

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, 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

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Perhaps, like me, you are already weary of our overly long presidential campaign season. Here we are, a full nine months before the election of 2020, and already we have been dunned with polling results, discussion, debates, and debacles. Our democratic freedoms seem to come these days with a high price of patience.

In an analogous way, we could say that Our Lord Jesus Christ was a campaigner during His time on earth. Not for any earthly high office, for sure, but for the hearts and minds of all the people He would reach among His contemporaries and all who would learn of Him in the future. That includes our hearts and minds.

However, there is much that distinguishes Him from any earthbound seekers of political office. For one thing, Our Lord was totally transparent (to use a present day description of honesty); He made no promises He would not keep; and He assured His early followers of His upcoming victory over the competing evil forces against Him. Even more marvelous to ponder, He held out the promise to all mankind of a shared victory over all the obstacles that would lead to a future so beautifully described by St. Paul in First Corinthians.

Of course, we know Jesus had to pay a high price for all His declarations. It was cross-shaped. It was also apt for all those among the Jewish elite and their Roman overlords who found Him at (dare I say it?) cross-purposes with all that they held dear. To them, freedom was thought a restricted right in a world so replete with slavery. For the Jews, their ancient Law was held to be the Word of God, inviolable and sacrosanct. For the Romans, riches and power were everything. Politics was the tool most likely to help one get them both. If there was any truth to the myths surrounding their gods, they could be placated with hollow prayers and weird ceremony.

So they wondered about Jesus. "Just who was this upstart from Nazareth? And why give Him any credence? Yet how to explain the mysterious magnetism He projected and the crowds He drew? Somehow or other He must be stopped, or eliminated from the scene." We know that's just what they did. After that, they wrongly thought they could relax until the news came on the Third Day. What they had thought was the end was just the beginning.

Of course, that's not our outlook thanks to our gift of faith. Yet, we all have to be careful that while we honor Him at Mass we often forget Him by the time we get to the parking lot. From time to time we devise clever but fast fading slogans like "WWJD?" We even call Him "Superstar." But if we're going to be honest, we must acknowledge that believing in Him is far easier than obeying His teaching.

You see, doctrine and doing are like the two chemical ingredients of salt, which is composed of two poisons: sodium and chlorine. If we ingested either of the two poisons, we would die. But if we combine them properly, we have sodium chloride, which is common table salt that gives flavor to our food and indeed life and health to our bodies. So, too, are faith and good works inseparable. Knowing that, may I ask, Does "Candidate Jesus" have your vote to be "King of Hearts?" More importantly, does he have *your* heart?



Lent is Quickly Approaching

In a few short weeks we will be observing the start of the Season of Lent, a season of repentance, prayer & fasting.

The days of fast & abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. The other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

On a day of fast only 1 full meal is permitted & 2 smaller meals, which added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 & 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. The law of abstinence applies to those aged 14 years & older (until death) in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Also prohibited on these days are soups & gravies made from meat.

Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020

**Masses schedule for Ash Wednesday:
6:45 AM, 8:45AM, 12:05 PM, 3:30 PM Word Service and 7:00PM.**

Ashes will be distributed only during Mass.



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 50th 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. **Many dates still Available for 2020.**

Confessions Times

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



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

12:00 pm

People of the Parish

Ray Vaccaro

Leonard Liotta

Monday, February 17

Weekday

8:45 am

Anthony & Louise Cacchione

Tuesday, February 18

Weekday

8:45 am

Sean O'Keeffe

Wednesday, February 19

Weekday

8:45 am

Maria My Do

Thursday, February 20

Weekday

8:45 am

Marlene Paglianite

Friday, February 21

Weekday

8:45 am

Edward Batta

Saturday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:45 am

Eleanor Matuch

5:00 pm

William Shapanus, 30th Anniversary

Sunday, February 23

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

James Lott

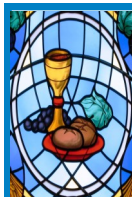
Catherine Gerard

Joseph DellaFera



Dolores T. Casale

Rest In Peace



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, 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.

People needed for St. John's Kitchen

As our parish knows, we go to St. John's Food Kitchen in Newark the fourth Friday of each month to plate and serve a noon meal. We usually have four teams of 6 parish volunteers on each team. Each team goes to St. John's once every four months. We leave our parish at 10:00 AM and return by 1:00 PM. At this time, we have 3 teams with 5 members, and one of the teams has only 4 members so we need extra parishioners to make the teams complete. Please email Debbie – deborah@olbs.org – and let her know if you would like to be a part of a team or teams, or if you are available as a substitute.

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.

SICK OR HOMEBOUD.

The word *Homebound* means that parishioners, due to sickness or age, are unable to go to Mass and therefore, do not receive Holy Communion, Our Lord Jesus Christ. If you or someone you know is in this situation, please contact Sister Anita at sranita@olbs.org or 646-427-4393. We will be happy to arrange for someone to bring the Eucharist to that person.



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 8 - 9 \$ 8,342.00
Collection for same weekend 2019 \$ 9,056.00
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.*

Collection for European Relief – Feb. 22-23

Next weekend, Feb. 22-23, the Church in the United States will be conducting a special collection to support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The Church in countries which were ruled for so long by oppressive Communist regimes is still rebuilding. And so are their societies. Vulnerable populations like the elderly, the disabled, children, and expectant mothers suffer the most. With the support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church is working through a network of parishes to expand medical service to respond to these needs. With the support of American parishes, the Church in these countries can continue to re-build and to serve the people of God.

Shine The Light Of Christ 2020 Appeal

We thank those who have already handed in pledge envelopes for the 2020 appeal *Shine The Light Of Christ*. We hope that many more families of the parish will make a pledge or a one-time gift to this important fundraising effort that supports the many ways in which the Archdiocese of Newark seeks to continue the mission of serving God's holy people. *If someone has enough so that they don't need help, they are fortunate enough to offer help to those who truly need it. Please envelopes can be placed in the Sunday collection or placed in the wooden receptacle in the vestibule or brought to the rectory.*

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.*



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.

Parishes of West Essex Announce 2020 Faith Quest Lenten Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 18

Prayer and Spirituality - Help Me Hear Your Path For Me Oh Lord, . . . presented by *Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D., OPA:* We have often heard the phrase, “the power is within . . . listen to the power from within.” But how can we be certain that we are sensing the TRUTH? How can we discern between our imagination and God's wisdom? We will carefully explore the inner pathways to the heart of God's love and truth that always awaits us deep within our hearts. **Ginger Grancagnolo is a lecturer, author and counselor. She holds a doctorate in Christian ministry and has a background in education, psychology and theology.**

Understanding Sacred Scripture - Parables of the Kingdom, . . . presented by *Rev. Christopher Ciccarino:* Few aspects of Jesus' teaching are better known than his parables, those brief, vivid, dramatic accounts which He used to teach and challenge His hearers. We will examine briefly three of these accounts, to understand and grapple with how Jesus wanted to redefine the Kingdom of God for His original hearers and for us. **Rev. Ciccarino is the Associate Dean for the Seminary and Academic Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary.**

Faith in Practice - Women of all ages striving for the perfect work/life balance . . . presented by *Christine Boyle:* As women, we hear we can have it all by perfectly striking work/life balance. If something is out of sync, then it is the fault of the individual for improperly “weighing” priorities. The content and discussion of this engagement will focus on debunking the myth of work/life balance, deconstructing the self-blame, and shifting away from the hurriedness of life to enjoy the solitude of each moment. Using the Lenten theme of renunciation and the gospel examples of Mary and Martha this discussion will help women in each stage to reframe their daily approaches to experience self-success in their lives, relationships and communities. **Christine Boyle is the Director of Campus Ministry at Saint Peter's University where her work centers on student spiritual development using Ignatian spirituality. She is an alumna of University of Scranton (BA History) and the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University (M.Div.)**

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 or contact St. Thomas More Church at 973-227-0055 or any other sponsoring parishes after February 8th.

Faith Quest content for Wednesday March 25 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

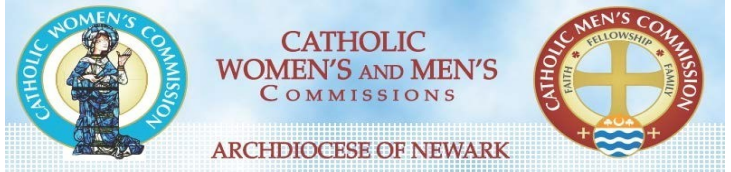


A Center for Christian Renewal

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 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 is available on these websites at www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN) or www.rcan.org/mens-commission (MEN)

"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.



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.



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.



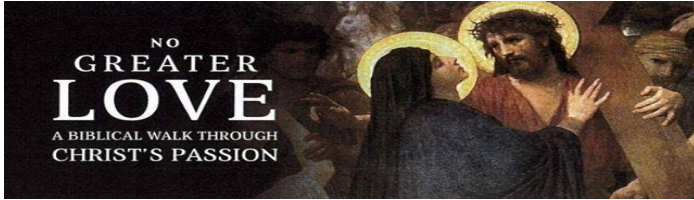
Do You Need Prayers?

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.



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.



Social Concerns Ministry would like to thank all our parishioners who contributed food or cash to last week's Food Drive. Our next collection date is the weekend of March 07/08.

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.**

Friday's Soup and Station During Lent

Volunteers are needed to make a simple meal of soup (no meat/or meat stock) for approximately 25 people. The soup can be made at home and reheated or made in our in kitchen.

We are looking for two "guest chefs" each Friday of Lent that would be available from 4:30 – 7:00pm. This is a wonderful ministry and everyone is so appreciative of the simple supper before Stations of the Cross. For more Information contact

kathypigott@olbs.org.



Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Nannies, Babies and Toddlers

.....All Are Welcome!!

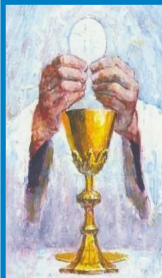
Come join us for coffee, support, conversation and fun.

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 26th
From 9:30am-11:00am
RSVP to patty@olbs.org



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



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

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