

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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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
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SUNDAY MASSES

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| 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 |

My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

As we bring the Christmas season to a close today as we remember the Baptism of the Lord, we are truly grateful to all those who were such a significant part of our Christmas liturgies. That included so many of our parishioners: a) those who read at Christmas Season Masses or ministered the Eucharist to the people of God here at OLBS, 2) those who raised our minds and hearts in praise of God as together we sang the familiar Christmas carols, 3) those who cleaned and decorated the church so beautifully, 4) those who welcomed our parishioners and our guests to pray with us, 5) all who came to rejoice in prayer as we celebrated the first coming of the Lord and his revelation to all nations of the world.

In all likelihood, Christmas decorations will soon come down and gifts will be put away. As a Church community, we now return to the liturgical season we call **Ordinary Time**. This time of the Church year sadly has a name in English which does not adequately explain what this season is all about.

For us, the word *ordinary* often means routine, even boring or dull. That is not its meaning for the Church. The term *ordinary* which describes the season to which we now return, comes from the Latin word which means *number*. Therefore, this season called *Ordinary Time* simply denotes the fact that our Sundays are now *numbered*, e.g., the 1st Sunday or the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. During this season, we highlight, not specific events in the life of Jesus, such as his birth, his dying and rising, his sending of the Holy Spirit, but rather the message of Jesus that we will hear Sunday after Sunday in the readings proclaimed at Mass, especially the Gospel reading.

We will hear of his healing, his forgiving, his challenge to the self-righteous, his time spent teaching the people, whether on a hillside in Israel or at a dinner table in someone's home. We will focus on Sunday as the single most important day of the year, the Lord's Day, a fact that our society has forgotten due to a variety of activities in which families are now engaged. It is never bad when families spend time together. Time spent together strengthens the bonds that unite family members. However, when the day has nothing to do with thanking the Lord for what God does for us each day, for celebrating the Eucharist together as part of a faith community, the day and its meaning are significantly diminished.

We are now into the second and final phase of our church renovation. The original font is now in place and very soon, the lower font will be in place as well as the ambry where the sacred oils will be kept. The men who have worked so hard on our renovations are to be congratulated for the fine work that they have done. The pews have been beautifully re-finished, we now have new kneelers (***Please don't put your feet on them or stand on them!***), the floors – in the church, in the sanctuary, in the vestibule – provides a warmth to our time together. ***During these winter months, to the best of your ability, please wipe your shoes on the mats in the vestibule to prevent moisture and mud from being brought into the church.***

All of this work, and the beauty that it offers to us, is possible only through the generosity of those who have donated to these renovations in any way. Without their willingness to support what we are doing, this work, and the joy that it brings with it, would never have been possible. When we come together, there is nothing that we cannot do for the praise and glory of God and the uplifting of our hearts and minds to the Lord.

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

P.S. Please be conscious of not doing anything that would mar the pews or damage the kneelers. When you raise the kneelers, please do so gently and with care.

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.***

Blessings on our 2nd Graders

This past Saturday, our second graders received the sacrament of Penance for the first time. In their own wonderful way, they now have an idea of what it means to be forgiven by a God who loves so much that there is nothing that we do that is beyond his ability to forgive. ***May they continue to experience that forgiving love of God, especially as it is expressed and experienced through their parents and family.***



Saturday, January 11
Christmas Weekday

8:45 am
5:00 pm

Kathleen Kaczynski
Alice & Clay Reisman

Sunday, January 12
Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm
6:00 pm

Sr. Therese Ganly (living)
Vita & Luigi Mariani
Carolyn Madden
People of the Parish

Monday, January 13
Weekday

8:45 am

Michael & Lena D'Addario

Tuesday, January 14
Weekday

8:45 am

Catherine Sacco

Wednesday, January 15
Weekday

8:45 am

Peter Duerre

Thursday, January 16
Weekday

8:45 am

Mary & Alfred Gomes

Friday, January 17
Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:45 am

Fred Pollock & Bernard Shenocca

Saturday, January 18
Weekday

8:45 am
5:00 pm

Patricia Handley
Mary, John & Patrick McGovern

Sunday, January 19
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00
6:00 pm

Frank & Ofelia Falgons
Riley Jean Berge
Christine Siedler, 1st Anniversary
People of the Parish

This week the Bread and Wine are for Robert McGovern and the Sanctuary Candle is for Special Thanks.



Annette Loprieto, Joanne Cozzolino,
Mary Ann Cuccurullo, Rosemarie Napolitano
and Patricia Cox

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, 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.



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.

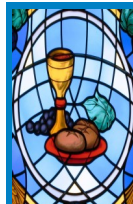
Sunday Evening Mass

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.*



K of C Rose sale

The Knights of Columbus will be at all Masses on the weekend of Jan. 19-20 to ask for donations for roses for Right to Life. We ask that you consider making a donation to the K of C for this important cause that they promote.



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.

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)*

Collections for December 28 – 29 \$ 6,892.00
Collection for same weekend 2018 \$ 7,808.000
Collections for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God \$2,308.00
Collection for January 4 - 5 \$9,171.00
Collection for same weekend 2019 \$9,171.00
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..*

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“And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” From the Gospel of Matthew. Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God our Father is so generous, that he gave his only Son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father’s will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

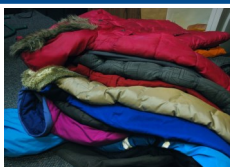
Electronic Giving

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 what 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.*



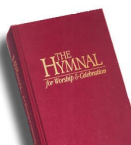
An Awesome Sight

How I wish our generous coat donors could have seen the faces of the people at St. John’s in Newark and at the Market Street Mission in Morristown who were the recipients of the beautiful coats! Your kindness and generosity was overwhelming. Approximately 100 coats as well as miscellaneous sweaters, scarves and gloves were among the donated items. It was an awesome sight to see the donated items filling a van from ceiling to floor.



New Hymnals

We still have hymnals which can be 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. The reaction to the new hymnals by our parishioners has been very positive and we appreciate that. *The donation form for hymnals can be found on our website – olbs.org.*



This week’s Highlighted Ministry: Adult Funeral Mass Servers

One of the most charitable ministries that our parish has to do with the funerals that we are called to celebrate, consoling family members and friends who have lost a loved one. There are now several of our parishioners who participate in this ministry of consolation through serving funeral Masses here at OLBS. Through this ministry, they become a part of our outreach to support and to bring comfort to grieving loved ones. *If you are a retired man or woman and you feel that you want to be a part of this ministry of consolation, please contact Fr. Bob – frbob@olbs.org – and let him know. Your service at this difficult time for a family truly is an act of Christian charity.*

500 Club Raffle

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses for our 2020 500 Club raffle. The cost per ticket is \$120.00 and the first drawing will take place on the 4th Friday of this month, January 24. This cost allows the buyer to be eligible to win every month of 2020. The month’s prize is \$2,000.00.



Marriage, Divorce & Church Annulment
What Does the Church Really Teach ?

Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 10:00 am -12:00pm
All are welcome to this presentation about the church annulment process followed by a Q & A session. Maybe you have asked the questions, What is Marriage? Is annulment just "catholic divorce"? Can divorced people receive the Eucharist? How do I start the annulment process? Or maybe you would just like information & support. Coffee and Snacks. Sponsored by the Family Life Office.

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:45AM in the Church for those interested in attending before the presentation.

Presented by:
Lauren Tamara, BA, CADC

Location :
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Classroom #1
Classroom #1 is located to the left in the Main Church Bldg.

If interested please contact:
Lauren Tamara, BA CADS
973-497-4327 or email: Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org

Save the Dates
Women’s Retreat
Weekend

A Center for Christian Renewal

March 20,21 & 22, 2020
San Alfonso’s Retreat
House
on the ocean in [Long Branch, NJ](#)

Come join us on Sunday, January 26th as we say goodbye to Fr. Bob and wish him well on his retirement. Mass will be celebrated at 12pm, and the reception to follow immediately after Mass in the auditorium. Please RSVP to the Rectory 973-226-7288 by Wednesday, January 22nd.

If you would like to bring a dessert, please let us know.





Christmas Collection

We thank all those who prayerfully gave their Christmas offering to OLBS. Obviously, this collection is crucial for our parish since it allows us to “catch up” on paying expenses related to the operation of the parish. Our primary mission as a faith community is the proclamation of the Gospel and collections, whether on Sunday or Christmas/ Easter, allow us to have the resources necessary to complete our mission. *As of Monday, Jan. 6, our collection for Christmas 2019 totaled \$56,293.00 . By way of comparison, our 2018 Christmas collection amounted to \$ 72,296.00.*

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!
January 12th: 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.

January 15th
January 29th
From 9:30am-11:00am
RSVP to patty@olbs.org



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

Thank you from St. Columba

On behalf of the parish community, I would like to thank you for your generosity and your concern about the needs of St. Columba Church in Newark. The Christmas gifts from your community are very much appreciated and we are very grateful.



We pray and wish that Almighty God may bless you and reward you a hundredfold in this New Year 2020.

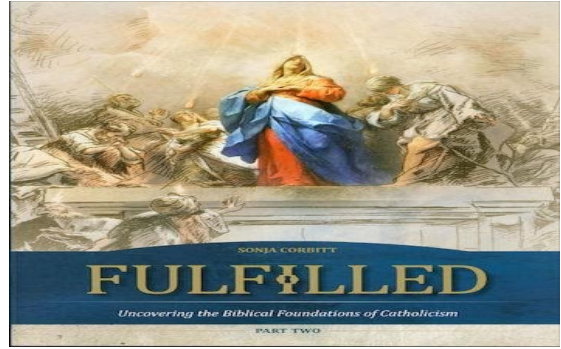
Sincerely, Rev. Andres Codoner-Contell

SAVE THE DATE FAITH QUEST 2020

The annual Lenten Adult Education Forum
Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 11, 18, 25, & 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.

OLBS Bible Study (Part II) Begins Monday, January 13, 2020 @ 6:45 PM in Founders Hall



In the Old Testament, God began building a plan and laying a foundation for the beautiful traditions of the Catholic Faith. That plan was fulfilled by Jesus in the New Testament. While it is designed as a faith-sharing Scripture study, you will also gain an understanding of some of the most questioned Catholic teachings. Fulfilled will reignite your love of Scripture and help you share and defend the Catholic Faith with the Word of God.

Part Two – Drawn into the Divine Mystery focuses on elements of the inner sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the Magisterium, the Eucharist, incense, Mary, and more

Fulfilled will help youExplain how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament

- Share the Catholic Faith concisely
- Acquire a thorough knowledge of the Tabernacle’s design as a blueprint for the Faith
- Learn how to answer incomplete and non-Catholic interpretations of the Bible
- Examine your own faith and grow deeper in your relationship with Christ

*****Please email Cathy Buchanan at Liturgy@olbs.org to order your workbook before the Bible study begins.**

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