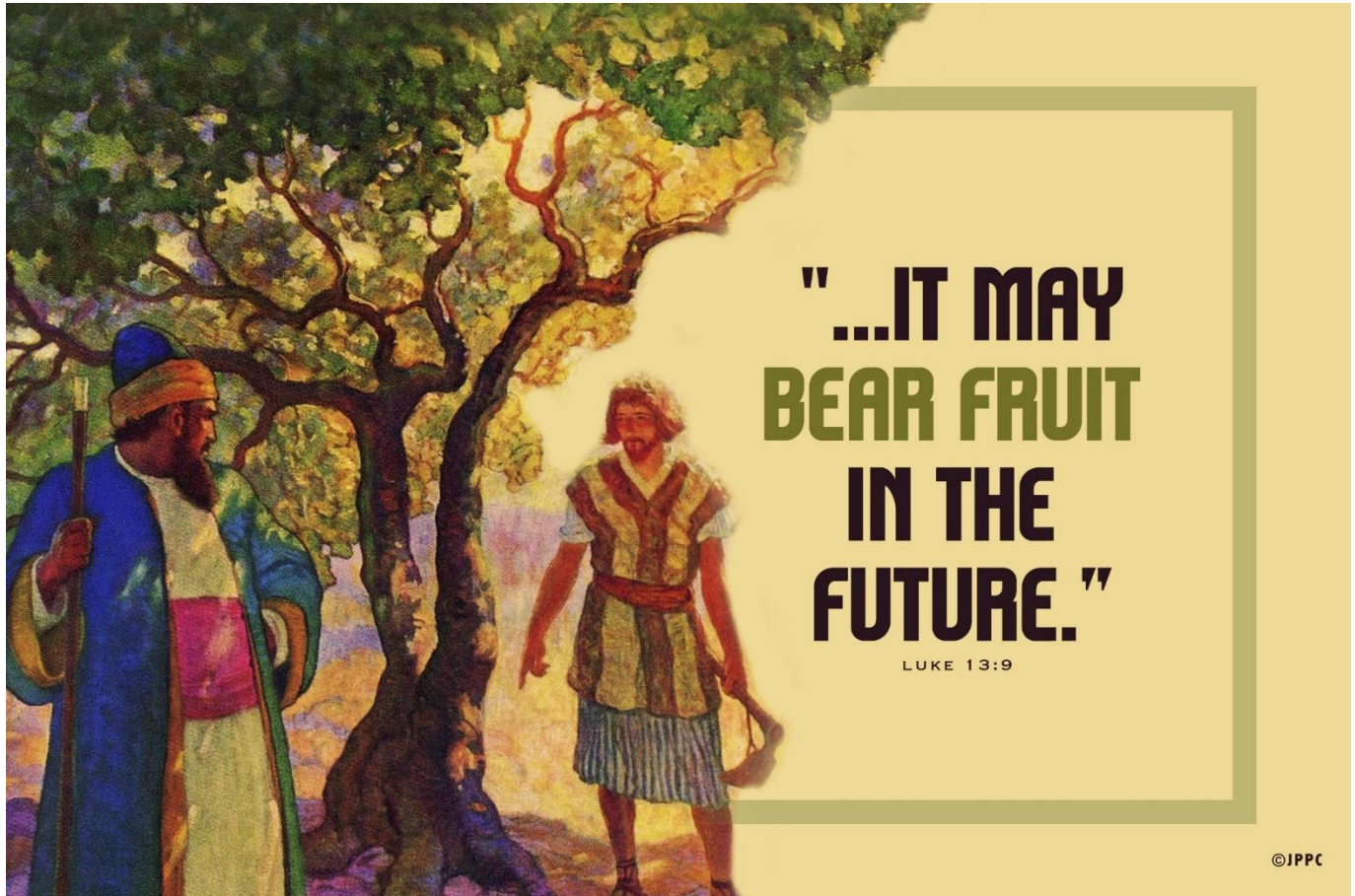


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

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 for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

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March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday of Lent

A Message from Fr. Brian

History is full of individuals who needed first, second, and many other chances before they succeeded. Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Henry Ford failed and went broke five times before he finally succeeded. The Beatles were turned down by almost every record label, with one famous rejection letter saying that “guitar groups are on the way out” and that “the Beatles have no future in show business.” Colonel Sanders went to over 1,000 places trying to sell his chicken recipe before he found a buyer. Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for lack of ideas. Albert Einstein did not speak until he was four years old and didn’t read until he was seven. The University of Bern turned down his Ph.D. dissertation as being irrelevant and fanciful.

Thank God for second (and multiple other) chances! All three of this Sunday’s readings direct us to understanding God’s mercy and compassion in disciplining His children by occasional punishment, while giving them *many* second chances despite their repeated sins. But although God’s love for us is constant and consistent and He is willing to give us many second chances, He will not save us without our cooperation. That is why He invites us to repent of our sins and to renew our lives.

Lent is the ideal time to do this and we can start by making a good sacramental confession. We will have our annual parish Lenten Penance Service on **Monday, April 4th at 7:00 pm**. That will be a wonderful time for us as a community to approach the infinite ocean of God’s divine mercy and then make an individual confession.

We started Lent with the invitation to “*return to the Lord with our whole heart.*” Our whole heart! Not a partial heart, but our whole heart! Let’s not be like the guy who sent a check to the IRS for back taxes with a note attached that said: “I felt so guilty for cheating on my taxes I had to send you this check. If I don’t feel any better, I’ll send you the rest later.” We can’t cheat God we can’t “send the rest later”! And so, especially in this Lenten season, let’s commit to giving God not just part of ourselves, but our entire selves, including the repentance of our sins. Christ can’t wait to say to us, “Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven.”

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Confession is our admission to Christ that we desire a true conversion of heart and soul. Most of us are familiar with St. Augustine’s conversion story. He went from being someone who had turned his back on God to becoming one of the greatest saints of the Church. But his conversion would probably not have happened had it not been for the constant prayers and witness of his mother, St. Monica, who over the course of her life had allowed herself to become fully converted to Christ. We will hear her remarkable story at our Lenten Reflection Talk, this coming **Monday, March 21st at 7:00 pm**. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Doug Milewski, S.T.D., who teaches at Seton Hall University. Fr. Milewski’s specializations include the theology, literature and history of early Christianity and the Fathers of the Church, in particular, St. Augustine. He is a very captivating and engaging speaker and I am sure that through his explanation of the lives of St. Monica and her son St. Augustine, he will help to draw our attention to God’s never-ending desire that we undergo our own lifelong conversion to become more faithful disciples of our infinitely loving and merciful Father. Please join us this Monday!

Lenten Blessings,



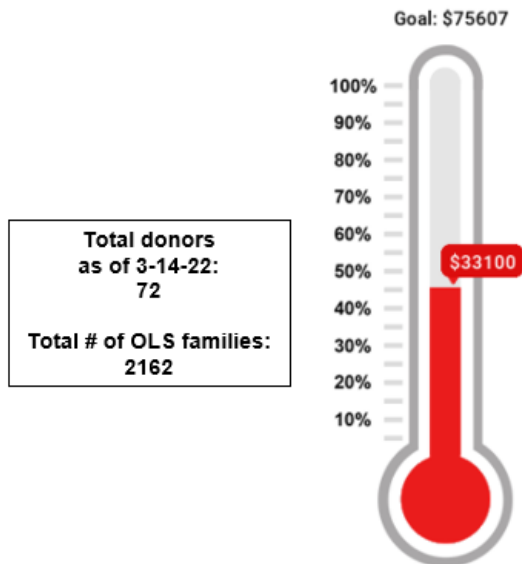
**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
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March 13th	Week 37	Y. to Date
Collection	\$9,900	\$445,638
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$413,623

Repairs and Maintenance \$2,309
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Stewardship Reflections

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

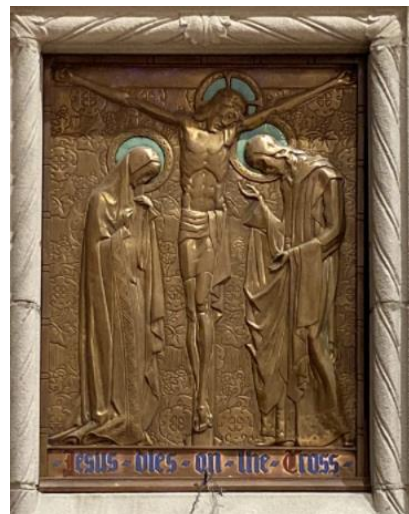
**Information Meeting: Saturday, March 26,
9:30 am, Lower Chapel**

Our Lady of Sorrows will soon become the SOMA home for The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic men's fraternal organization with nearly 2 million members. The name of the Council is *Regina Pacis* (Queen of Peace). This is a very exciting development for our parish. The Knights are dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, and social welfare works, while offering men a fraternal means whereby they can proudly live out their Catholic faith with other men.

There will be an Information Meeting in the Lower Chapel on **Saturday, March 26, at 9:30 am**. This meeting will be an opportunity for the men of our parish to learn more about becoming a member of the Knights. For any questions, please contact John Robertson: maryleads2@aol.com.

Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we accompany Our Lord on the road to Calvary.



2022 Anniversary Liturgies

We are excited to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022!

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 24, 2022, 3:00 PM: 5 years & 25 years

May 15, 2022, 3:00 PM: 50 years

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years can also join us. Please note whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021 or 2022, the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

To register please call Anne Moore 973-763-5454, she will need the couple's last name, date of marriage, first names and address. Also please note which ceremony you are attending.

Scouting Corner:

Troop 99G is gearing up for summer camp! Our scouts are registering now and preparing to attend for one week (or more) this summer. ScoutsBSA Troop 99G for girls ages 10 - 17 is looking to grow our Troop. We'd love to add you to our troop in time to be ready to attend summer camp with us.

Meet Our Staff

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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.**

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

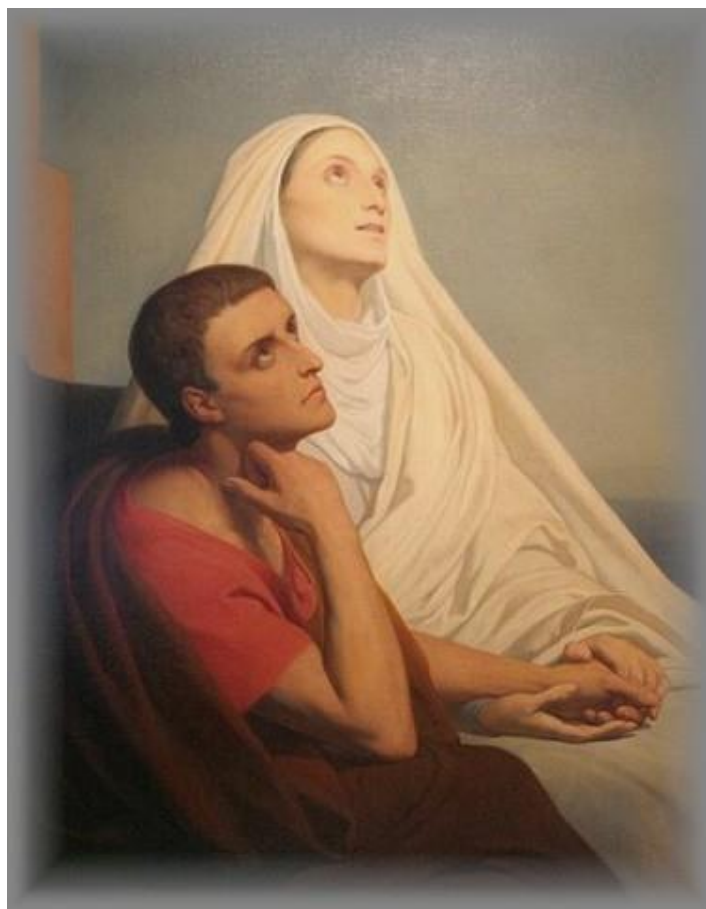
LENTEN REFLECTION TALK

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 7:00 pm

Rev. Douglas Milewski, S.T.D., Associate Professor of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, will deliver a talk entitled, “The Conversion of Saint Monica: the Other Story in Saint Augustine’s *Confessions*.”

Alongside the famous story of his conversion to Catholicism, Saint Augustine depicts how his mother Monica underwent a life-long, ongoing conversion within her vocation as a Christian, a wife and a mother. In fact, it is her story that is portrayed as the fulfillment of a Christian life, not his. What emerges is a portrait of discipleship and conversion more immediately familiar and relevant to most Christians than the dramatic tale of Monica’s son.

Fr. Doug Milewski is a wonderful, thought-provoking speaker and his talk promises to be very informative and stimulating. This will be a great way to deepen your own Lenten journey and road to conversion.





VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

5:30 PM William Hourigan

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM All Rosarians Living and Deceased
11:30 AM Elizabeth Guiliano Magnes - 37th
Anniversary

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022

7:00 AM Ann O Coakley
12:00 PM Barbara Clarke

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022

7:00AM Giorgio Chiappo
12:00 PM James Banks

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022

7:00 AM Paul Watterson
12:00 PM Ellen Smith

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

7:00 AM Jean Jacques Dessalines
12:00 PM Richard Abrigo

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
12:00 PM Guillermo Sanchez
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

8:30 AM Bill Sanchez
12:00 AM Maureen and Jack Denvir

VIGIL MASS MARCH 26, 2022

5:30 PM Henry Villeroel

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022

8:00 AM Vincent J. Ryan
10:00 AM People of the Parish
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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other 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, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan and Robert Charles.



2022 Mass Book

The 2022 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

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