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“DO NOT
BE AFRAID;
just have
FAITH.

MARK 5:36

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 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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June 27, 2021
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Heartbreaking news came out of Alabama last week. An awful car crash on June 19th took the lives of 10 people, including eight girls from a youth home for abused and neglected children. Their van, which was involved in an 18-car pileup on Route 65, burst into flames in the crash as they headed home from a beach trip.

There's no way to make sense out of a tragedy like that. The 10 victims of that crash had so much life to live in front of them. It's difficult to wrap our minds around senseless tragedies like this. And sometimes we simply become inured to hearing about the many deaths of the innocent that result from terrible accidents like the one in Alabama (as well as from the purely evil actions by some people who have no respect for human life).

We live in a day and age in which we have become so accustomed to hearing about the tragic, senseless, and untimely deaths of people that our response sometimes goes something like this: "Oh, isn't that awful" or, "Oh, those poor people" or, "Oh, what a shame." And then we go on with our daily lives. I suppose it's a defense mechanism on our part so that we avoid becoming overwhelmed. After all, if we took to heart every piece of bad news that we hear, we would risk being completely overpowered by it. And yet, we should never allow ourselves to forget that human life – every human life, including those of the unborn – is sacred and is a gift from God.

Death is indeed a challenge, especially for those of us who have lost loved ones. But it isn't the end. God created us to be imperishable and to live forever. As our 1st reading this Sunday from the Book of Deuteronomy puts it, *"For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him."* That 1st reading begins with these words: *"God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living."*

Because of Jesus, the despair and hopelessness at the finality of death are no longer an inevitable part of our human existence. Jesus will raise us up in the same way that He raised Jairus' daughter from the dead in this Sunday's Gospel.

While we take solace and hope in the reality that our God is a God of the living, let us remember that God created us to live our lives to the fullest on this earth and to spend eternity with Him forever in Heaven. Those two statements depend on each other: we will spend eternity with God in Heaven if we live our lives here on earth knowing that what we do in this life matters for eternity. If we treasure the gift of life we've been given and if we want Heaven as our eternal reward, then we'll strive to become saints in the here and now by means of our daily thoughts, words, and actions. We can then echo the words of the Psalmist from this Sunday: *"Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name."*

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

June 13th	Week 50	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,673	\$589,332
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$601,923
	Music Ministry: \$300	
	Assessment: \$1,215	
	Food Pantry: \$425	

June 20th	Week 51	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,067	\$601,399
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$613,962
	Food Pantry: \$250	

Thank you for your continued support!

Learning From One Another

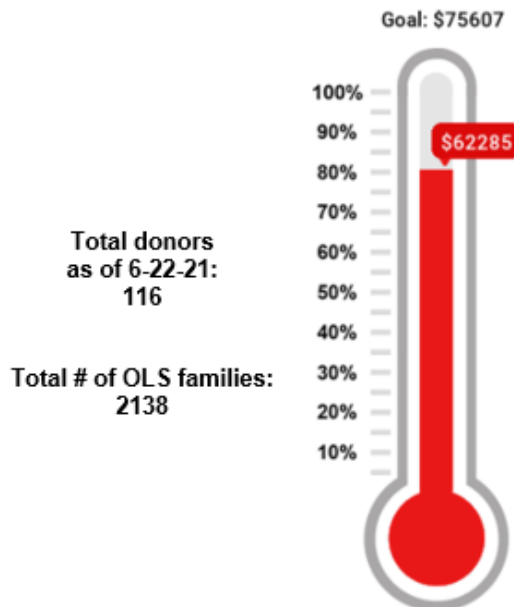
Baptism Prep: A chance to learn and reflect

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:

- It's important to not just go to Mass but to be a role model of good faith and sharing our faith in everyday contexts. This behavior helps reflect Jesus' roles as priest, prophet, and king."
- "The significance of our roles as progenitors of the Catholic Faith and preceptors of God's love in our daughter's life is an undertaking we welcome with open hearts, and renewing our baptismal vows serves as an apt reminder of our commitment to Christ and the Catholic Church."
- "Godparents should not be given as an honorary title or complement to a friend. It's a job and commitment to be taken seriously."
- "When the sign of the Cross is traced on the baby's forehead, it's powerful because the child is being set apart for God and protected by God. The Apostle Paul says Baptism marks, seals us as belonging to Christ."

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.

**Sharing God's Blessing
Annual Appeal**



**Time is running out!
Please help us make our goal by June 30th!
To make a gift:**

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Congratulations to our sixth 2021 Calendar Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Richard Simone on winning our 6th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Richard won \$1,500! Richard'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 6 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com and 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 or bring it into our office. Our next drawing is July 15th. Good luck to everyone!

Sponsor Certificates – A Reminder:

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and has received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

Online CCD Registration Now Open

In a sign of progress, after a year of remote learning, the OLS CCD program aims to bring the Good News to all of its students **in person** once again this fall! New and returning families can now register for traditional CCD classes and the OLS CCD homeschooling program by accessing the online registration form via the parish website: www.olschurch.com. Simply click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the home page or contact the religious education department to access our registration form. Program updates and information as well as our weekly CCD newsletter can also be found on the OLS website.

While many program details still need to be worked out pending the release of directives from the Archdiocese of Newark, CCD classes are scheduled to begin Monday and Tuesday afternoons, beginning the week of September 20th, from 3:55 - 5:15 pm for students in grades 1 through 8. A Kindergarten class will also be offered on Mondays. There are 25 weeks of classes which run through the first week of May.

Please register before July 15th to take advantage of "Early Bird" pricing and to help us determine the number of necessary volunteers. Please note, no child will be refused acceptance into our program due to financial hardship. Any family who would like to request financial assistance or to set up a payment plan should contact Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x285.

If you have any questions regarding CCD registration, program specifics or to volunteer, please contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x235.

Attention Parents of Rising First Graders

Is your child entering first grade this fall? If so, please note that the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist are received in the second year of religious education, generally in second grade. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that children must have two years of religious education before receiving these sacraments, so be sure to register soon.

Please visit the OLS parish website home page at www.olschurch.com and click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the page to access our registration form to sign-up for CCD and begin the very first step toward your child's reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com for specific program details.

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 10AM Mass and our Parish Choir at the 11:30AM 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

Meet Our Staff

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NJ Network of Catholic School Families

ACTION ALERT – NJ State Budget

Ask the Legislature to Increase Nonpublic School Accounts in FY 2022 Budget

Governor Murphy announced his proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 on February 23, 2021. The Budget process is now in the hands of the Legislature. We are asking the Legislature for increases in the per-pupil amounts for the nonpublic transportation ceiling and the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative. Specifically, we are asking for the nonpublic school transportation ceiling to be raised to \$1,150.00 and for the per-pupil amount for nonpublic school technology to be increased to \$45.00.

ACTION:

- I. Contact your legislator through the NJCC Voter Voice System:

<https://www.votervoicenet/NJCC/Campaigns/83759/Respond>

and follow the clicks to send the message above to your own State Senators and Assembly members – just a few clicks is all it takes!

- II. Email the Senate and Assembly Budget Committee members listed below with the same request:

~~Eliana Pintor~~ Marin (D)-Chair, Assembly: AswPintorMarin@nileg.org

Gordon M. Johnson (D): AsmJohnson@nileg.org John F. McKeon (D): AsmMcKeon@nileg.org

Nancy Munoz (R): AswMunoz@nileg.org Benjie E. Wimberly (D): AswWimberly@nileg.org

Paul Sarlo (D)-Chair, Senate: SenSarlo@nileg.org

Sandra B. Cunningham (D): SenCunningham@nileg.org M. Teresa Ruiz (D): SenRuiz@nileg.org

PLEASE USE VOTER VOICE <https://www.votervoicenet/NJCC/Campaigns/83759/Respond>

AND SEND EMAILS FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF THE BUDGET PROCESS IN JUNE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES!



Archdiocese of Newark
Office of Catholic Schools





STATEMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY BISHOPS
Reinstating the General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and the increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Saturday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday, June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives (communion in the hand, communion under one species, etc.) in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or revoked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

Given on May 20, 2021, the memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan
Bishop, Diocese of Camden

Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney
Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Most Reverend James F. Checchio
Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

Most Reverend Kurt Burnette
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Most Reverend Yousif B. Habash
*Bishop, Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac
Catholic Diocese*



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Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday (it will be brought to the office.) We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

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ORDER FORM**

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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

10:00 am 11:30 am

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Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)



VIGIL SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021

5:30 PM Bernard Schaefer

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Manuel Fernandes
11:30 AM George O’Neil

MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021

7:00 AM Antinozzi Family
12:00 PM AlfansoPapio

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021

7:00AM Michael Dwyer
12:00 PM Ngu “Peter” Quoc Tran

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

7:00 AM William Holmok
12:00 PM Jacob Weber

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021

7:00AM Jacob Weber – 1st Anniversary
12:00 PM Janina Dubis

FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021

7:00 AM James & Danielle Horan – Special Intention
12:00 PM Kelsey & Mark Bigelli – Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021

8:30 AM Jacob Weber – 1st Anniversary
12:00 PM Carmen Franzonia

VIGIL MASS JULY 3, 2021

5:30 PM Ella Rodriguez – Special Intention

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM All Service Men and Women
11:30 AM Rev. John Krozser

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Thomas Fleming**. We pray for the repose of his 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 **Janina A. Dubis**. 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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