

# ***OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT***

***28 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY 07068***



## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

**A faith community rooted in the Gospel Message of Jesus Christ, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish embraces all people. We seek to empower all to share their time, talent and treasure. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we grow together in faith, striving to follow the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.**

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Weekend Assistants**

**Pastor Emeritus  
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Youth Minister**

**Coordinator, Liturgy/Adult Formation**

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### **SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY 5:00PM**

**SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON**

**WEEKDAY MASS 8:45AM, Monday-Saturday**

**HOLYDAY MASSES 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; 12:05 and 7:30 PM**

**CIVIL HOLIDAY MASS 8:45 AM**

**CONFESSIONS Saturday: 11:15 AM; Other times by appointment**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I want to begin with special words of gratitude to our parish community.

First, to all of our parish families who gave a back pack for us to take to St. John's in Newark, thank you so much for your compassion and your considerate response to this need. Cathy Laracy, who is coordinating this back pack drive, told me that she believes that this year's drive has been the most successful one we have had. As of last Monday, Aug. 6, we had collected more than 90 back packs. This weekend, Aug. 11-12, is the final weekend and I have no doubt that we'll exceed 100 back packs. It is such a simple way to help others who need something as simple as a back pack.

Second, I would like to thank those who have increased their weekly donation to OLBS. Several parishioners have spoken to me very positively about the letter that I sent and, for their kind words, I am extremely grateful. Others have simply added what they could to their regular offering and this increase can be seen in the collection total that we publish each week in the bulletin. This is especially true when we look at the same weekend in 2017 and notice how the collection, especially in recent weeks, has gone up. This increase allows us to meet more fully of our financial responsibilities and to ensure that we remain fiscally solvent as a parish.

This coming Wednesday, Aug. 15, the universal Church celebrates the feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. In the Eastern churches, this day is called the Falling Asleep of Mary. Whichever title we use, today we remember that Mary, at the end of her life, was taken body and soul into the Kingdom of Heaven. As such, she becomes the first one to experience fully the fruit of her Son's Resurrection.

Every Sunday, we profess faith in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. For Mary, this is not a promise to be fulfilled at some time in the future. Rather, it is a reality which she now experiences in the present. Her body was preserved from any corruption resulting from physical death and she now is living the fruits of her Son's victory over death, namely, that she shares body and soul in the life of the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is true that this feast focuses our attention on Mary. However, we can never forget that any feast of Mary is ultimately a feast that honors the Lord Jesus himself. Without his dying and rising, there would be no resurrection from the dead and Mary would have died and been buried just like any other human being. But, since her Son did die and rise, she now lives the benefits of his dying and rising. There is also another focus that we can discuss, namely, how does this feast impact our lives?

For us, the Assumption is a promise that, what happened to Mary at the end of her life, will happen to us at the end of time. Just as she now shares in the fullness of the Resurrection, so shall we when we are called from the grave to be changed physically into a glorified body and be united once again body and soul to share for all eternity the life of heaven.

We honor Mary today and we also rejoice in the promise that this feast holds out for us – that we will share at the end of time what Mary now experiences with her Son.

***Love and Peace,  
Fr. Bob***



**Saturday, August 11**  
**Saint Clare, Virgin**  
 8:45am  
 5:00pm

**James Mastej**  
**Bonnie Lee Hartley**

**Sunday, August 12**  
**Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am  
 10:00am  
 12:00pm

**People of the Parish**  
**Diane Critchett**  
**William Hartnett Jr. &**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Daley**

**Monday, August 13**  
**Weekday**  
 8:45am

**Angela Babb**

**Tuesday, August 14**  
**Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**  
 8:45am

**Francis V Marino Jr.**

**Wednesday, August 15**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 6:45am Deceased Members of the Ciccone Family  
 8:45 am Joseph, Grace & Joanne Verderese  
 12:05 Edward & Agnes Gregory  
 7:30 Philip Bleday

**Thursday, August 16**  
**Weekday**  
 8:45am

**Barbara Maran**

**Friday, August 17**  
**Weekday**  
 8:45am

**Amanda Oliver**

**Saturday, August 18**  
**Weekday**  
 8:45am  
 5:00pm

**Frank & Ofelia Falgons**  
**Anthony Liotta**

**Sunday August 19**  
**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
 8:00am  
 10:00am  
 12:00pm

**Concetta Derits**  
**Richard Palmieri**  
**Arthur Marano**

**This week the Sanctuary Candle is offered for Memory of Carida & Staehle Families and the Bread & Wine is offered for Mary, John & Patrick McGovern.**



**Terrie Pontecorvo**

*Rest In Peace*



**If you wish to bring forward the Offertory Gifts of Bread and Wine at Sunday Mass, please come to Church 15 minutes early and notify one of the priests.**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL.** Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Brian Uetz, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Jessica de la Paz, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Trudy Ramos, Jocelyn Chee, Sylvia Perlas,, Melissa Marquez, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Regina, Christopher Westdyk, Ann Miola, Victor Dianco, Annemarie Magnoppi, Brian Glynn, Special Intention, Cielo Arribe, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Brandon Glynn-Young, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Phyllis Sova, Lessie G. Barbara L, Cindy Michalowski Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Jennifer Mc Enroe, Joan Kennedy, Michael Santucci, Julie McGuinness, Helen Shapanus, James Minium, Dennis S, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy.

**Do You Need Prayers?**

We have a **Prayer Chain** here at OLBS. What is a **Prayer Chain**? It's a group of parishioners who have committed themselves to pray for people in our parish or their families who have a special need for prayer, e.g., out of work and need a job, a serious illness, surgery, etc. **What do you need to do?** It's very simple. Call the rectory and tell us the first name **ONLY** of the person who needs prayer and, if you wish, what the reason is for the prayer. (**That last part is not required.**) We are waiting to pray for all those who need our prayers; so, call the rectory and let us know what your prayer need is (973-226-7288).



**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

Capt. Joseph Thomer, USAF; Airman Michael Traynor, USAF, CPL Joseph M. Venutolo (LaRiccia), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan; LCPL John Yates, US Marine Corp; LCPL Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps, Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.

**Sanctuary Memorials**

Parishioners can offer a donation of \$15 for the Sanctuary Candle – the candle near the tabernacle - to burn in memory of a loved one, in honor of a special event, such as a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary or simply in the name of a family in the parish. You can also memorialize the bread and wine for a week in the same way as the Sanctuary Candle. The donation for the bread and wine for one week is \$25.00. Please come to the rectory office and speak to Debbie or Patty or one of our volunteers for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses.

***Morning Prayer – 8:15 AM***

We gather every Monday-Friday morning at 8:15 AM in the church to pray Morning Prayer. This public prayer of the church is a wonderful way to unite our prayers with those of the thousands of other Catholics in parishes, convents, and monasteries who pray Morning Prayer. This prayer is new for so many Catholics; yet we hope that more and more of our parishioners will join us, especially if you cannot be with us for Mass at 8:45 AM.

**God's Plan for Giving – “The measure of your free-will offering shall be in proportion to the blessing the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.” (Deuteronomy 16:10)**

Collection for August 4-5 2018 – \$7,401.00  
Collection for same weekend in 2017 - \$9,722.00

Parish Giving month of July \$9,125.00.

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***“Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you.” From the first book of Kings. Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist, his own Body and Blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of Jesus which we remember at Mass, we find the strength and courage to be his joyful disciples.***



**Social Concerns Ministry  
MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE**

**REMEMBER** food can be dropped off any time and left in the vestibule closet, which is located in the back of the church. **Thank you for all of your continued support also monetary donations are always WELCOMED!**

**Food Certificates**

As you already know, food certificates to local supermarkets are on sale before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning/afternoon. The proceeds from this sale - \$5.00 for every \$100.00 worth of certificates purchased – goes to help us feed the hungry. We remember that the Lord said, *“When I was hungry, you gave me to eat; when I was thirsty, you gave me to drink.”* Through the purchase of food certificates, you can help the parish serve the needs of the hungry. ***When you come to Mass and purchase food certificates, you can help us to help others in need.***

**Parish Picnic – Sept. 23!**

It still is a few months away, but we want our parishioners to know that the ***Parish Picnic is going to take place on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, from 1:30 – 5:00 PM. The menu will be the same as past years and we will again have all types of activities for children so we are hoping that families will come join us that day. Please – mark your calendars and save the date and be with us as we gather and enjoy each other company on Sept. 23!!***

***Bounce House from 1:30-5  
Petting Zoo from 4-5***



**From Needleworks Ministry:**

We would like to remind everyone that if they know of anyone in need of a prayer shawl or lap blanket to please contact us. We do not need anyone's name, no questions asked. We just want to provide some comfort for those in need. You can call the Rectory @973-226-7288 to make a request or you can go to one of the weekly meetings and inquire in person.



**OLBS NEEDLEWORKS MINISTRY**

meets each Wednesday from 11:00am to 1:00pm in Founders Hall. If you knit or crochet, beginner or advanced we welcome you to join us.

**Parish Giving**



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There are enrollment forms in the vestibule, or you can simply enroll on line directly from our website. If you have any questions regarding online giving, please contact Patty Braga at the Rectory, and she will be happy to assist you.

**Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal**

To keep the parish updated as to our participation in the annual archdiocesan appeal *Sharing God's Blessings*, the information for OLBS is as follows:

Our 2018 goal - \$63,169.50  
2018 Pledges - \$56,288.00  
2018 Pledge Money received thus far - \$47,558.00  
Total 2017 donors – 136      Total 2018 donors – 167

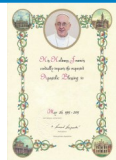
If you made a pledge to the annual appeal, please do your best to fulfill the pledge so that the archdiocese will have the funds needed to assist those who benefit from this yearly appeal.

**W.A.L.S. Donors**

Those parish families who made a pledge several years ago to *We Are Living Stones* should have recently received a letter from me regarding the amended use of the rebate money that we receive from the archdiocese. Please respond to Fr. Bob – [frbob@olbs.org](mailto:frbob@olbs.org) – if you have not done so already and let him know your thoughts about the use of the rebate money.

**Aug. 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption**

This Wednesday, August 15, is the solemnity of the Assumption, a holyday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at **6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 12:05 PM, & 7:30 PM.** Please mark your calendars for these times.



### REQUEST FOR PAPAL BLESSINGS

If you have a special event coming up in your own life or in the life of your family, e.g., wedding, 25th wedding anniversary, special birthday, you may want to request a Papal Blessing to mark the occasion.

The blessings can come from either the Vatican itself or the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C. **Please note the following guidelines:**

- 1) The individuals named in the blessing must be practicing Catholics.
- 2) Only one blessing can be obtained per person.
- 3) If requested from the Vatican, the blessing should be requested 4 months in advance of the occasion. The cost is \$45.00.
- 4) If requested from the Vatican Embassy in Washington, D.C., the blessing should be requested 2 months in advance. The cost is \$20.00.

## This week's Highlighted Ministry: Driving for the Homebound

Sometimes we have parishioners who are homebound and who are in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to some other significant destination. Since they may not be able to drive for themselves, we ask parishioners who may have free time during the day to consider being a periodic drive for a homebound parishioner of OLBS. It is one important and charitable way to live out the corporal works of mercy. If you can do this, contact Sr. Anita – [sranita@olbs.org](mailto:sranita@olbs.org) – when she arrives to begin her ministry on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

### Welcome, Sr. Anita!

On the Tuesday after Labor Day, Sister Anita Gramer begins her ministry with us as the Pastoral Associate for Outreach to the Homebound & Service.

Sister Anita is a Sister of St. John the Baptist and will reside at St. Philomena's Convent in Livingston. Sr. Anita will reach out to our homebound parishioners to bring them communion and she will coordinate the Eucharistic ministers who bring communion to the homebound as well. She will also coordinate our parish Bereavement Ministry and she will be a member of our Social Concerns Committee. **Please welcome Sr. Anita when she arrives and ask God's blessings on her ministry with us.**

### Visitors to the Homebound

If you presently visit the homebound and bring the Eucharist to them, please email Fr. Bob – [frbob@olbs.org](mailto:frbob@olbs.org) and let him know the names and addresses of those whom you visit. When Sr. Anita begins her ministry in September when she arrives, he can pass that information on to her so that she can create as accurate a list of the homebound as possible.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED?

We are hoping that all of our parish families are registered with us in the parish office. This allows us to keep in contact with everyone who is a part of our parish family. We are hoping that, in the near future, we will have our registration form on our website so that a new family can print it, fill it out at home, and then 1) place it in the Sunday collection, or 2) mail it to the parish office, or 3) drop it off at the office in person. **Please – if you have never registered at the parish, fill out a registration form and send it in to the office. We want you to be registered members of OLBS.**

### Fire Lanes

*Please remember* – if you are parking on Sunday morning in an area not a regular space, that is a **No Parking Fire Zone**. Parking there could potentially prevent firefighting equipment from getting through if there were a fire in the church or other parish building. **Please respect the safety of others and park only in designated spaces.**

### International Night Meeting – Sept. 6

On Thursday evening, Sept. 6, at 7:15 PM, in the rectory, our Social Life Committee will be meeting to prepare for our International Night on Oct. 20 and our Parish Picnic on Sept. 23. Please join us if you'd like to be part of the planning for one or both of these parish social events.

### International Night – Oct. 20, 2018!!!

Our annual International Night will take place on Saturday evening, Oct. 20, 2018, beginning at 6:30 PM, in the auditorium below the church. This is always a fun evening, celebrating the cultural diversity of our parish community. **Please mark your calendar for the new date – Oct. 20, 2018 - and get ready for a wonderfully fun evening!!!**



Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Nannies, Babies and Toddlers .....All Are Welcome!!

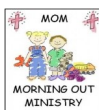
Come join us for coffee, support, conversation and fun.  
Not sleeping through the night, teething, trouble potty training, no time for spouse, housework, preparing dinner, not enough time in the day..... we all experience the same thing....  
Come for support, come for coffee, come for a small break in the morning, come for adult conversation, just come.  
We meet from 9:30am-11:00am in the Youth Room (which is located in the rectory).

\*\*\*\*\*NEW DAY\*\*\*\*\*

Thursday September 13th & 27th  
RSVP to [patty@olbs.org](mailto:patty@olbs.org)

Mark your calendars/save the dates!!

Have a great summer!  
See you in September!



### ***Our Parish Calendar***

Our parish calendar is now on line and can be accessed by any parishioner with a computer or a smart phone. By following the steps given below, you can see the various activities happening in the parish, whether they are weekly events, such as Religious Education classes, or a one-time event. These are the steps that you need to follow:

- 1) type in olbs.org;
- 2) once you are on our website, click on “parish calendar” found on the left-hand side;
- 3) click on any item and it will show what it is, where it is and when it is.

***Check each day or each week to know all that is happening at our parish!!!***

### **IS YOUR MARRIAGE VALID?**

If you were married civilly, that is not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, ***it might not be a valid marriage***. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace or a non-Catholic minister is valid. For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or deacon along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions or if, indeed, you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

### ***Would you sponsor a child for our Religious a Education Program?***

Would like to make a difference in a child’s life at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament? If so, would you consider sponsoring one child in the Religious Education Program? On occasion, the religious education fee is a financial burden for a family due to the loss of a job or serious illness. With your help, we could say to a family in need, “A generous parishioner has paved the way.”

### **Hospital Privacy**

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow the hospitals/pastoral care offices to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and want a priest to visit you or that loved one, please call the rectory office.

### **Summer Office Hours**

Beginning on the Friday after Labor Day, Sept. 7, the parish office will again be open until 5:30 PM on all Fridays.



Hope you are enjoying the final weeks of summer!!!  
Looking forward to seeing you in September!!

Our first meeting will be:

**Sunday September 9th: 7pm-9pm Youth Room**

**September 16th: 7pm-9pm Youth Room**

**September 23rd: 7pm-9pm Movie Night**

**September 30th: 7pm-9pm ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
TO WELCOME FRESHMEN**

### ***Our Stewardship Pledge***

- Please say this pledge each day, asking the Lord’s guidance for our parish.
- *OLBS parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.*
- *It will be holy, if I am.*
- *It will be friendly, if I am.*
- *Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.*
- *It will do great work, if I work.*
- *It will be prayerful, if I pray.*
- *It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.*
- *It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them.*
- *It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who it what it is, am filled with these same virtues.*
- *Therefore, with the help of Christ our King, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all that I want my parish to be.*



### **AMERICAN FLAGS WELCOMED**

We thank the families who donated flags of loved ones who served in our Armed Forces. When we fly a new flag, we will acknowledge in whose memory it has been given to OLBS. If you have a flag and wish to donate it, please bring it to the rectory office and we will gladly receive it and fly it.

### **E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND SUPPORT STAFF**

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