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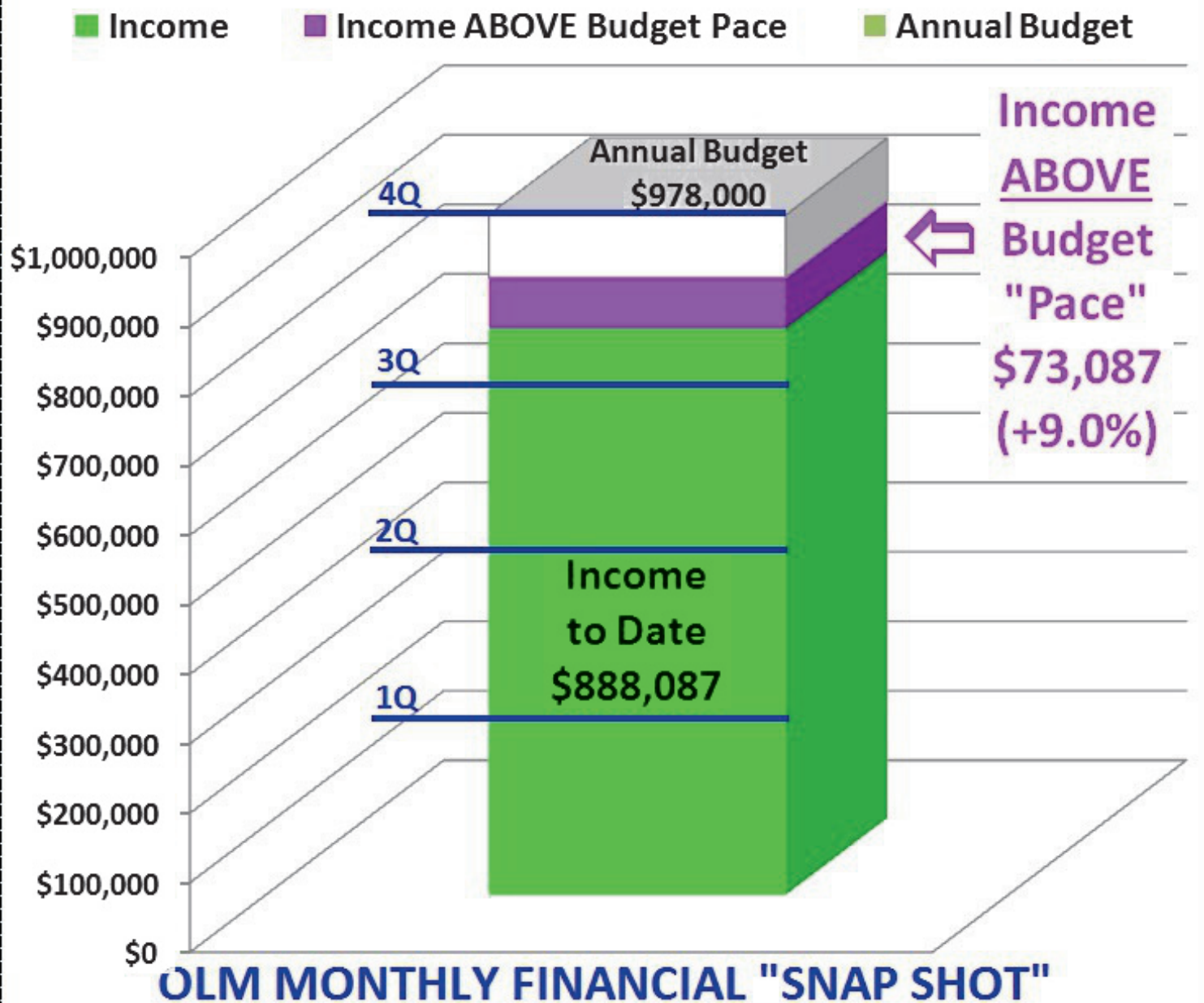
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The Ascension of the Lord | May 21, 2023



(July 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023)

Based on the annual budget of \$978,000 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$888,087 for the first 10 months of our fiscal year are ABOVE budget "pace" by \$73,087 or +9.0%.

As per previous years, the OLM Finance Committee is very appreciative of the generosity of weekly, holiday, and special collections from Parishioners that helped to raise additional income needed to meet our parish financial obligations.

Second Collections for the Month of April, 2023

Diocesan Assessment	\$522.00
Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy	\$3,741.00
The Holy Land Collection	\$1,719.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,180.00

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 21 *The Ascension of the Lord*

- 8:00 AM** **Robert A. Pero, Jr.**
r/o John & Deneen Gatto
- 10:00 AM** **Genevieve Bartol**
r/o John & Bernadette Truglio
- 11:30 AM** **Joseph Adest**
r/o Kathy Dalton

Monday, May 22 *St. Rita of Cascia, Religious*

- 9:15 AM** **For the Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society**

Tuesday, May 23

- 9:15 AM** **For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus**

Wednesday, May 24

- 9:15 AM** **William Balis** *1st Anniversary*
r/o Fr. Sean

Thursday, May 25 *St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin*

- 9:15 AM** **Richard J. Simon**
r/o Mike & Lisa Yacone

Friday, May 26 *St. Philip Neri, Priest*

- 9:15 AM** **For the Deceased Members of the Granger & Morrison Families**
r/o Alison Morrison

Saturday, May 27 *St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*

- 9:15 AM** **James Golden**
r/o Donna Golden
- 5:00 PM** **David Clark Zelmor**
r/o Walter & Elizabeth Ryder

Sunday, May 28 *Pentecost Sunday*

- 8:00 AM** **For the Intentions of Widows & Widowers**
r/o Alison Morrison
- 10:00 AM** **Tom O'Dea, Sr.**
r/o Mary Ann O'Dea
- 11:30 AM** **Marie Golden**
r/o Donna Golden

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Mass Intentions Available

Mass Intentions are available for 2023/2024. To request to have a Mass offered for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office or request online at <https://olmwarren.org/mass-intentions>. Mass stipends are \$10.

In Loving Memory



Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:

Marie Federico

*Mother of Donna Goski
and Mother-in-law of Paul Goski*

Helen Sullivan

*Mother of Michael, Peter, Mark, Nancy, Marianne,
and Patricia Dillon*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



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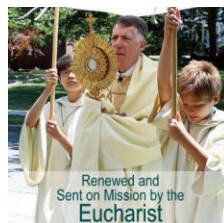
-The Ascension of the Lord

"I am praying for them..." - John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.



2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal



Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

*To date, the Development Office
has received payments totaling
\$340,226.25 This represents 88.83 %
of our \$383,000.00 goal.*

Dawid's First Mass as a Deacon

May 14, 2023



Saint of the Day | Sunday, May 21, 2023

Saint Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions



Like Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, SJ, Cristóbal and his 24 companion martyrs lived under a very anti-Catholic government in Mexico, one determined to weaken the Catholic faith of its people. Churches, schools, and seminaries were closed; foreign clergy were expelled. Cristóbal established a clandestine seminary at Totatiche, Jalisco. He and the other priests were forced to minister secretly to Catholics during the presidency of Plutarco Calles (1924-28).

All of these martyrs except three, were diocesan priests. David, Manuel and Salvador were laymen who died with their parish priest, Luis Batis. They all belonged to the Cristero movement, pledging their allegiance to Christ and to the Church that he established, to spread the Good News in society—even if Mexico's leaders had made it a crime to receive baptism or celebrate the Mass.

These martyrs did not die as a single group but over 22 years time in eight Mexican states, with Jalisco and Zacatecas having the largest number. They were beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

Reflection

Every martyr realizes how to avoid execution, but refuses to pay the high price of doing so. A clear conscience was more valuable than a long life. We may be tempted to compromise our faith while telling ourselves that we are simply being realistic, dealing with situations as we find them. Is survival really the ultimate value? Do our concrete, daily choices reflect our deepest values, the ones that allow us to “tick” the way we do? Anyone can imagine situations in which being a follower of Jesus is easier than the present situation. Saints remind us that our daily choices, especially in adverse circumstances, form the pattern of our lives.

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Scripture Readings

For the Week of May 21, 2023

Sunday | Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday | Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday | Venerable Bede, Priest and Doctor of the Church, Gregory VII, Pope, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday | Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday | Pentecost Sunday

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-4 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 20, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Loss of a Child Prayer Service



Sunday, May 21 | 2 PM

A time of prayer and remembrance for anyone who has lost a child for any reason or at any age, before or after birth.

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From the Office of Faith Formation

All 8th grade students and parents in our Faith Formation program were invited to attend a speaker event on Sunday, April 23rd. The day began with 11:30am Mass, which was followed by a presentation given by LIFENET, which is a pro-life group that exists to achieve equal rights for babies in the womb, through Education, Advocacy, and Networking. LIFENET sends speakers most every week to speak to teens and adults at churches and schools all over New Jersey. For more information on LIFENET, please visit lifeneteducation.org.



Our 8th grade students also attended a presentation on Drugs & Addiction given by Keaton Douglas, Executive Director of the iThirst Initiative. Through the iThirst School/Parish programs, parishes and communities educate the Catholic community on the nature of substance use disorders, in age-appropriate language, and demonstrate how our Catholic faith can be a powerful tool of prevention. You can find more information on the iThirst Initiative at ithirstinitiative.org.



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