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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm 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

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

I write this bulletin column on November 2nd, which is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), when we remember and pray for all of our deceased loved ones. Indeed, the entire month of November is dedicated to praying for the faithful departed and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Yes, the Catholic Church still teaches the existence of Purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1030) puts it this way: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

The Book of Revelation says that, "Nothing unclean will enter it (the New Jerusalem)...Only those will enter whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life." Before entering the perfection of Heaven, a soul must be purified of any stain of sin. This process of purification is what we refer to as Purgatory. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the temporal punishments resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven.

A simple way to understand Purgatory is to think about the Welcome mat you may have on your front doorstoop. That Welcome mat serves two purposes: to let guests know they are welcome into your home, but that they must first wipe the dust and debris from their feet so as not to dirty your carpet. Purgatory is the same: we are most welcome into God's home – Heaven – but we must be first cleansed or any impurities or stains of sin. This is great news! It means that we'll make it to Heaven – we'll be saints! - but not until we have been purified. Purgatory is an expression of God's love, His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

There's more good news. We who are still on earth can expedite the journey of the faithful departed from Purgatory to Heaven by means of our prayers and sacrifices. The *Compendium of the Catechism*(#211) teaches us: "Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance."

In other words, our prayers for the dead can assist them and shorten their process of being cleansed in Purgatory, because our prayers and sacrifices obtain for them the mercy of God. The Sacrifice of the Mass is the most powerful way to help the souls in Purgatory, because it is the representation of the Sacrifice of Calvary, by which Christ opened up the gates of Heaven to all believers. This is why it is a wonderful act of charity to have a Mass offered for our deceased loved ones.

So, while we remember our faithful departed in a special way during this month of November, know that the best way to remember them is by our prayers for them. And, in truth, our faithful departed are counting on our prayers if they are in Purgatory. If they are already in Heaven, God will apply our prayers to another soul in Purgatory in need of them.

And while we are remembering our faithful departed in prayer, let's take hope in St. Paul's words from the 2nd reading for this Sunday: "We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep."

Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

November 1st	Week 18	Y. To Date		
Collection	\$16,560	\$218,574		
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$216,692		
Repairs & Maintenance \$1,120				
Thank you for your continued support!				

<u>Congratulations to our</u> 10th calendar raffle winner!

Congratulations to Hugo & Linda Monformoso on winning our tenth of 12 monthly drawings in our new calendar raffle. The Monformosos won \$1,500! Their ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. Our next drawing is December 2nd. Good luck to everyone!

Our 2021 Calendar Raffle is Coming Soon!! Look in future bulletins

You can purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next year's 12 drawings. You can mail in the raffle form or you can drop the form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection.



Jesus said to His followers: "Go and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Are you willing to share the joy and gift of the Faith that you received at Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Reconciliation?

Do you know someone who needs to complete and make firm their relationship with Christ and His Church through Confirmation? Tell them to inquire: 973-763-5454

Do you know of someone who is seeking a full Relationship with Christ through His Church

through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist? If so invite them toinquire: 973-763-5454.

Prayer after an election

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good,working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve libertyand justicein the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.

Join Relevant Radio (1430 AM) for the Family Rosary Across America daily at 8pm

Our country needs your prayers. Together we need to pray for peace and unity in our nation and Church. Join Relevant Radio in its ongoing 54 day Rosary Novena, which began on September 28. Pray on your own, or even better, with other families each evening at 8pm, on the radio, with Family Rosary Across America.

For details go to www.relevantradio.com and click on the "54-day Rosary Novena". Remember, the more of us who pray, the stronger the prayer.

OLS's own Scouts BSA Troop 99G (girls!) invites parishioners to support our work in

Purchase gourmet popcorn or donate to send some to troops overseas. Use this link to order: https://www.trails-

end.com/store/scout/4R5M073E?share=6UYX L2C0

Formed: Be Educated and Entertained!

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:

- 1. Go to: www.formed.org
- 2. Enter our parish code: RJCHGZ (if requested)
- 3. Create a personal account with your email address and a password
- 4. Start enjoying the best Christian content all in one place!





2020 Annual Appeal

The 2020 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$49,243.86 already pledged. This is approximately 70% of our goal of \$70,000. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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.

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1gt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables. Food donations can be dropped off in the front vestibule of the church Monday-Friday 7am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday. Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/ Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.

Meet our Staff

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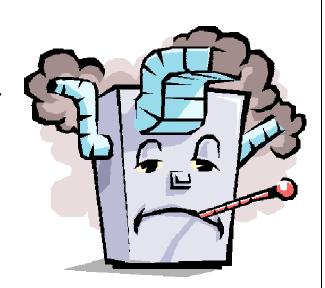
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Church Boiler, RIP!

If you've been in our church lately, you noticed how chilly it is! Our boiler has died after many decades of faithful service and its replacement is scheduled to be installed the week of November 9th.

Even though the boiler was old, as you can see from the photo below, we didn't expect to have to replace it this year. We recognize that the lockdown from COVID-19 has been a financial strain on many of you, just as it has been for our parish. For those for whom it is possible, a donation toward the boiler replacement cost, which is \$26,100, would be most gratefully accepted.





A very generous parishioner has offered to match all donations, up to \$15,000! We are overwhelmed by this offer. In addition, donations for this project are restricted to this project and will therefore NOT be assessed (taxed) by the Archdiocese of Newark.

To contribute, you may send a check to Our Lady of Sorrows and on the memo portion of the check, write "Restricted – boiler."

Thank you for any assistance you can offer in helping to replace our boiler and warming up our beautiful church!

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 special in a Mass card required?	ify):			
Date (weekday) Date (Saturday)	□7:00 am □8:30 am	☐ 12:00 Noon ☐ 12:00 Noon		
Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday)	□5:30 pm □10:00 am	□8:00 am □ 11:30 am		
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Amount enclosed: \$	(make check payable to	Our Lady of Sorrows)		

St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble



Thursday
afternoon rehearsals
and selected
10AM Sunday Mass
playing appearances





We invite all of our young parishioners in grades 3-8 to participate in the St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble. This is an extension of our normal choir, which is not currently singing due to COVID-19. Instead, the children gather each week on Thursday afternoons, wearing masks, gloves and distanced spacing to play God's song on Handbells. It is a great way for children to learn a new skill in reading music and about the Church's song, even in this time of pandemic. New children are needed to participate and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Preston Dibble, parish music director, for more information: olsmusician@gmail.com





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From your computer, go to https://olschurch.com/social-media-links/

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 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, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

5:30 PM Lenore Antinozzi

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Patricia Wiggins

11:30 AM The Farrell & Spellane Families

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020

7:00 AM Thomas Roberts

12:00 PM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

7:00AM Rose Marie Deehan 12:00 PM Dale Marshall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020

7:00 AM Thomas Roberts 12:00 PM Gigi Leroy

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

7:00AM Rose Marie Deehan 12:00 PM Paquito Agusta

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan 12:00 PM Maria Fong

VIGIL MASS NOVEMBER 14, 2020

5:30 PM The Silano Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the

Lambusta&Abramo Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato

IN MEMORIAM

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a 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, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie So mers, 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, Rosemary Muller, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku and Pat Bendrot.

