

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

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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; 12:05PM and 7:00 PM**

**CONFESSIONS Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment**

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

**For BAPTISM and WEDDING inquiries, please contact the Rectory, 973-226-7288.**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Maybe there is a good form of envy. Most of the common types are bad because they exemplify an ugly discontent with regard to another’s advantages, success, possessions and more. The “good envy” I am proposing is really a misnomer. It’s better to call it “wishful thinking,” which I best do before you conclude that I’ve brazenly altered the list of capital sins.

All this thinking stems from an often expressed wish to have lived back in those “happy days when Jesus walked,” as the beloved spiritual puts it. Especially after reading today’s Gospel, this annual retelling of what took place on the road to Emmaus on a blessed afternoon long, long ago. I daydream of joining those two early Christians. What a lifelong memory they were going to have! All of that because Jesus had suddenly walked with them and joined in their conversation.

“Is there any other reason why I’d want to have been there?” you may ask. “Yes indeed!” I say. Because aside from Christ’s company I would have been able to listen in as Jesus gave an incomparable Bible study. He taught “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, and interpreted to them all that referred to Him in all the Scriptures.” What a lesson! What a Teacher!

But in a more down to earth second thought, you and I both have to remember that we already have a similar Emmaus experience on the road of our lives each and every Sunday. My wishful reverie fades as I remember that we have the same Scriptures, and the same Lord present to us, although at Mass Christ is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, albeit invisibly under the appearances of bread and wine.

Granted we don’t hear the Master’s voice teaching. You have to endure my voice or the voices of any deacon, priest or bishop. But we also have the assurance that the Holy Spirit is present at Mass, and He can use any voice, however unworthy, to penetrate our minds with His enlightenment; and even the coldest of hearts with divine warmth, and the saddest of souls with tranquility.

I have no wish to spoil our Easter joy with gloom, but in this context I must admit that we faithful believers must deal with a sad statistic that is both shocking and sad from a Pew survey: “37% of so-called Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Christ in the consecrated Eucharistic bread and wine. The same survey revealed that “22% of Catholics reject the idea, even though they know about the Church’s teaching.” Reject the idea? How dare one reject the idea when we have the authentic words of the Son of God in the bible?

As for regarding the Holy Eucharist as a mere symbol, the stated belief of many non-Catholic Christian Churches, we have the earthy words of a devout mid-20<sup>th</sup> century American Catholic writer Flannery O’Connor, who put it this way: “Well, if it’s a symbol, to hell with it.” Blunt? Yes. Insightful? Yes. The Resurrection is really all the proof we need that everything Jesus said and did was approved by His heavenly Father. He would never raise up a fake, and I do not envy those who would dare claim He did. That is not to deny that we all need conversion from time to time when we start to doubt.

In England there is a paper factory that makes the finest stationery in the world. One day a man touring the factory asked what it was made from. He was shown a huge pile of old rags and told that the rag content was what determined the quality of the paper. The visitor would not believe it.

A few weeks later he received from the company a package of paper with his initials embossed on it. On the top piece were written the words “Dirty rags transformed.” The same is true of our Christian life. It is a process of transformation from what we were into

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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 25**  
**Saint Mark, Evangelist**  
8:45 am  
5:00 pm

**Margaret Weiss**  
**Carida & Staehle Families**

**Sunday, April 26**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm

**Angela & Anthony Miscia**  
**Harriet & Donald McKee**  
**Lavista Family**

**Monday, April 27**  
**Easter Weekday**  
8:45 am

**Elizabeth Cochran**

**Tuesday, April 28**  
**Easter Weekday**  
8:45 am

**James & Marie Vreeland**

**Wednesday, April 29**  
**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**  
8:45 am

**Ann & Frank Salinard**

**Thursday, April 30**  
**Easter Weekday**  
8:45 am

**Nicholas Salvatore**

**Friday, May 1**  
**Easter Weekday**  
8:45 am

**Edward & Marie O'Connor**

**Saturday, May 2**  
**Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
8:45 am  
5:00 pm  
**Special Remembrance Mass**

**John & Paul Nolan**

**Sunday, May 3**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:00 am  
10:00 am  
12:00 pm

**Julia Kamienski**  
**Elizabeth Lenihan**  
**Margaret & Herbert Peterson**

**At this time with no daily or weekend Masses, your loved ones are being remembered at a private Mass.**



**This week the Sanctuary Candle is for Sr. Mary Ganly S.J. & the Bread & Wine are for Deceased members of the Cullinane Family**



**PLEASE PRAY For.** Julia Soroko, Msgr. Peter J. McHugh, Michael Mingari, Erin Kate Reagan, 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, Joyce, Claire.



**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.



## 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. 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. **Many dates still available for 2020.**



John "Jack" Wickens, Gary Biondi, Sophie Napolitano, Elizabeth Cappiello, Mary Dick, Sonny Barretta & Phil Mealy.

*Rest In Peace*

**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)*

The Collection for 4-16-2020 \$4,364.00  
Easter Collection to date \$ 28646.00  
**The Easter Collection for 2019**  
**\$ 34,574.00**

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.*

**Please note you can also mail in your envelopes.**

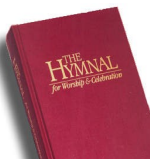
### **Electronic Giving**



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.*

### **New Hymnals**

We have had 370 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).*



Our monthly **SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS**, is celebrated on **the first Saturday of each month at 8:45 am**. Our next mass will be celebrated on **May 2**. Those who will be remembered at this Mass are: Kathleen Kaczynski, Charles T. Hennigan, Liliane Antaki, Prayers and protection for unborn babies and their mothers, Theresa Burke, Timothy Caldwell, Joan Tolan, Deceased Members of the Dorchak & Meehan Families, Deceased Members of the Canzanella & Goeller Families, Salud & Pacifico Natividad, Delfina & Cipriano Baldo, August Sica, Mary McFarland, Marie B. Addis, Elizabeth Cappiello, Sophie Napolitano, John Derites, John Wickens, Eileen Pennell, Gary Biondi, Mary Dick, Elsa Seiner.

### ***Do You Need Prayers?***

We have a *Prayer Chain* 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 at 973-226-7288 or email [deborah@olbs.org](mailto:deborah@olbs.org) with your prayer request.



### **Reading I: Acts 2: 14, 22-23**

Here is the core teaching message of the early Church used by her missionary Apostles. It is a short summary of Our Lord's works, death and resurrection.

### **Reading II: I Peter 1: 17-21**

Christ's blood releases us from the power of sin. You must be holy because of this incomparable gift.

### **The Gospel: Luke 24: 13-35**

A wonderful meeting of two disheartened disciples (representing all of us) with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. The scenario ends with a Eucharistic liturgy: A Scripture reading is followed by an explanation, capped off by the breaking of the bread before Jesus vanishes.