

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

My aunt and uncle once lived on a tiny street in the row-house world of South Philly. What fascinated me as a boy when my family and I visited their home was the vestibule, something lacking in our suburban home at the time. This was a very small space, hardly a “room,” formed by the main front door and another one, featuring frosted glass. This second door opened into the living area, the heart of the home, with the dining space further in, ending with the kitchen, from which came the enticing aromas promising a good meal ahead.

I thought of that long ago scene, featuring that vestibule, when I considered the Readings for today and the upcoming season of Lent. With Ash Wednesday a scant three days away, we may consider ourselves “in the vestibule” of Lent. So said, we note that these bible excerpts make for a perfect combination of commandments and practical ways to respond. “A pair of doors” if you will, into the heart of the matter.

The first commands come from the book of Leviticus, where we read that Moses was ordered to give the people the Lord’s word that they be holy. How? By not hating anyone, and not hesitating to correct anybody who needs it. Of course, they are to love their neighbor as themselves.

St. Paul weighs in with a reminder that each of us is like a temple in which God dwells. Then we read of how Our Lord spells out two of the hardest choices all Christians have to make, namely: avoiding revenge and actually loving our enemies.

We then exit this “vestibule” and step into Lent and its six weeks that follow for a kind of retreat. The self-imposed prayer and fasting time to drive out any “sludge” from the “piping” of our souls. All of this to prepare for our 2020 celebration of Easter. That celebration, as we know, balances out the calendar with seven weeks of “Alleluias” and rejoicing, with Spring as a bonus.

It seems to me this cyclical rhythm of liturgical observance helps to bring order and purpose to our spiritual life. There may be all kinds of chaos around us, with the pace of modern life never slowing down. So we need to resist that pressure lest we feel like a hamster trapped in a whirling metal circle. We are more than our schedules. More than our obligations and earthly duties. We live for a loving Lord. We trust in His way forward to a future of peace and happiness unending.

Getting back to family memories like that vestibule in my aunt and uncle’s home with that vestibule, I think from time to time of an old, now forgotten slogan once used by my Dad’s longtime employer, the Prudential Insurance Company. I know he believed in them, on several layers of meaning. The words? “*The future belongs to those who prepare for it.*” Not a bad watchword for all of us, here in the “vestibule” of Lent.

LENT FAITH SHARING GROUP
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT’S



Let us journey together through the season of Lent with fellowship, prayer, study and sharing the Sunday scriptures. We meet each Tuesday of Lent beginning, March 3 from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. Any questions, please contact Cathy Buchanan at 973-226-7288 or liturgy@olbs.org.




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.**

weekly MASS



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 **James Lott**
 10:00 am **Catherine Gerard**
 12:00 pm **Joseph DellaFera**

Monday, February 24
Weekday
 8:45 am **People of the Parish**

Tuesday, February 25
Weekday
 8:45 am **Robert Rose**

Wednesday, February 26
Ash Wednesday
 6:45 am **People of the Parish**
 8:45 am **Catherine Gerard**
 12:05 pm **Gregory Berliner**
 7:00 pm **Gail Vohecowicz**


Thursday, February 27
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 8:45 am **John Bazzini**
 12:05 pm **Edward Batta**

Friday, February 28
Friday after Ash Wednesday
 8:45 am **Jack Ganz**

Saturday, February 29
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 8:45 am **Christopher Manente**
 5:00 pm **Thomas C. O'Reilly**

Sunday, February 30
First Sunday of Lent
 8:00 am **People of the Parish**
 10:00 am **Stella Vicarisi**
 12:00 pm **Mary Gomes**

This week the Sanctuary Candle and the Bread & Wine are offered for Fr. Joseph Laracy.




Ash Wednesday Schedule
 Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses this Wednesday, February 26, Ash Wednesday: 6:45 AM, 8:45 AM, 12:05 PM, and 7:00 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at a Liturgy of the Word that day at 3:30 PM.



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.

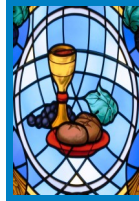
People needed for St. John's Kitchen



As our parish knows, we go to St. John's Soup 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.

Confessions Times

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



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)*

Collection for February 15 - 16 \$ 7,208.00
Collection for same weekend 2019 \$ 8,095.00
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.*

Shining the Light of Christ 2020 Appeal

We thank those who have already handed in pledge envelopes for the 2020 appeal *Shining 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 fund-raising 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. Envelopes can be placed in the Sunday collection or placed in the wooden receptacle in the vestibule or brought to the rectory.*

Collection for European Relief – Feb. 22-23

This 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.

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 25

Prayer and Spirituality - *Nunc Coepi (Now I Begin) Discovering again New Life in Christ After the Scandal*, . . . presented by **Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly**: A personal reflection on how we can find Jesus among the “rubble” in which we find ourselves at times. The presentation will focus on the foundation of passion, the staying power of perseverance and the living conviction of courage. **Msgr. Reilly, is the Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary; dean of the School of Theology and member of the Board of Trustees for Seton Hall University.**

Understanding Sacred Scripture - *What You Never Learned About the Ten Commandments*, . . . presented by **Rev. James Manos**: Because they may seem so harsh to our ear, we fail to realize that they are our key to freedom. They are an entire plan of life that draws us closer to God, which will bring us enduring peace with others and with ourselves. **Rev. Manos is the Pastor of St. Luke's, Ho-Ho-Kus and former pastor of St. Thomas More, Fairfield. Ordained in 1996, he has served as parochial vicar in Newark, Union and Ramsey and as Dean of the West Essex Deanery.**

Faith in Practice - *“The Wilderness Will Lead You”* . . . presented by **Kathy Detlet, D.Min.**: What “wilderness” gets in the way of deepening one's relationship with God? In this presentation, we will identify what our wilderness might be and hear suggestions for how to continue growing into our authentic selves, our journey with God and our relationships with others. “The Wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak . . . “ **Kathy Detlet is Co-Director of the Caldwell Dominican sponsored Lumen Center at the Motherhouse in Caldwell. Kathy provides parishes and pastoral staffs support through facilitating workshops and days of reflections. She is also a certified spiritual director.**

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 April 1 will be in next weeks bulletin.

2019 LENTON REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2020 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 2020.

*Canon 920,1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

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.



This week's Highlighted Ministry: Lenten Soup Supper

On February 26, 2020, we begin the holy season of Lent as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. On the Fridays of Lent, we will have a Simple Lenten Supper of soup and bread at 6:00 PM before we gather to pray the Station of the Cross at 7:00 PM. We ask parishioners to volunteer one Friday in Lent to prepare soup for 20 - 25 people. ***It can be any meatless soup of your choice.*** If you can be one of our *soup makers*, contact Kathy Pigott, who coordinates those who make soup for these Fridays. Her email address is kathypigott@olbs.org. *If you like to make soup, this ministry is perfect for you.*

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.

"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.



Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, February 29, 2020,

8:00 am to 4:00 at Seton Hall University South Orange, NJ
This event includes guest speaker, fellowship, confession and much more. Holy Mass will be celebrate by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin C.Ss.R.

Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 7, 2020,

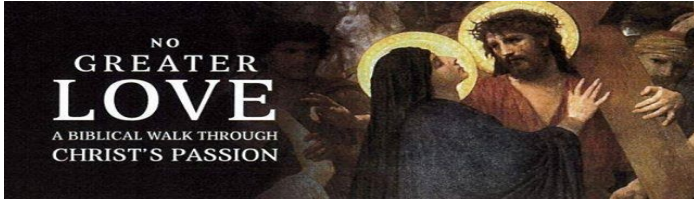
8:00 am to 4:00 at Seton Hall University South Orange, NJ
This event includes guest speaker, fellowship, confession, and much more. Holy Mass will be celebrate by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin C.Ss.R.

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)

A Big Thanks to Roseland DPW, and Essex County DPW, For helping put a new rope on the Flag Pole. The Flag is flying in memory of a unknown soldier.

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**

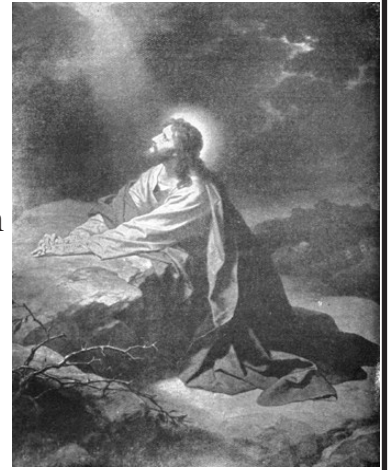
All sessions will meet every week, beginning the week of March 4th
Ending the week of April 1st in Founders Hall.
Contact Fr. Stefano Hong with questions 973-226-7288 or email at: frstefano@olbs.org

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

Come, watch, listen.....choose a part,we all have a part.

Calling all players... grades 6-12. There will be an information meeting for anyone interested in being in this years Passion Play. If you would like to be part of our 30 yr. tradition,

please join us on Sunday March 1 at 7pm in the Youth Room, parents are welcome to attend. If you have any questions please email me at patty@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

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STAFF MEMBERS AND SUPPORT STAFF

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