

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.

**Pastor
Parochial Vicar
Weekend Assistants**

**Msgr. Christopher J. Hynes
Rev. Stefano Hong
Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, Ph.D.
Rev. Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D.
Rev. Frank J. McNulty, S.T.L., S.T.D.
Sister Anita Gramer, C.S.JB.
Cathy Gibbons, Ph.D.
Donald Pennell
Patty Braga
Cathy Buchanan
Mark Terranova and Linda Julian
Linda Payonzeck**

**Pastor Emeritus
Pastoral Associate-Sick & Homebound, Parish Outreach
Director, Religious Education
Music Ministry
Youth Minister
Coordinator, Liturgy/Adult Formation
Parish Trustees
Principal - Trinity Academy, PreK-8**

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SUNDAY MASSES

**SATURDAY 5:00PM
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON and 6PM**

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

Welcome, Msgr. Chris Hynes

Welcome is a wonderful word. It has so much potential, warmth, and joy. Our new pastor, Msgr. Christopher Hynes will experience the fullness of our welcome as he begins his pastorate at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament this weekend.

Why we go to Mass

How many activities did you do as a child or a young teen, that you still do today? Although my baton is tucked away in the attic, my majorette days are over. My desire to be a sportscaster is also in the rearview mirror. However, one constant in my life then and now is worshipping the Lord at mass. After 2,000 years, God's invitation to the banquet is still offered to me and to you . . . day after day and week after week. Let's take a look at two reasons why we go to Mass.

We need others to pray. It is really difficult to do things alone. Following Jesus can be tough work. One of the reasons why Alcoholics Anonymous and Weight Watchers are so successful is simply because they are group efforts. To change our lives – in biblical terms, to *repent*, to *convert* – we need the help and support of others. At Mass, we join with our entire faith community who are also trying to live the gospel and follow Jesus.

At Mass, we are reminded and assured that we are not alone in our efforts. We are members of the Church. We are the Body of Christ. We share in the Spirit of Christ and we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Together we can make a difference in the world. Together with Christ, we can make a tremendous difference. At Mass, we are truly gathered with Christ: "Where two or three are gathered in his name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20).

Besides talking to God, we need God to talk to me. A real conversation requires talking but more importantly listening. We go to Mass to listen to God speak to me. We hear God's voice in the readings since "it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). We hear God's voice in the homily. We hear his voice in the other members of the worshiping assembly. Most especially, we hear his voice in the prayers of the Mass. When we hear the words, "Do this in memory of me," I hear God's voice not just challenging me to come to Mass but also challenging me to that self-giving love that the Mass celebrates. We are to become the Body of Christ. We are to live as Christ lived and to act as Christ would act. This is the hard part of the Eucharist . . . to accept Jesus' challenging words to "do this. . ." to live with that same self-giving love.

To be continued . . .

Cathy Gibbons



Saturday, February 1

Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

**Special Remembrance Mass
Charles & Madeline Scialfa**

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation Of The Lord

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

Bridget Josephine Milewski

Josephine Soroko

Louis Liotta

People of the Parish

Monday, February 3

Weekday

8:45 am

Marco Giasullo

Tuesday, February 4

Weekday

8:45 am

Anna Banach

Wednesday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:45 am

Lisa Ellis

Thursday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:45 am

Anna H. Biondi

Friday, February 7

Weekday

8:45 am

People of the Parish

Saturday, February 8

Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

Angela Montano

Agnes & Edward Gregory

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

Family

6:00 pm

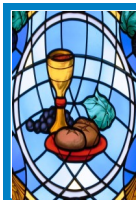
People of the Parish

Michael G. Honeyman Sr.

Deceased Members of the Fedorczyk

People of the Parish

***This week the Sanctuary Candle
and the Bread & Wine are offered
for Josephine Soroko.***



**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, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, Anna Marie Versacio, Chris & Stephanie DeMark, Alberta Parisi, Skip Hess, 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, Barbara R., Eileen, Dorothy, J.V., Fr. Jerry Orbos, Ernesto DeGuzman, Kosta Tsanakos, Catherine Bertero, Sr. Therese Ganly, Rosalee Tortoriello, Edmund Gerard Sherry, Brielle, Bernice Baker, Inez Leone, Theresa R, Rebecca Cox, Joanne J., Joanne M, Harold Engelke, Jacob Berard, Marie, Michael McHenry, Guy, Betty E, Bobbi Dugas, Michael, Dana, Melanio Villarosa Jr., Mel Gulfin, Tina Caluag, Cathy Bianco, Lynn Murray, Bill Murray, Aiden, Ceil, Richard, John, Richard Terranova, Denis, Fred, Antoinette Rogers, Zenaida Bautista.



**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 (LaRiccio), US Marine Corps; Matt Tolliver, US Coast Guard; Lt. John Werner, US Army; Capt. Bill Morgan, LCPL; CPL. Michael Festa, US Marine Corps; LCPL Daniel Veltre, US Marine Corps; Ensign Dylan Pennell, US Navy; Stephen, US Navy; Capt. Aaron Farley, USAF; Lt. Calan Farley, USAF; and for all those involved in conflicts throughout the world and their families.

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.*

Readers & EM's at Sunday 6:00 PM Mass

If you are one of our parish readers or Eucharistic ministers and would be able to periodically read or minister at our Sunday evening 6:00 PM Mass, please email Fr. Bob – frbob@olbs.org – and let him know what date (s) would be good for you. **Thank you for ministering at our Sunday evening Mass.**

Fr. Bob's new address

Fr. Bob's new address is:
Rev. Robert G. Laferrera
51 Santiago Court
Toms River, NJ 08757
201-647-3441

You can use the above cell number to text a message as well. His email will remain the same – frbob@olbs.org – until the end of February at which time he will get a new email address.

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 January 18 - 19 \$ 8,637.00

Collection for same weekend 2019 \$ 9,100.00

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.*

Electronic Giving

There are flyers at the doors of the church regarding the use of electronic giving for our parishioners to support OLBS. This is an easy and deliberate way for parish families to decide their weekly offering. Then they no longer will have to use envelopes each week. *We ask that our parish families consider electronic giving. Please contact Patty Braga at the rectory – patty@olbs.org – if you have any questions.*

Parish Giving



SAVE THE DATE FAITH QUEST 2020

The annual Lenten Adult Education Forum
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday March 11

Wednesday March 18

Wednesday March 25

Wednesday April 1

**Location: St. Thomas More, 12 Hollywood Ave,
Fairfield, NJ 07006**

**Faith Quest is sponsored by the four parishes
of West Essex: Notre Dame, St. Thomas More,
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, and
St. Aloysius.**



If you know of a Homebound person who cannot come to church on a regular basis, and you bring Holy Communion to them, please notify Sr. Anita. Please give Sr. Anita your name, telephone number & The Homebound person's name. Sr. Anita 646-427-4393 or sranita@olbs.org

New Hymnals

We have had 355 hymnals donated in memory of a loved one or in the name of a donor. Thanks to those who have already donated one or more hymnals. There are still more hymnals that can be memorialized. The cost is \$25.00 per hymnal. *The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – olbs.org.*

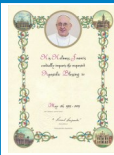


Electronic Giving

Although we do not yet know the exact date, Parish Giving, the company that coordinates our electronic giving program, will be here on a weekend in February to 1) answer questions about the electronic program, and 2) to enroll those parish families who wish to begin using Parish Giving to make their financial support to OLBS.

Care for new kneelers

We ask that special care be given to the new kneelers in the church in two ways: 1) please don't stand on the kneelers since that could damage the new covering, and 2) please be careful how the kneelers is placed in the "up" position after you stand up. **Thank you for the care that you give so that the church continues to remain a beautiful place for us to pray together.**



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 \$25.00.
- 5) These requests have to be made through our parish office. *Please plan ahead if you want to request a Papal Blessing.*



Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again sponsoring special Masses for couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversary this year. These special Masses will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge Street, in Newark. Cardinal Tobin will say both of these Masses. If you are married 5 or 25 years in 2020, your anniversary Mass will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2020, at 3:00 PM. If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2020, your Mass will take place on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at 3:00 PM. **Those who wish to attend these Masses must have celebrated their wedding in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid marriage.** Please call the rectory and let us know you wish to attend these anniversary celebrations so that we can notify the Office of Family Life at the Archdiocese of Newark.



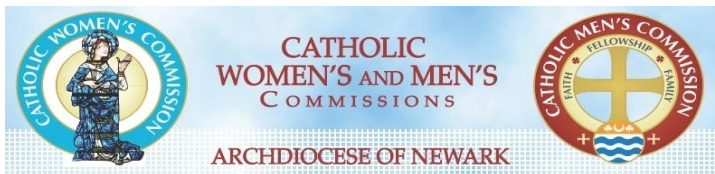
**OLBs' 6th Annual Woman's Retreat
San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ
Weekend of March 20,21 & 22, 2020**

A Center for Christian Renewal

Have you considered setting aside time to participate in this wonderful opportunity of spiritual and physical renewal with a friendly group of women from our parish?

For more information and/or to register for the weekend, please contact Cathy Buchanan @ liturgy@olbs.org or call the rectory at 973-226-7288.

Registration and deposits are due by February 16th.



SAVE THE DATE! - 2020 Catholic Men's Commission and Women's Commission

Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Seton Hall University This year's theme, for the English track, is "*Be Not Afraid: Man of God. I am my Brother's Keeper!*" The speaker for the English track will be **Paul Kim**, who is the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference. His background includes a BA in Philosophy (Franciscan University of Steubenville), an MA in Marriage and Family Therapy (Hope International University), religious formation with the Community of the Franciscans Friars of the Renewal (NYC), and **Bishop John Flesey**, who is a retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and a popular retreat master and teacher. The master of ceremonies will be Father John Gordon. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with Mass.

Women's Commission Day of Reflection: Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is "*Alive in Christ: The Eucharist. His Heart in My Heart*". The English track will feature keynote speakers Sr **Bethany Madonna**, S.V. who professed her perpetual vows as a Sister of Life in 2015 and serves her community as the Vocation Director, **Colleen Kelly Rayner**, founder of CKR Retreats. who is a dynamic speaker whose authentic witness ignites joy-filled evangelization and catechesis, and **Dr. Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D.**, who is the Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, is the director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and is a key leader in the Center for Diaconal Formation. She will also be the emcee for the day. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with Mass.

Registration for both events is \$30 for adults. Priests & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. More information will become available in January on these websites at www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN) or www.rcan.org/mens-commission (MEN)

Catherine's Closet

We are asking for donations of gowns of **ALL** sizes including shoes, purses, and jewelry. Please drop off your donation (s) at OLBS by February 15/16.



For many, girls, this giveaway means the difference between attending their proms and staying home. Proms are a rite of passage of sort, and these girls deserve the best. Please know that we are making so many girls happy with divine memories during this season. We are creating a holy and spiritual environment to elevate self-esteem and make these girls feel like princesses.

If you would like to volunteer on sorting day February 22nd, please contact Josephine Lazzaro via email at: pinalaz@yahoo.com



**Trinity Academy
Pre-K thru 8th Grade**



Trinity Academy's Annual Tricky Tray

When: Friday, February 7, 2020. Doors open at 6PM.

Where: Trinity Academy Gym, 235 Bloomfield Avenue

Tickets: Tickets are \$45 and include one sheet of standard tricky tray tickets (\$10 value) along with gourmet sandwiches, cookies, water & coffee. This event is BYOB. For tickets go to www.trinityk8.org or contact Nicole Sousa at nsousa@trinityhsa.com or call (973) 670-4504. Space is limited, so PLEASE make your reservation now!



BRING IN LAST YEAR'S PALM

We are asking our parishioners to please bring in their palm from last year. We will then burn it and the ashes will be blessed and used on Ash Wednesday this year, February 26th. Please return by February 23rd.

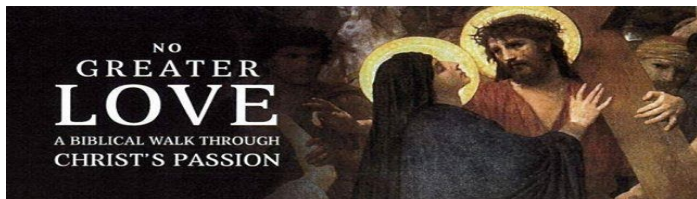
Do You Need Prayers?

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).



BIBLE STUDY

COME PRAY AND STUDY WITH US FOR LENT
During the 5 Weeks of Lent Fr. Stefano invites you to take a biblical walk through **Christ's Passion** at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.



No Greater Love is a five-part video series that reveals Christ's amazing love for us.

In this biblical pilgrimage you will walk **step-by-step with Jesus Christ** from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Our Study will reveal how the **Old Testament prophecy, messianic, expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

In this study, you will discover:

- The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion.
- What was Jesus going through at each moment?
- How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
- Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?
- What was the meaning behind tearing the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion?

Wednesday Afternoon 2:00-3:30pm
Beginning March, 4th 2020

All sessions will meet every week, beginning the week of March 4th
Ending the week of April 1st in Founders Hall.
Contact Fr. Stefano Hong with questions 973-226-7288 or email at: frstefano@olbs.org

Cost of Book \$35 (cash or check made payable to "Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament")
Registration forms available in the vestibule.

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 a name. 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 come to one of the weekly meetings and inquire in person.



FOOD DRIVE: Our February Food Drive takes place next weekend, **February 08/09**. Food banks/pantries are now long-term lifelines. More than half of the people served by food banks have visited them for at least six months in the past years. Unfortunately, even as the need for food assistance programs grows, government budget cuts threaten their very existence. Learn more about hunger in America by visiting www.feedingamerica.org/ Please support our food drive next weekend. Items most in need by the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry in Newark: hot cereal, soups, peanut butter, jelly, tomato sauce, pasta, rice and lentils. **PAPER AND PLASTIC BAGS ARE ALSO NEEDED.**

Please come and join us. 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!

February 9th: meeting

If you have any questions, please contact

patty@olbs.org.

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



Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Nannies, Babies and Toddlers

.....All Are Welcome!!

Come join us for coffee, support, conversation and fun.

Come for coffee, come for a small break in the morning, come for adult conversation, whatever the reason, just come. We meet in the Youth Room, which is located in the rectory.

February 12th

February 26th

From 9:30am-11:00am

RSVP to patty@olbs.org



Mark your calendars/save the date!! Hope to see you there!

"Want to learn to knit or crochet?"

Needleworks is offering knit and crochet lessons at our regular meetings every

Wednesday...free of charge!! From: 11:00am to 1:00pm in St. Joseph's Hall. We have the yarn, please just bring your own crochet hook or knitting needles and let's get started.



E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

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