

OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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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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Donald Pennell
Patty Braga
Cathy Buchanan
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Linda Payonzeck**

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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,

This weekend, Aug. 4-5, I will be finishing my yearly retreat which I began last Monday, July 30. An annual retreat is strongly recommended (and even required) of priests of the Archdiocese of Newark so that they take the time needed to renew and strengthen their relationship with the Lord so that they are truly focused on the way that the Lord is leading them. It needs to be a quiet time, away from the daily aspects of their ministry, spending time in prayer and reflection on how God has called them, to listen to the quiet voice of the Lord within.

Even if it were not required, I believe that most priests would go on an annual retreat anyway. That time is crucial to our lives as priests so that we are constantly aware of what God is asking us to do in our particular ministry, whether that be parish ministry, hospital ministry, school ministry, prison ministry, or any other ministry in which a priest might be involved.

Last week, in my column, I spoke of how the Lord called the Apostles to “*...come away and rest.*” They had just returned from preaching the word, from healing, and from other aspects of the work to which the Lord Jesus had called them. Jesus wanted them to reflect on their experience of proclaiming the Gospel and of interacting with the people to whom they ministered. Even in the midst of their enthusiasm at being involved in the work that Jesus had begun, Jesus knew how important it was for them to stop, to pause, and to think about what they had done and how they had impacted the lives of the people whom they had served.

If we consider Jesus’ life and work as recorded in the Gospel, he did the exact same thing that he wanted the Apostles to do. He paused and spent time in prayer before making any significant decisions or taking on any important area of ministry. Let’s consider these particular times of prayer and reflection for Jesus.

Before he was baptized by John and before he began his preaching ministry, the Gospels remind us that he spent forty days in the desert. That time must have been a period of prayer and reflection, seeking his Father’s guidance as to the direction his life would take. We are told that, before he chose the 12 Apostles from among the larger group of disciples, he spent time in prayer, discerning who would be the “inner circle,” so to speak, the ones who would ultimately be the first leaders of the new Christian community, the ones to whom he would explain in a special way the message that he wanted to preach to the people.

We heard two Sundays ago in the Gospel how he called the Apostles to come away to a quiet place. It’s not that he didn’t want to be with the people; it’s that he realized how important it is from time to time to pause and reflect on the direction that our lives are taking. We know that, before his arrest and execution, he went to the quiet of the Garden of Gethsemane to pray to his Father, asking for the strength needed to endure what was to come.

It is difficult for many of us to take a week or even a few days to re-focus, to reflect on the relationship that we share with the Lord, with our families, with our co-workers, with our neighbors, and with any other significant people in our lives. Here at OLBS, we seek to have (and will again have) a periodic morning or weekend when we take even a few hours to *get off the merry-go-round*, to stop and to see how everything is going in my life and if I’m on the right track. Family commitments, work commitments, and other key aspects of our lives pull us in different directions and it’s often difficult, if not impossible, to get that quiet time that we want and which we need.

Perhaps this year, we can find a way that fits, not only our schedules, but also our needs, and to find that time, perhaps even a short time each day, to pause, to reflect, and to discern how God is calling us to a deeper relationship with him and with the significant people in our lives.

*Love and Peace,
Fr. Bob*



Saturday, August 4
Saint John Vianney, Priest
 8:45am **Special Remembrance Mass**
 5:00pm **Chester Stefanelli**

Sunday, August 5
Eighteenth Sunday
 8:00am **Robert Walla & Frank Tomsey**
 10:00am **Joseph Nittolo**
 12:00pm **Thomas Hartnett**

Monday, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:45am **Sam & Louise D'Alessio**

Tuesday, August 7
Weekday
 8:45am **People of the Parish**

Wednesday, August 8
Saint Dominic, Priest
 8:45am **Harry & Angelina Cannara**

Thursday, August 9
Weekday
 8:45am **Dorothy Praisner**

Friday, August 10
Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Matyr
 8:45am **Angela Babb**

Saturday, August 11
Saint Clare, Virgin
 8:45am **James Mastej**
 5:00pm **Bonnie Lee Hartley**

Sunday August 12
Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 8:00am **People of the Parish**
 10:00am **Diane Critchett**
 12:00pm **William Hartnett Jr. & Mr. & Mrs. Michael Daley**

This week the Sanctuary Candle is offered for Wally Sampson and the Bread & Wine is offered for Elizabeth Murray.



Lorraine Burke
 Cynthia (nee Murren) Di Giovanna



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.

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 50th 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 July 28th&29th 2018– \$9,573.00
Collection for same weekend in 2017 \$7,806.00

“Each day, the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my commandments or not.” From the book of Exodus. When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride, and ego lead to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our wants from our needs. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we will have plenty to share.



FEED THE HUNGRY

**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 Giving



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Parish Giving is a safe, secure and easy way to make online church donations.

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 res-pond to Fr. Bob – frbob@olbs.org – if you have not done so already and let him know your thoughts about the use of the rebate money.***

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.

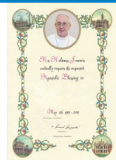


OLBS NEEDLEWORKS MINISTRY

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.

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.



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: Bereavement Ministry

Our parish seeks to minister to those who have suffered the loss of a loved one. Presently, this ministry offers a support group for the family of the person who has died. By listening to others who have suffered a loss through death and by sharing their experiences of grieving, this group helps ease the grief that accompanies any death. If you would like to be a part of this ministry and support those who grieve, contact Sr. Anita when she arrives the Tuesday after after Labor Day at sranita@olbs.org.

SAVE THE DATES:

The OLBS Social Concerns Ministry will be having a backpack collection July 28rd through August 12th. Donated new backpacks will be given to the children and homeless adults that are served by St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Please consider buying a backpack for someone in need.

A box will be located in the vestibule for donated backpacks. Please bring them to church no later than August 13th. If you would like to make a monetary donation please place it in an envelope labeled backpack collection and bring it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket.



Thank you! OLBS Social Concerns Ministry

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 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.

Pastoral Council members

We have spoken in the bulletin recently about our new Pastoral Council members. We should also recall all the members of the Pastoral Council. As we said, our newest members are **Amy Fusco, Ted Kirby, Angela Segal, and Lily Coyle**. Our present council members are: **Dennis Murray, Ed Forget, Josephine Lazzaro, Chris Zecker, Danielle Ciccaglione, Diane O'Connor, and Betty McGovern**. Please speak with any of them if you have some concerns or issue that you would like the Pastoral Council to address in 2018-2019. We thank those who have served on the Pastoral Council and we ask God's blessings on our discussion and deliberations in the coming year.

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

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 ToddlersAll Are Welcome!!

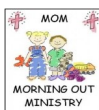
Come join us for coffee, support, conversation and fun. Not sleeping through the night, teething, trouble potty training, no time for spouse, housework, preparing dinner, not enough time in the day..... we all experience the same thing.... Come for support, come for coffee, come for a small break in 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

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!!!

Would you sponsor a child for our Religious 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.”
- Please help us to help another by a one-time donation of \$110.00, the fee for the 2018-2019 year. Your reward will be great in heaven.

How To Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the ***Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.***

Summer Office Hours

Through the summer months until Labor Day, the parish office will be closing on Fridays at 4:00 PM. Please keep this in mind if you need to contact Debbie Patterson or Patty Braga or if you need a Mass card.

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.

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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