday.**

Serra International created this special day so that each parish can show love and support for their priests.

Please take time to express, in any way that is comfortable to you, your gratitude to our faithful priests.

***Let us pray for those who serve***



We give our deepest thanks and offer our sincere prayers for all those who

serve our nation in the armed services. To submit a name to our prayer list that will be published every week in the bulletin, please email the name, rank, and branch of service to Anne Moore at [ols.pastor@verizon.net](mailto:ols.pastor@verizon.net).

**RCIA**

If you have any questions concerning a Catholic who desires to complete his/her sacraments or someone who God is gracing to desire to come into His family the Catholic Church or just want to know about the Catholic faith, please give the office a call and ask for Sr. Mary Selina (973-763-5454) with any of your questions



**Prayer for Peace in the World  
By Pope St. John Paul II**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future.

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings laden with the sufferings of whole societies. Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences. May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen.

### **Binge on this!**

Don't be bored while stuck at home! Become more deeply engaged in your faith! Our Lady of Sorrows offers you free access to FORMED, an online depository of wonderful books, movies, audios, and much more. Here's how to sign up and start enjoying all those benefits:

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### **From the Blood Drive Committee:**

Though coronavirus may be preventing us from conducting our scheduled June 2020 blood drive, please don't let it prevent you from considering the needs of others. Blood product reserves are always depleted during the summer months and the current pandemic has only compounded the problem. Yet, consider the cancer patient who isn't afforded the luxury of taking time off from chemotherapy during this lockdown; they are among many who so desperately rely on your selfless donations.

May we encourage you to reach out to Vitalant blood services to **schedule** a donation. They have fixed donation sites in West Orange, Parsippany, Lincoln Park and Paramus, and can be contacted via [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or by phoning 201-251-3703.

All donors and staff will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the blood drawing site

### **Facebook**

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

### **Email scams involving clergy**

Please be vigilant about any email that appears to be from one of our priests, asking you to take some kind of unusual action (purchasing gift cards, clicking a link or downloading an attachment you didn't request, wiring money to a specified account, or simply asking you to reply).

A number of parishes have been hit with these email scams. It involves making a fake Gmail (or Yahoo, etc.) account in a priest's name and then sending you a request of some sort from that priest. The emails may seem harmless; they have the priest's name and an email address that looks legitimate, but upon further inspection, the email address is actually different than the one the priest uses. In some instances, the priest's name may look correct but is missing just a single letter.

Please do not respond or reply to these emails. Simply delete them. You will recognize an authentic email from one of our priests if you get one. Also, note that Fr. Brian's email address is always on the front cover of the bulletin: [frbrianneedles@gmail.com](mailto:frbrianneedles@gmail.com).

### **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](http://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.**  
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# *Welcome to OLS, Fr. Gino!*

We're happy to announce that, effective October 15<sup>th</sup>, Cardinal Tobin has assigned Fr. Gino de la Rama to live "in residence" at Our Lady of Sorrows. Fr. Gino's full-time ministry is that of being the Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark. That office, which is located at Seton Hall University, is tasked with the admission of candidates to the seminary and the encouragement of priestly vocations.

Fr. Gino has NOT been assigned as a parochial vicar at OLS, but rather will make his residence in our rectory while he performs his full-time ministry as the Director of Priestly Vocations. That position keeps him very busy, but he will occasionally assist us with the celebration of Masses and confessions, as his schedule permits.



Rev. Eugenio (Gino) de la Rama was born to Filipino immigrants in Queens, NY and he grew up in Jersey City, NJ. He attended St. Paul the Apostle parochial school and Hudson Catholic High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences from Rutgers University-Newark. After completing his undergraduate studies, he served as a missionary in Central and South America, spending 5 years in many impoverished parish communities. He entered the seminary and received a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology from Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University. For his first priestly assignment, he was sent to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ridgewood, NJ. After three years, he was asked to be the Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations.

Please give Fr. Gino a warm welcome when you see him!

## First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Parents of all students in the parish who will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year are asked to attend one of two upcoming mandatory First Reconciliation parent meetings. These very important sessions will provide parents with an overview of the sacrament and the home-based preparation program used here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

This year all of our meetings will be conducted via Zoom. At least one parent must attend one of the two virtually offered meetings scheduled for Thursday, October 8th. The first Zoom Conference meeting will be held from 1:00 to 2:15 pm. The second Zoom Conference meeting will be held from 7:00 to 8:15 pm. The OLS Religious Education Department will send out Zoom links to all of our sacramental preparation families several days prior to the meetings - but mark your calendars now!

First Reconciliation preparation materials were distributed to all of our parish CCD students in their CCD kits. Sacramental preparation materials for OLS School students were distributed by the school. Please do not open these materials until the October 8th Zoom parent meeting.

As a reminder, in order to register for the preparation of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, the baptized children of OLS must have received at least one previous year of formal religious instruction *and* be currently enrolled in a religious education program.

If you have not received First Reconciliation materials and believe that your child should be added to our sacramental preparation list for the upcoming year, please contact Colleen McDonald in the OLS Religious Education Office at [sorrowschurch@gmail.com](mailto:sorrowschurch@gmail.com). If you have questions about our sacramental preparation program in general, contact Jen Noll at [jennollols@gmail.com](mailto:jennollols@gmail.com).







## Come to the Rosary Congress at OLS!

There will be 24-hour exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & hourly rosary.

Tuesday, October 6 at 7pm; Solemn Exposition  
through  
Wednesday, October 7 at 7pm; Closing Mass

**Pray for our Church, families, country, peace, and your own intentions.**

Don't know how to pray the Rosary? Doesn't matter.

Don't think this is for you? Think again. Jesus is for everybody!

All are welcome to sit in our church in prayer and peaceful reflection for any part of the 24-hours.

For other details: [www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)

**Commit yourself to coming. Register here:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044DAFA923A4FA7-2020>

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## Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,  
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



**Email [olssvdp@aol.com](mailto:olssvdp@aol.com) if you are in need of assistance.**

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.



### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2020**

5:30 PM Joy Straub -1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Guarente&Cerza Families  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Mary Lynch

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

7:00 AM Kathleen Howley – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
12:00 PM Fritz Georges – Special Intention

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

7:00AM KadeenBuckham  
12:00 PM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

7:00 AM Martin Jacobson  
12:00 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020**

7:00AM Russell Pace Sr.  
12:00 PM Quinn, Doyle & Mulligan Families

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2020**

7:00AM Maria Wilms – Special Intention  
12:00 PM Peter Lauterbach

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020**

8:30 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM First Communion  
1:00 PM First Communion  
3:00 PM First Communion

### **VIGIL MASS OCTOBER 3, 2020**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020**

8:00 AM Joy L. Straub  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Lambusta&Abramo Families  
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

### **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 **Marion Bell**. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family.

### **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, DanielCallaghan,ElizabethStuart,MarieSomers, BillAber,NevilleMoore,JaneO'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, LudgardaRosa,Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto, Melissa O'Brien,Rita Arena and John Colaku.





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