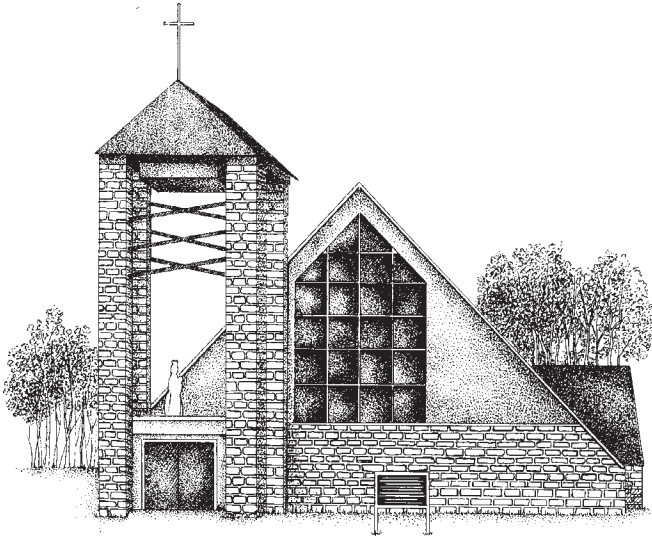


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January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM

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8:00 AM

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9:00 AM

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8:00 AM

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NEW TO THE PARISH

Call the rectory and arrange to register in our active parish.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 12 PM
and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS:

Tue., Wed., Thu. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
and 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CONFESSION:

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM

BAPTISMS:

Parents must register with the parish. Both parents must also participate in the Baptismal Training Program. Baptisms arranged by appointment.

MARRIAGE:

Please arrange 1 year in advance.

RCIA:

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For adults who wish to become Catholic or Catholics who wish to be Confirmed.

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MASSSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST

8:30 A.M. People of the Parish
10:30A.M. Tina Gatto LaRosa & Corrado LaRosa
12:00P.M. James Nicholl

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

8:00 A.M. Walter Glynn, Jr.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

8:00 A.M. Francis Paiva

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

8:00 A.M. Paul Tedesco

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:00 A.M. Communion Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

8:00A.M. Philip Fernando

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

9:00 A.M. Lorraine & Charles Brown

5:00 P.M. Gerard Campbell

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:30 A.M. Vito Buccafurni

10:30A.M. People of the Parish

12:00P.M. Steven DeFeo

SCRIPTURES:

February 7, 2021– 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: IN THIS PASSAGE, JOB LAMENTS THE DRUDGERY AND PAIN ALL PEOPLE SOMETIMES EXPERIENCE IN LIFE. HE TALKS OF TROUBLED DAYS AND RESTLESS NIGHTS. BUT HE DOES MENTION THAT THE DAYS MOVE ALONG SWIFTLY, WHICH CAN REMIND US THAT OUR TIME HERE ON EARTH IS QUITE LIMITED AND SHOULD BE WELL SPENT. (JOB 7:1-4, 6-7)

SECOND READING: PAUL EXPLAINS TO THE CORINTHIANS THAT HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT MUST PREACH THE GOSPEL. HE TELLS OF MAKING HIMSELF ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE, IN ORDER TO SAVE SOME OF THEM. HE REMINDS THEM THAT HE DOES THIS WILLINGLY, IN THE HOPE OF SHARING IN THE BLESSINGS OF THE GOSPEL. (1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23)

GOSPEL: JESUS CURED SIMON'S MOTHER-IN-LAW OF A FEVER, THEN OTHERS WITH ILLNESSES OR DEMONS CAME TO SEE HIM. HE CURED THOSE WHO WERE ILL AND CAST OUT THE DEMONS OF THE OTHERS. THEN HE WENT OFF AND PRAYED ALONE UNTIL HIS FOLLOWERS SOUGHT HIM OUT. JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES THEN MOVED ON TO OTHER VILLAGES TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. (MARK 1: 29-39)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-January 31, 2021

Moses told the people. "A prophet like me, will the Lord, your God, raise up for you among your own kinsmen." God still provides among us the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share? ++++++

MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15. We also have Intentions for the Living & Healing Mass Cards available for celebration of Mass during the week.

BAPTISMS are performed the first Sunday of each month. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the rectory M-F -973-663-0211.



2022 DAILY MASS BOOK RECORD is now available. Call Patricia at the rectory (973) 663-0211 to set up your memorial Masses for next year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 🍎

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

Social distancing protocols including touchless temperature scanning of all who come to the Parish Center- being observed.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5

Sunday, January 31st –8:45 10:15AM - (1-5)

Saturday, February 6th –10AM – 1st Penance 2nd Grade

Sunday, February 7th –8:45 10:15AM - (Pre-K-5)

MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8

Sunday, January 31st –6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes

Sunday, February 7th –1:00-2:30pm –classes (Super Bowl Sun)

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, February 7th –1:00-2:30pm –classes (Super Bowl Sun)

Our 2nd Grade CCD students will be making their First Penance on Saturday, February 6th. Please keep them in your prayers as they journey to 1st Communion-May 1st.

Please remember in prayer those who are sick:

Msgr. Edward Kurtyka, Sister Frances Sanso, Tina Mele, Rose Rech, Matt Nolan, Ella Palmieri, Ryan Bragg, Agnes Paulovitz, Mary Ellen Rimli, John O'Connor, Marta Thompson, Nora Connolly, Joseph Setaro, Jo Ellen Jacek, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for the deceased:** Marco Mancini, Frank Mortimer, Fr. Dennis McHugh, Seamus Davin, Fr. Joseph Dooley, Dominick Mele, David Buglino, Paul Tedesco, Maureen Frazzano, George Kapatanaes, John Crowley, Joann Carlson, Frank Amato, & all who have died from COVID-19.



RCIA meets Tuesday, February 2nd- 7:15pm in the Church Hall.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2021/2022? Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to arrange for your wedding at Star of the Sea.



NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.

SICK OR SHUT IN-know someone who is unable to get to church to receive Communion? Please call the rectory at 663-0211 to set up a Communion call.



Denville Medical & Sports Ctr. is continuing COVID-19 tests in our gym on Saturdays 11am-3pm - February 6, 13 & 20th. No out-of-pocket cost. Appointments recommended -call 973-627-7888, or go to website www.denvillemedical.com/covid19-testing Walk ins welcome as well. Bring photo ID & Insurance card.

On-Line Giving-Please go to Star of the Sea's website: olsoslh.org and click on the icon "We Share" to use on-line giving instead of envelopes. It is a way to make sure your offering is made even when you are unable to come to weekend Mass.

Lenten Study Program "NO GREATER LOVE" - A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion- begins Wednesday, February 24th, 7:30 following the 7 pm mass. It is a 5-part series revealing Christ's amazing love for us. Hosted by Deacon Alberto this program continues every Wednesday through March 24th. More info in next week's bulletin.

WE HAVE RESUMED RECORDING THE 12:00 PM Sunday Mass for our parishioners. To stay connected to Star of the Sea and Fr. Chris go to website olsoslh.org after 1pm each Sunday.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

There are many ways in which people can make a difference in the lives of others. Some professions can truly make a difference in people's lives. The medical profession, which includes doctors, surgeons, and nurses can save lives and offer people new hope, and particularly now, work toward ending our worldwide pandemic. In education, teachers and professors open up the doors of knowledge to young people and enable them to take their rightful place in the world. Scientists advance our knowledge of material things and can make life more rewarding. In the world of sports, coaches can teach skills that enable youngsters to play better but also teach life skills that a young man or woman can use for a lifetime.

There are other ways in which each of us can make a difference without a huge amount of effort. The Catholic Charities Donation Boxes have been in our parking area for more than nine years, and people from the area bring many items of clothing each week to sustain it. We do not think a lot about how it helps Catholic Charities but last year I received a letter that enlightened us in this area.

The program began in May 2011 with just a few parishes participating. Now there are boxes in 47 parishes. The clothes donated to Catholic Charities are sold to a group of thrift stores in Ohio. Then the revenue collected by Catholic Charities helps to cover underfunded or unfunded needs of the poor in local areas across Sussex, Passaic, and Morris County. These 60 boxes bring in on average \$14,000.00 monthly. This program has generated over \$1,400,000 dollars since it began in May 2011 for Catholic Charities.

The money raised is used in two ways. With a predictable revenue amount each month, quarterly grants are awarded to each of the Catholic Charities agencies to help them balance their budgets, covering unfunded or underfunded programs serving the poor. The money from these grants pays for a host of things, such as utility payments to avoid shutoffs, rental assistance to prevent eviction of tenants, deposits on new apartments, household items needed in replacing damaged items in fires and floods. Occasionally these grants can help pay for funeral costs, food cards, wheelchairs for the disabled and other needs.

The second way in which the money is used is for unexpected and unfunded needs, both capital and operations. One example is that at the Father English Center in Paterson the wood chips in the child care center's playground were replaced with safer rubberized flooring. Most of the cost was covered by the State but a grant of \$2,000.00 was needed to complete the project, which was provided by the grant from the revenue from the Donation Boxes. The Department of Disabilities on Weldon Road replaced its large septic system in 2014 at a cost of \$75,000. No state funding was available for this but the Donation Boxes provided \$5,000.00 towards the cost. A grant of \$9,000.00 was also used in 2014 to purchase a used 12 seater van by Straight and Narrow, a drug and alcohol treatment center in Paterson. The clean up and rebuild from the fire at Rachel's Village in 2017 was also helped with revenue from the Donation bins. Thousands of dollars each year are awarded to local food pantries in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Our parish food pantry has received funds from Catholic Charities and it was most helpful.

You can rest assured that your clothing donations to the Catholic Charities Donation Bins are an excellent way to help the poor. The money raised from these boxes literally saves lives, keeps people housed, fed, warm and clothed and is respectful of their dignity.

I thank all who continue to donate clothing to these boxes. You are helping people to make it through this winter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris

FOOD PANTRY

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM,
1:30-3:30PM. Please call 973-663-0211 for an
appointment time. Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.**



Feeding the hungry is the First Corporal Work of Mercy, and right now due to your generosity the food pantry is full and then some!!! Thank you. Please hold off on donations at this time.

There will be an update in the bulletin when we will be asking for donations again.

NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations are still being accepted.
Thank you to everyone who has been supporting our food pantry especially during this pandemic.



Christmas 2020: You have once again been extremely generous to your Parish. Many parishioners who have not been able to attend Sunday Mass due to the pandemic made up for their generosity in this year's Christmas collection. We owe you \$41,890.00! Thank you very much. In the next week we will pay the Diocese over \$22,400.00, Project Faith (our Diocesan Assessment), as well as Property Insurance, Employee Benefits, and other Contributions. Your offerings help a great deal with the other bills that keep us running smoothly. Thank you, Lady Star of the Sea. Thank you for your prayers this Christmas, and may the Lord bless you and your family safe and well. Fr. Chris

BLESSING OF THROATS-- THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

-who was a physician and Bishop of Armenia in the 4th Century honors the Ministry to the Sick with the Blessing of Throats, in which the priest asks God, at the intercession of St. Blaise, to preserve us “from throat problems & every other evil.” ***DUE to the pandemic and social distancing protocols, this year the Blessing of Throats will not be given individually with crossed candles, but will be given by Fr. Chris on February 6th after 5PM Mass & Feb. 7th after each Mass with the blessing over the congregation at the end of Mass.***

2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal –“Love The Neighbor” If you have not yet responded to the 2020 Diocesan

Neighbor” If you have not yet responded to the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. There is still time to do so since the 2020 Appeal funds ministries and programs continues to the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2021. Your gift is a great blessing and values so we can serve Christ by serving His people. For your convenience, you can make an on-line gift at www.2020appeal.org. Thank you.

Thank you to our parishioners and Rosarians for giving the people who use the Dover Soup Kitchen the “Winter GO Bags” to help them stay warm. They were distributed on Friday, January 22nd, and with everyone’s help we were able to put together 91 bags. Several of the Religious Education classes are gathering more bags for distribution in February to other agencies in need . Your generosity and sense of community in fulfilling another of the Corporal Work of Mercy, and making a difference in the world, is truly admirable. God bless you.



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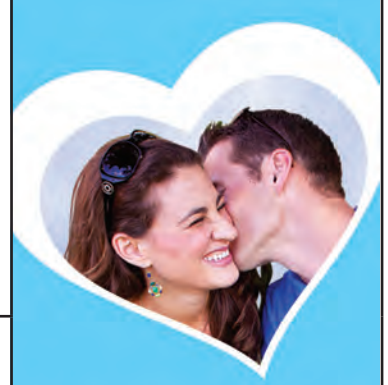
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