

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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SUNDAY MASSES

**SATURDAY 5:00PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 NOON
WEEKDAY MASS 8:45AM, Monday-Saturday
HOLIDAY 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 Sunday, September 15, 2019, has been designated as Catechetical Sunday in the United States by the conference of American bishops. This year's theme is ***Stay with Us***. Today we as a parish faith community will call forth those who have been chosen to serve as catechists – to share their own faith with our children and to let them know of the love and goodness of God that the Lord wishes to show and share with them. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each disciple of the Lord plays, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all the baptized to re-dedicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The theme this year – ***Stay with Us*** – is taken directly from the Gospel. On the first Easter Sunday, two of the disciples of the Lord were journeying to the town of Emmaus. As they were walking along the road, discussing what had happened to Jesus over the course of the previous days, the Risen Christ caught up with them and began to listen to their story, even though they did not recognize that it was him. We are told in this passage that the Lord then reminded them of all that we prophesied about the Messiah, all that Jesus had told them during his three years with them, but which they had failed to remember.

As they drew close to an inn and were intending to go in and get something to eat, Jesus made as if he were going farther. However, they urged him to join them and to share a meal. They said to him – ***Stay with us, for it is nearly evening, the day is almost over***. He then went in to stay with them. While they were eating, Jesus did what every devout Jew would have done and what he did at the Last Supper. He took bread, said a blessing, broke it, and shared it with them. At that moment, they recognized that it was the Lord, but, we are told, he vanished from their sight.

Following his leaving them, they said to one another – ***Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?*** This year's theme – ***Stay with Us*** – is so appropriate to the ministry of our Religious Education catechists. Just as Jesus opened the minds of the two disciples on that road to Emmaus, so a catechist is called to open the minds and hearts to the truths of our faith and to share the love of the Lord. In this way, the children of our parish will hopefully come to know who God is and how much they mean to the Lord. Only in coming to know **who** God is can they deepen and strengthen the relationship that they share with the Risen Christ. Information is necessary, but it is not an end in itself. It is only effective to the extent that it leads to a bond that a person or a community shares with God.

An atheist can learn what we believe about God, but that is where it ends. It never goes to the next step of allowing that information to form the foundation of an ongoing relationship with the Lord. It is not so different from a relationship with a spouse or a very good friend. Before that relationship can deepen into a lifelong bond, I need to get to know the other person – do they embrace the same values I do, what is their personality like, do we share common interests, do they have other strong relationships, etc. When I get to know the other person well, I can then decide if there is a chance that a bond can form between us.

It is no different with the Lord. As I come to know that the Lord is a person, a being with whom I can share a lifelong bond, then that bond can begin and continue to grow. That is why, when a person first comes to a parish and wants to become a Catholic, the first step we take with them is to tell them stories taken from the Gospel – how Jesus ate with sinners and others considered outsiders, how he healed the sick, how he forgave those who came to him as sinners, how he preached the parables and showed through them the compassionate love and mercy of God. Each of these and so many others tell about who Jesus is.

May our children and their catechists continue to grow in love and in the knowledge and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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

P.S. I have asked in previous bulletins – PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BULLETIN IN THE PEW IF YOU HAVE READ IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE CHURCH AFTER MASS. BULLETINS LEFT IN THE PEWS DO NOT OFFER A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT TO THOSE WHO GO TO THE NEXT MASS.

Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. We want to let our parishioners know well ahead of time so that they can plan to attend this pilgrimage to the shrine that honors Mary, the Mother of God, in Washington, D.C. We will publish more information about the pilgrimage in future bulletins. We just wanted the parish to know that date of the pilgrimage.

Blessings of Animals – Oct. 5 – 10:00

AM

The Church celebrates the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. In honor of St. Francis, we will have our annual blessing of animals on Saturday morning, Oct. 5, 2019, at 10:00 AM, in front of the church. If you have pets that you would want to have blessed, please bring them. ***As needed and as it applies to your pets, please have them on leashes for safety's sake.***





Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:45 am

Patricia Marinaro

5:00 pm

Helen Korzun

Sunday, September 15

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

Marie Gallo

10:00 am

Michael Edward Cassels

12:00 pm

Irene Loriga

Monday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishops, Martyrs

8:45 am

Rita Feeney

Tuesday, September 17

Weekday

8:45 am

Joseph Ricciardi

Wednesday, September 18

Weekday

8:45 am

Nancy & James Rella

Thursday, September 19

Weekday

8:45 am

Raquel Cuellar

Friday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng

Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

8:45 am

Marilyn D'Addario

Saturday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:45 am

William Guarente

5:00 pm

Joseph Bartolotta

Sunday, September 22

Twenty Firth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am

Dorothy Testa

10:00 am

Anthony Valvano Jr.

12:00 pm

Charles Williamson, 25th Anniversary

This week the Sanctuary Candle is for Raymond Blum.



Rita Intile

Rest In Peace



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL.

Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, Jessica de la Paz, Miguel DeCastro, Linda Fullerton, Lucas Villarosa, Susie, Alain, Elie, June, Roger, Patrick, Louis Saporito, Jr, Andrew Boyle, David, Anne Murray, Ann Miola, Annemarie Magnoppi, Brian Glynn, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Brandon Glynn-Young, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, Jennifer McEnroe, Michael Santucci, James Minium, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Rosario DeGuzman, Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherri, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Lillian, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E.



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; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps, Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy, Stephen, US Navy, and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.

New Hymnals

Thanks so much to the parish families who have donated a hymnal or more for our parish. We are more than halfway to our goal of 500 new hymnals. The cost of each hymnal is \$25.00. We still have hymnals which are available for donation. Just take a form home with you. They can be found in the vestibule of the church. *St. Augustine reminded Christians of his time and presently that the person who sings prays.*

Sunday Evening Mass

Each Sunday evening, we gather and celebrate the Eucharist at 6:00 PM. If you cannot be with us on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning, please join us and share the Eucharist on Sunday evening. *We especially hope that our teen parishioners will come to this Sunday evening Mass and then join Patty Braga, our Youth Minister, and the other teens of our parish for Youth Group.*

To our readers and Eucharistic ministers – please sign up in the Sunday sacristy if you can minister at one of the Sunday evening Masses.

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 31-September 1 \$ 7,370.00

Collection for same weekend 2018 \$ 7,482.00

Collection for September 7-8 \$8,419.00

Collection for same weekend 2018 \$9,460.00

N.B. *The amount that we receive from Parish Giving, our electronic giving company, will be listed once at the end of each month rather than each week. Each weekly collection in a given month would be increased by one-fourth of the monthly electronic collection amount.*

“Everything I have is yours.” From the Gospel of St. Luke. God the Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in his eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

What is the assessment collection for?

Each month, our parish has a second collection for our monthly assessment. Recently, a parishioner suggested that we might want to explain in the bulletin where the money from this collection goes. Each parish in the Archdiocese of Newark is assessed a certain percentage of their weekly cumulative collection which goes to the Archdiocese of Newark to support the various offices and agencies of the Church of Newark. For the fiscal year 2019-2020, OLBS our assessment is \$113,368.00. That works out to be \$9,447.00 each month. The monthly assessment collection helps us to meet this expense without having to go into our regular income.

High School Entrance Exam—Nov. 8, 2019

Those 8th grade students planning to attend a Catholic high school in the fall of 2020 need to register for the High School Placement test to be given of Friday, Nov. 8, 2019. Registration for the exam is available online at www.njcoopexam.org, beginning September 3rd. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to www.catholicschoolsnj.org.

Evening of Gratitude 2019 Honorees

Our Evening of Gratitude will be taking place on Friday evening, Nov. 15, 2019, from 6:30 – 10:30 PM, at the Hanover Manor on Eagle Rock Avenue in East Hanover. At this celebration, we will honor the following people for all that they have done and continue to do for our parish family. The honorees are: **Michelle Argast** of the Shook-Farmer Funeral Home in Roseland; **Debbie and Joe LaMonica**; **Lenore Schleunig & Ellie Brunje** of our Art & Environment Committee; and **The Jankimowicz Family**. **The cost of the evening is \$75.00 per person.** Please see the flyer in this week-end's bulletin, fill it out if you are planning to attend, and return it to the rectory office with your payment. **We hope that many of our parishioners will join us as we celebrate and honors these men and women.**

This week's Highlighted Ministry: Hospitality Ministry

During the course of each year, there are events that are held at our parish that included both parishioners and invited guests. Two of these are: 1) the two Anointing Masses that we celebrate in the fall and the spring, and 2) the Mass of Remembrance that is held on All Souls Day, Nov. 2. Following celebrations such as these (and others), we offer hospitality to those who attend, usually coffee and some light refreshments. It is a way of offering a welcome to those who are with us. This is the ministry of our **Hospitality Committee**, parishioners who prepared coffee and refreshments and who help us to offer a welcome to parishioners and guests alike. **If you are a person who like to welcome others, please email Fr. Bob at frbob@olbs.org and let him know that you'd like to join our Hospitality Ministry.**

“THE ONLY CURE FOR GRIEF IS TO GRIEVE”



Please join us for our new Bereavement Program at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Program will consist of 8 sessions starting on Thursday, September 26th, 2019 and continuing until November 14th, 2019. All sessions will be held in Founders Hall from 7:00pm — 8:30pm.

This group will provide a safe and confidential atmosphere where you can meet others who have experienced loss. To register, please call Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Rectory at 973-226-7288.

Our group facilitators will be Sr. Anita Gramer, C.S.JB., Deb LaMonica and Terri Giacalone who are certified by the Archdiocese of Newark Training Program in Bereavement Ministry.

2019 Rosary Congress At St. Aloysius, Caldwell
Monday, October 7, 2019

The Feast Of Our Lady Of The Rosary
8am to 8pm

Everyone is invited!

Schedule:

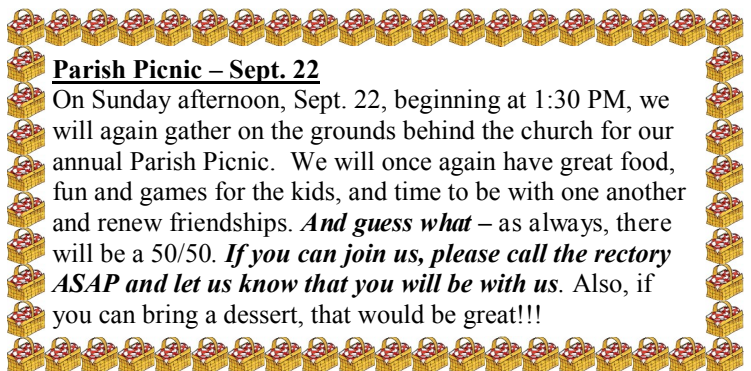
Opening Mass: 8am

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all day with the Rosary recited publicly at the top of each hour
Noon Mass

Special Holy Hours throughout the day

Closing at 8pm

Contact: mliddy1@gmail.com or sign up at: www.signupgenius.com



Parish Picnic – Sept. 22

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22, beginning at 1:30 PM, we will again gather on the grounds behind the church for our annual Parish Picnic. We will once again have great food, fun and games for the kids, and time to be with one another and renew friendships. **And guess what** – as always, there will be a 50/50. **If you can join us, please call the rectory ASAP and let us know that you will be with us.** Also, if you can bring a dessert, that would be great!!!

Flu Shots at OLBS—Sept. 22

Walgreen's Pharmacy will be here on Sunday, Sept 22, 2019, after each of the Sunday morning Masses to offer flu shots for our parishioners. It will be announced that morning where on our property the shots will be given. Please make sure that you come with proper ID and an insurance card, if they are needed by the person administering the shot.



OLBS YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

Please consider joining one of our Musical Groups
The Children's Choir Grades K-6

And

The Folk Group Grades 7-12

We sing at the 10AM Mass on Sundays from September until June

Please call or e-mail for More Information

Beverly Chisholm

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Celebrating Catechists!!

In each of the approximately 19,000 parishes across the country, there is a group of dedicated men and women, adults and teens, who serve the Church weekly by faithfully handing on the faith to those who seek to know and to love the Lord Jesus more fully. These people are called "catechists," a title they proudly claim.

More than one half million people serve the Catholic Church in the United States yearly in this important work of forming disciples. Many have served in this way for ten, twenty, or thirty years.

For the last seventy-five years, the bishops of the United States have set aside one day each year in order to recognize those called to be catechists, to commission them to serve the Church in this essential ministry, and to provide an opportunity for their fellow parishioners to honor and thank them for their service. This day is called "Catechetical Sunday" which we celebrate this weekend.

The theme for 2019 is "Stay with Us," quoting the two disciples on the road to Emmaus who invited Jesus to stay with them. (Luke 24:13-35) Catechists help children turn their lives to God by modeling Jesus' example and sharing the Good News and by teaching these children to trust in God, to pray, and to care for the needs of others. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to renew their personal commitment to share their faith with the young people of our parish.

Classes for the Religious Education Program will begin on:

- Sunday, September 22; grades 1 – 6 from 8:50 AM – 9:50 AM
- Monday, September 23; grades K – 6 from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM
- Monday, September 23; grade 7 from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 24; grades 1 - 6 from 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM
- Monday, September 30; grade 8 from 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Sunday, October 6; grades 1-8 from 1:15-2:15 PM, Whole Family Catechesis

New Religious Education Families are invited to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, September 18 at 7:00 PM or Thursday, September 19 at 1:00 PM in classroom one located inside the main doors of the school. Please choose the date and time that best fits your schedule.

SAVE THE DATE:

**Our 1st meeting will be
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH**

Please come and join us as we begin our new year! We will celebrate Mass together at 6pm, and the meeting will be in the youth room from 7pm-9pm.

All teens grades 8th-12th are welcome!

Sunday 15th: pizza night ***

Sunday 22nd: meeting

Sunday 29th: meeting



**If you have any questions, please contact
patty@olbs.org.**

***** please let me know if there are any dietary restrictions.**

**The Cristopher "CJ" Morgan
Memorial Golf Outing
Monday, September 30**

Cadet Christopher "CJ" Morgan was an outstanding athlete and student, and a proud graduate of the West Orange High School Class of 2015. CJ was entering his senior year at **West Point** when he was killed in a tragic training accident in June of 2019.

For more information please email: jspina@westorangeschools.org

Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who contributed food or cash to last week's monthly Food Drive. Our next collection date is the weekend of October 12-13.



REMEMBER food can be dropped off any time and left in the vestibule closet, located in the back of the church. **MONETARY DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTED.**

OLBS Adult Faith Formation Begins.....

Monday, September 30, 2019 - 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM



Sessions will meet on 8 Mondays through to December 9th

If interested in attending, please email Cathy @ liturgy@olbs.org to receive the study materials in preparation for the course.

"RCIA information night-Thursday, September 26th at 7pm in Founder's Hall for anyone who has questions about becoming Catholic. See Cathy Buchanan for details."

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

- Fr. Bob Laferrera
- Fr. Stefano Hong
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