

# 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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### SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00PM  
SUNDAY 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON  
WEEKDAY MASS 8:45AM, Monday-Saturday  
HOLYDAY MASSES 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM; 12:05 and 7:00 PM  
CIVIL HOLIDAY MASS 8:45 AM

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 11:15 AM; Other times by appointment  
Beginning February 29th Confessions will be following the 8:45 AM Mass on Saturday

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

**Why we go to Mass, continued**

**Mass enables me to pray with my whole body.** When we pray alone at home, we pray mainly with words. We were taught that prayer is talking to God . . . and so we do. But when we worship at Mass, we pray with our whole body. We pray with bread and wine, water and oil, standing still and processing forward, lighting candles and smelling flowers, even ashes and palms; soon to come. Jesus knows about our daily life because he lived here among us. He knows about us not just in his head, but in his body. Jesus knew the sweat of carpenter's work, the pain of hunger, the embrace of friends, the joyful taste of wine! Consequently, we can pray with earthly things . . . with symbols. Symbolic language is essential to our prayer life because there are times when words are just not enough. Symbols can mean more than a declarative statement, scientific formula, or theological dogma. Symbols say more than mere words can express. The Mass is much more than words. At Mass, we pray communally with every fiber of our being.

**. . . Reborn in water and the Holy Spirit (John 3:5).** While we were born again in Baptism, we have the need to be born again and again. We promise, as my parents and godparents promised for me at Baptism, to die to sin, to reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises. At each Mass, we promise to follow more closely in the footsteps of Jesus.

Each time we enter the church for Mass, we sign ourselves with holy water from the font to remind ourselves of our Baptism. When we worship at Mass, we are assured again of this truth: "We were indeed buried with Christ through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too, might live in newness of life" (Rom 6:4). New life . . . that is what we desire and that is why we go to mass.

**Dad and Me to Mass Day**

Now that our parish renovations have been completed, children will once again, take part in Dad and Me to Mass Day at 10:00 AM. The schedule of masses is as follows:

February 9, grades 3 and 4

March 8, grade 2

March 15, grade K and 1

March 29, grades 7 and 8

**Parent Meeting for First Eucharist**

Religious Education parents are requested to attend an information meeting regarding First Eucharist on Sunday, February 23 at 1:15 PM in the auditorium. The preparation process for your son or daughter will be outlined in detail.



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

People of the Parish  
Michael G. Honeyman Sr.  
Deceased Members of the Fedorczyk  
Family  
People of the Parish

6:00 pm

Monday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:45 am

Arsenio & Louis Saporito Families

Tuesday, February 11

Weekday

8:45 am

Dolores Iatesta

Wednesday, February 12

Weekday

8:45 am

Joe Nittolo, Ann & Frank Salinard

Thursday, February 13

Weekday

8:45 am

Arthur Marano

Friday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius Bishop

8:45 am

Thomas A. Malloy

Saturday, February 15

Weekday

8:45 am

5:00 pm

James & Marie Vreeland  
Ellen Postel

Sunday, February 16

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am

10:00 am

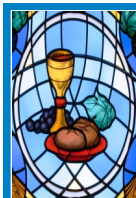
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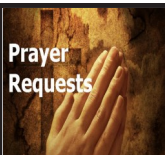
People of the Parish  
Ray Vaccaro  
Leonard Liotta  
People of the Parish

### Presidents' Day Office Hours

All parish offices will be closed, **Monday February 17 2020 for Presidents' Day**. Our answering service will be able to contact the priests that day in case of an emergency.



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.



Prayer Requests

### 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, Special Intention, Jeff, Christine Patton, James Caldwell, Terance Glynn, Peter C., Clara H., Lessie G., Barbara L., Cindy Michalowski, Ceclia, Robert, Sammy, 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, Gerry Nolan, Dale.



### 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; 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 Discontinued

After this Sunday, February 9, The 6:00 PM. Mass will be discontinued. It will be further studied as part of the parish's pastoral council plan.

### Confessions Times

Beginning the first Saturday after Ash Wednesday, February 29th, all Saturday Confessions will follow the 8:45 AM. Mass.

### Fr. Bob's new address

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](mailto:frbob@olbs.org) – until the end of February at which time he will get a new email address.

**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.**

**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 February 1 - 2 \$ 8,762.00  
Collection for same weekend 2019 \$ 9,710.00  
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](mailto:patty@olbs.org) – if you have any questions.*

**Shine The Light Of Christ 2020 Appeal**

The 2020 Annual Appeal has begun. By now, you may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. I encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge. “If you have not received materials in the mall, I encourage you to pick up a brochure at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.”

**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](http://olbs.org).*



**Parishes of West Essex Announce 2020 Faith Quest Lenten Speaker Series**

**Wednesday, March 11**

**Prayer and Spirituality - An Approach to Lent through Ignatian Spirituality, . . .** presented by **Rev. Andrew Downing, S.J.:** The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius offer a path toward spiritual growth; Lent offers a time for us to focus on growth in our Christian lives. At this session, we will look at how the dynamic of the Spiritual Exercises might be used to guide our prayer in Lent, as we follow Jesus into the desert through the Passion to the Resurrection at Easter. Participants will learn some basics of Ignatian spirituality and be given scriptural meditations to use during Lent. **Rev. Downing is a Jesuit priest serving Saint Peter's University teaching in the Theology Department and in Campus Ministry and on staff at St. Aedan's Parish in Jersey City.**

**Understanding Sacred Scripture - “The Beatitudes: What Do They Really Mean?” . . .** presented by **Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D., OPA:** *Such a truly beautiful Gospel message, but are we really supposed to “be” all those virtues? Don't they seem unrealistic and even impossible due to the turbulent and unsettling world we live in? These ideas and more will be discussed so we can finally understand what is the real Christian mission these days.* **Ginger Grancagnolo is a lecturer, author and counselor. She holds a doctorate in Christian ministry and has a background in education, psychology and theology.**

**Faith in Practice - Building a Monastery of the Heart . . .** presented by **Judith Valente:** How can we experience in our daily lives the peace and prayerfulness that exists in monasteries? A growing number of people are rediscovering a 6<sup>th</sup> century text known as *The Rule of St. Benedict*. With its emphasis on listening, community-and-consensus-building, hospitality, humility, simplicity, prayer, and praise, the monastic Rule offers timeless wisdom and many simple practices for living a more balanced life in our 24/7 world. Using video, music, photography, writing and discussion, we will explore how each of us can become an “everyday contemplative.” **Judith Valente is the author of four spirituality books and two poetry collections. She is a graduate of Saint Peter's University and a former staff writer for The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post; former contributing correspondent to PBS-TV and Chicago Public Radio and senior correspondent at WGLT Radio. One of her most recent books is How To Live: What The Rule of St. Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning and Community.**

**Faith Quest** began in 2007 as part of the Archdiocese of Newark's New Energies Initiative. The four cluster parishes of West Essex -- St. Aloysius in Caldwell, Notre Dame in North Caldwell, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament in Roseland and St. Thomas More in Fairfield collaborated to develop an adult education and information program that is held during the Lenten season.

**Faith Quest's** mission is fourfold; to nurture our awareness, deepen our understanding, embrace and enjoy our journey of faith. The three major topics are Prayer & Spirituality, Understanding Sacred Scripture and Faith in Practice. The presenters have all been esteemed members of the Christian community and this year is no exception.

**Faith Quest 2020** will be held on the following Wednesdays in Lent: March 11th, 18th, & 25th and April 1st from 7:30pm-9pm at St. Thomas More Church, 12 Hollywood Avenue in Fairfield New Jersey.

Taking part in **Faith Quest 2020** is an excellent way to celebrate Lent. To defray expenses, an offering of \$5 a session or \$15 for the four week series is requested. Pre-registration is also requested to help with logistical planning. For Brochure and registration form, go to the St. Thomas More website at [www.stmchurch.net](http://www.stmchurch.net) or contact St. Thomas More Church at 973-227-0055 or any other sponsoring parishes after February 8th.

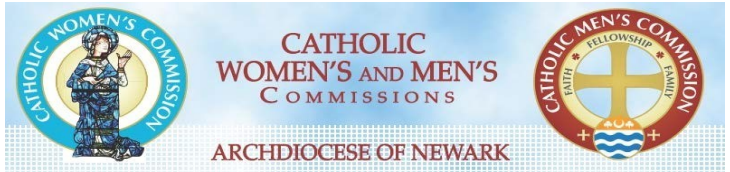
Faith Quest content for Wednesday March 18 will be in next weeks bulletin.

**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](mailto: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.

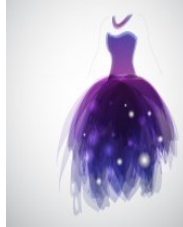
**Women's Commission Day of Reflection: Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Seton Hall University.**

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](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) (WOMEN) or [www.rcan.org/mens-commission](http://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](mailto:pinalaz@yahoo.com)

### Wedding Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again sponsoring special Masses for couples celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

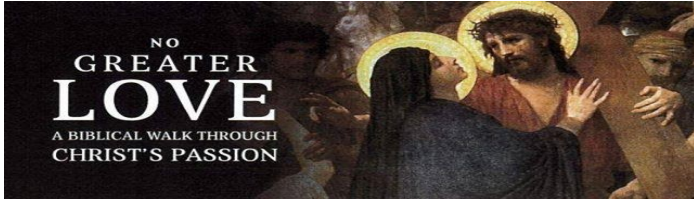
### Do You Need Prayers?

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](mailto: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.**



### 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.

Mount St. Dominic Academy Parents' Association  
2020 Tricky Tray Fundraising Event

## 26 March The Grove

691 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove NJ  
6PM - 10PM  
\$65 per person\*

*Reservations are online only.*

[www.msdacademy.org/support/parents-association/tricky-tray](http://www.msdacademy.org/support/parents-association/tricky-tray)  
Purchase an early-bird special bundle for \$140 which includes 1 reservation\* and 1 Super Pack of gift basket tickets. (Savings of \$50. Offer expires on 2/19/20.)

\*Reservation includes entry to the event and a 3-course dinner, soda, dessert and coffee.

### 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 for more information. These remembrances will be listed in the bulletin, directly below the list of those remembered at parish Masses.



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](mailto: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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