

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

28 LIVINGSTON AVENUE, ROSELAND, NEW JERSEY 07068



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

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	Following the 8:45 AM Mass; Other times by appointment
PARISH OFFICE HOURS	Monday—Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Marketing has nothing to do with madness. Rather it is a skillful process used to sell something, or someone, based on mind penetrating research into our buying habits and ever-changing moods, not to forget all of our defenses against persuasion.

Take, for example, the selling of food. All through Autumn and into the pre-Christmas season, we are persuaded to buy all sorts of calorie laden entrees or desserts that we are told are definite requirements for us to get into the undefined “spirit of the season.” Yet, no sooner than the day after New Year’s the whole emphasis shifts to thinking about and buying only foods that are healthy and low calorie items. Along with that comes a push for all sorts of exercise equipment designed to help us lose what the sellers refer to as “all that holiday imprudence” at the table. All this is meticulously planned and pursued in the name of profit. The pattern is annual. Watch for it to begin again in about seven months, if not sooner. If you cannot wait until then, there’s always “Christmas in July” sales.

Holy Mother the Church is hardly a merchant, unless we conclude that she actually is “selling something, or more precisely, Someone.” The errant word here is “selling.” What the Church offers the world is free of any cost, unless you factor in suffering that is part and parcel of being Christian. Following through on that metaphor, the Church does so for the “profit” of our immortal souls and ultimate salvation. She presents us with Christ Jesus, who in turn is the finest representation of God’s love for us. She does so at the Holy Spirit’s direction, which is infallible in its estimation of what our human nature is like.

Here at the start of Lent, our one great penitential season, the Church presents us with the Bible’s “take” on temptation. We find that our original parents were easy targets for what Scripture calls that “most cunning of all the animals the Lord had made.” What that lowdown snake in the grass proposed to Adam and Eve was the possibility of being God. We are not exempt from the same temptation even if we may only admit it to our best friend or confessor. It’s the desire once and for all to be in charge. To decide what is and what will be. However, that is in regard to everyone else.

Bearing in mind that Adam and Eve never called on God for help, the proposition wound up being too much for Adam and Eve. So they gave in and ate that famous fruit of the one forbidden tree in the center of the garden. What they lost was incalculable. Gone were unbridled wisdom and total innocence. What they gained was shame and a run to make loincloths and note the lock on Heaven’s gates.

That was the situation until the long-planned and righteous reversal of things began on one holy night in the little town of Bethlehem. The Babe born then and there would later be called the “second Adam” by the man we call “St. Paul.”

Whatever temptations haunt our days all boil down to a defect in our wills and a fragile love for God. Except for Mary our Mother and the saints, our hearts are divided. We just do not want to risk losing whatever of wealth, power, fame, that we have, or think we have. Jesus was perfect love for God His Father, so that none of those three entities had any attraction for Him. Nothing would ever get in the way of His love for His Father.

Two action plans I would suggest for this Lent. First, sit still long enough to identify your particular temptations. Jot them down in a personal Lenten notebook. Then plot your “battle plan.” Best for this are the traditional practices of Lent-prayer, fasting and alms giving. Like a plan to lose weight, such a program requires discipline and exercise. The latter does not mean a gym workout but a more frequent walk up the parish church aisle to feed on Christ’s Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Allow me to close with a somewhat humorous Lenten caution. It is important to recognize that temptations are certain to ring your doorbell; but it’s your own fault if you ask them in to stay for dinner. Take care to enjoy your new week and don’t be a stranger in the pews.

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weekly MASS

Saturday, February 29
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
8:45 am
5:00 pm

Christopher Manente
Thomas C. O'Reilly

Sunday, March 1
First Sunday of Lent
8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm

People of the Parish
Stella Vicarisi
Mary Gomes

Monday, March 2
Lenten Weekday
8:45 am
12:05 pm

Morgan Cameron
Nicholas & Marie Daddato

Tuesday, March 3
Lenten Weekday
8:45 am
12:05 pm

Joan Montemareno
Paul Shalvoy

Wednesday, March 4
Lenten Wednesday
8:45 am

Marilyn Whelen

Thursday, March 5
Lenten Weekday
8:45 am
12:05 pm

Margarett Malloy
Angeles & Edward Gregory

Friday, March 6
Lenten Weekday
8:45 am

Mary Frances Malloy

Saturday, March 7
Lenten Weekday
8:45 am
5:00 pm

Special Remembrance Mass
Angela & Nick Tedesco

Sunday, March 8
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 pm

Barbara McCarthy
Sadie O'Boyle
Edward Batta



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.

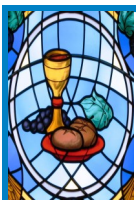
People needed for St. John's Kitchen

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.



Patricia Ferrara

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.



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.**

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 22 - 23 \$ 7,504.00
Collection for same weekend 2019 \$ 8,448.00
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.*

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.

Our March Food Drive takes place next weekend, March 07/08. Food collected benefits the food pantry located at Blessed Sacrament Church in Newark.
“If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

--Mother Teresa



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, April 1

Prayer and Spirituality – “Penance: The Scary Sacrament” presented by Rev. Thomas A. Dente, Pastor of Notre Dame Church, North Caldwell and Director of Worship Office for the Archdiocese of Newark. Explore the history, theology and pastoral dimensions of the Sacrament of Penance – you may discover it's not so scary after all . . .

Understanding Sacred Scripture – “St. Paul and his Missionary Journeys” presented by Rev. John Gabriel, Pastor, St. Paul's, Ramsey and prior pastor of St. Thomas More, Fairfield. From Damascus to Rome, from the Acts of the Apostles to Epistles: The Life of St Paul in Sacred Scripture

Faith in Practice – “Catholic Social Teachings: The Word & Worship Connections” presented by Anita Foley, Pastoral Associate, Notre Dame Church, North Caldwell and adjunct professor in the Religious Studies Department at Seton Hall University. The seven Catholic Social Teachings will be presented within the framework of discipleship, word and worship.

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.

500 Club raffle winner

The winner of our February 500 Club Raffle is John “Jack” Sayers . He won \$2,000.00. We thank John for being a part of our raffle as well as the other parishioners who bought a ticket. Our next drawing will be on Saturday, March 28, 2019.



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.

Our monthly **SPECIAL REMEMBRANCE MASS** celebrated on **the first Saturday of each month at 8:45 am**, will be celebrated on **March 7**. 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, August T. Sica, Josephine Sica, Thomas Perillo, Delfina & Cipriano Baldo, Salud & Pacifico Natividad, Constance Filipello, Katie & Sebastian DeMartino, Dolores Casale, Mary McFarland, Patricia Ferrara, Francesco Boffa, Luis Dilorio, Madeline Boffa, Edward John Batta, Michael Delfino .

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.

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.***



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.

"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.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY

LENTEN GIVING TREE- The recipients of this year's giving tree will be St Joseph's Home for the Elderly, which is run by The Little Sisters of the Poor. Their **MISSION** is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family, and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. All donations should be returned by the weekend of **March 28th/29th.** **Please do not wrap your donations.**

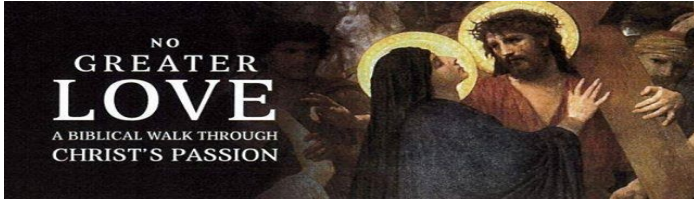
There will be a box located in the vestibule for you to return your donations. **Please deposit gift cards into the donation box that is marked for Lenten Giving Tree Gift Card Donations.** The Social Concerns Ministry thanks you for your continued generosity and support.



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

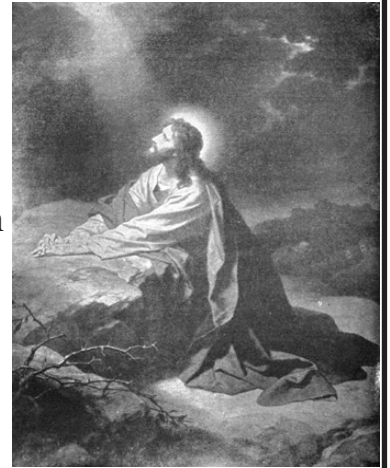
All sessions will meet every week, beginning the week of March 4th
Ending the week of April 1st in Founders Hall.
Contact Fr. Stefano Hong with questions 973-226-7288 or email at: frstefano@olbs.org

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.



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ACADEMY**
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1st - 8th Grade

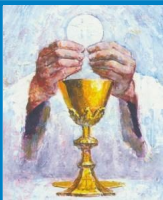
REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 8
12:30 - 3:00 pm

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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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