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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 08:00 am
05:30 pm
07:30 pm (*Español*)

Sunday 07:30 am
09:00 am
09:30 am (*Chapel*)
10:45 am
05:30 pm

Weekdays 08:00 am

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*Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom
and cured every disease among the people.*

- Cf. Matthew 4:23



*Please pray for the sick, homebound
& deceased members of our parish family,
as well as those in the armed forces.*

MONDAY August 24

8:00am Sophie Caprio r/o Wes and Mary Clare Kubicz

TUESDAY August 25

8:00am (L) Layla Lo Primo r/o Wes and Mary Clare Kubicz

WEDNESDAY August 26

8:00am (L) Jon and Elisa Schnur r/o The Schnur Family

THURSDAY August 27

8:00am Stephen McCusker Sr. r/o Jim and Debra Reilly

FRIDAY August 28

8:00am Lorraine Miller r/o Victor and Debbie Guglietta

SATURDAY August 29

8:00am The DiMonte Family r/o The Bove Family

5:30pm Frank Frenda r/o Marianne Rivello

7:30pm (*Español*) (L) Mia López r/o Agustina Arias

SUNDAY August 30

7:30am Mary Croot r/o Nancy and Sam Croot

9:00am Foradi r/o The Family

9:30am (Chapel) Mary Croot r/o Susan and Bruno Morra

10:45am Dorothy J. Carter r/o Donna Manzo Mooney

5:30pm Craig Pavlosky r/o Anthony Fiore



FOR OUR SICK

Jack Morra • Nicholas Boxter
James Lowden • Jean Mott • Michael Hehir

*Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world, you have shouldered
the burden of our weakness and borne our sufferings in your
passion and death. Hear this prayer for our sick brothers and
sisters whom you have redeemed. Strengthen their hope of
salvation, sustain them in body and soul, for you live and reign
forever and ever. Amen.*

FOR OUR DECEASED

All our deceased parishioners

*God, our shelter and our strength, you listen in love to the cry
of your people, hear the prayers we offer for our departed
brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant
them the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

*Please call the parish office to place a name on one of these
lists. Names remain on the sick list for four weeks and the
deceased list for two weeks. The office will renew the sick listing
if appropriate.*

If someone you know would like to receive a
visit from a parish priest, please call the Rectory.

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH

THANK YOU for your continuous generosity to our Offertory
collection.

There are many ways to give to OLPH. ParishSoft offers
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WEEKLY COLLECTION:

Based on fiscal the year 2023-2024 expenses, our 2025 weekly
target is \$17,100. This target assumes that donations outside
of our weekly offertory will reach \$275,000. This number will
help us meet regular expenditures but will not address larger
maintenance expenses.

Weekly Budget Need FY 2025	\$ 17,100
*ACTUAL, Week of August 15-21	\$ 8,842
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ (8,258)

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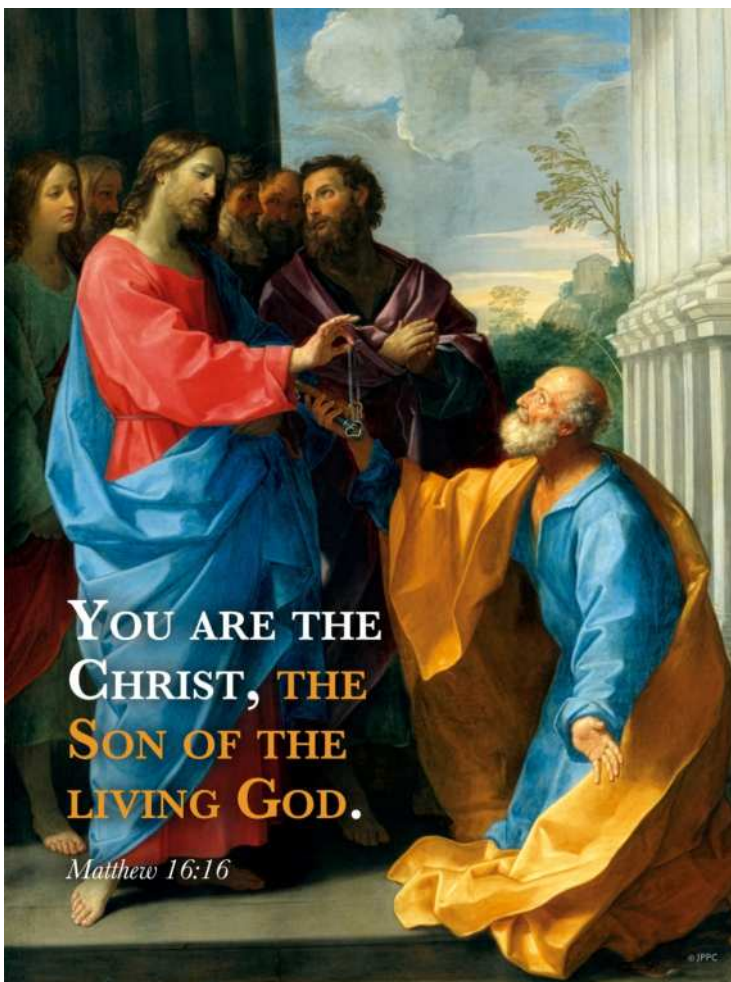
Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23 Eliakim is to be given all power and authority directly under the Davidic king so as to rule authentically and for his allotted time to hold the position.

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36 Paul extols the infinite wisdom of God, beyond our comprehension. He practically gasps at the unsearchable plan of God to save the world in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20 In the pagan city built by Herod's son Philip, Jesus "polls" His Apostles about His identity. Peter proclaims Him as Head and spokesman of the Church. Peter receives "the keys," symbolizing his teaching authority. This will pass on to all his successors as well.

For full readings please visit:

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/082326.cfm>



Don't forget to stop by our votive candle station located in the vestibule. Dedicated in celebration of Connor Crooks.

~ READINGS FOR THE WEEK ~

Monday Rev 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mk 6:17-29

Sunday Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

SACRAMENTS AND MINISTRIES

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third weekend of each month on both Saturday and Sunday.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners preparing for Marriage should contact the parish office one year in advance.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Any adults interested in joining or learning more about the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND

If you or a loved one are sick at home or in the hospital and would like a visit from one of the priests or deacons, please contact the parish office. Anointing of the Sick is available to parishioners upon request.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY/MAUSOLEUM

Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum located on Mount Airy Road (across from the YMCA) is a ministry of OLPH Parish. If you would like any information, or if we could assist you in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Please join us every Saturday morning after the 8:00 am Mass for the Novena in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

ROSARY

All are invited to gather in prayer Monday through Saturday at 07:30 am as we pray the Rosary together in the church, leading into the 8:00 am Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend time in the peaceful presence of Christ during Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 08:30 to 09:30 am, immediately following the 08:00 am Mass.

SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE SOCIETY

Enroll your deceased loved ones to be remembered in prayer for two years. Names are read aloud on the First Saturday of each month during the 8:00 am Mass. To enroll please contact the parish.

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIAL

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BE LIT SUNDAY - SATURDAY IN HONOR OF YOUR LOVED ONE AND THEIR NAME WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BULLETIN.



This week's
SANCTUARY LAMP
is lit in loving memory of:

Mike Reischmann

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:



First Grade Catechist for Tuesdays
(4:30pm-5:30pm)



Fifth Grade Catechist for Wednesdays
(4:00pm-5:00pm)



Door and Hall Monitors for Tuesdays (4:30-5:30pm)
and Wednesdays (4:00-5:00pm)



Substitute Catechists for Tuesdays and Wednesdays



Parking Lot/Dismissal Helpers for Tuesdays
(4:30-5:30pm) and Wednesdays (4:00-5:00pm)

♥ We are looking for Adults and or High School Students that are excited about sharing their faith with our youth. We will provide a curriculum plus all the teaching materials and training you need for a successful year.

♥ Please consider if God is calling you to this very important ministry. Most of our catechists love the experience and feel that it has been very impactful in growing their own faith. This is also a great way for our teens to earn community service hours as they make a big impact.

*Share
your faith.
Make an
eternal
impact.*



*Thank you
for answering
God's call!*

If you are interested, please reach out to



Michele Lobo in the Religious Ed office.



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23, 25, 26, 30

SEPTEMBER:

1, 2, 6, 8, 9



6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

PLEASE, NO:



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SOMERSET PATRIOTS VS.
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SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 12th, 2026

Come and enjoy an evening of baseball and don't miss the School of Saint Elizabeth Choir performing the National Anthem at 6PM under the direction of Mr. Bill Alford!



5:00PM Gates open

6:00PM SOSE Choir performs the National Anthem

6:05PM Game begins

TICKETS ARE \$14

A portion of the tickets will go to the School of Saint Elizabeth Choir

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SUMMER
Schedule

Starting Monday, July 6th,
our office hours will be Monday – Thursday,
08:00 am – 4:00pm
(through Labor Day)



MARRIAGE BANNs

Christopher Mott & KellyMcGrady

2026 Women's Retreat – "Grounded in Hope"



Join the OLPH Women's Ministry and our retreat leader, Fr. John Gordon, for a weekend basking in the beauty of nature at Villa Pauline Retreat House.

This retreat is ideal if you...

*Long to know Jesus with greater intimacy.
Are ready to grow in your trust in Him as your true
source of hope.*

*Have grown weary as you run your race and need
encouragement to persevere.*

What can you expect during the weekend?

- Time to reflect, pray, and do whatever your soul needs to draw closer to God
- Conference talks, worship, and music to prompt reflection
- Time spent with the whole group and time on your own
- An opportunity to go to confession
- Catered meals

When: October 2-4, 2026

Where: Villa Pauline Retreat House, Mendham, NJ

Cost: \$220 *Food & lodging included*

Registration: Space is limited to 33 people. Register early to secure a spot.



To register: Go to <https://tinyurl.com/ex6em5jw> or scan the code above.

We are happy to announce that our Parish Administrator, Olivia Almada, is expecting a baby!

We wish Olivia and her growing family many blessings, happiness, and all the best as they prepare to welcome their little one. She will be beginning her maternity leave on September 14th. While she is away, we will have coverage in the Parish Office, but please be aware that we may be slower than usual in responding to requests and completing paperwork.

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding during this time.

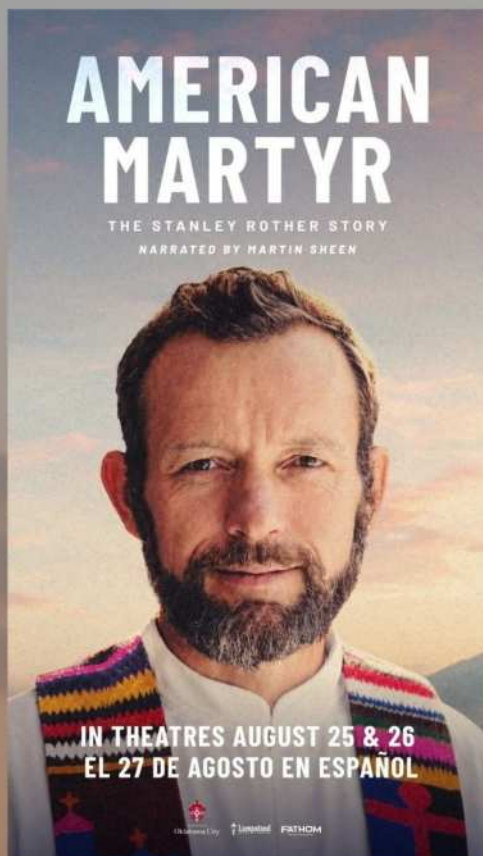
If you have any important paperwork, certificates, Mass intentions, sacramental requests, or other parish business, we encourage you to please take care of it before September 14th whenever possible.

Thank you for your patience and understanding, and please keep Olivia and her growing family in your prayers.

AMERICAN MARTYR

IS COMING TO THE SOMERSET HILLS DEANERY!

The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger. Witness the testimony of a priest who found his flock among the Tz'utujil people in Santiago Atitlán in the documentary that traces the story of Blessed Stanley Rother from his childhood in Oklahoma to his final days in Guatemala.



WHERE:

BERNARDSVILLE CINEMA (5 MINE BROOK ROAD)

WHEN:

AUGUST 25-26 (IN ENGLISH) AND AUGUST 27 (IN SPANISH)

SHOWTIMES:

5:30 P.M. AND 7:50 P.M



To watch the trailer, to download the reflection guide (in both English and Spanish), or to learn more about Bl. Stanley Rother, please scan the following QR code.

American Martyr is playing at movie theaters all throughout New Jersey. To find a theater near you, or to purchase tickets online, please scan the following QR code.



Narrated by critically acclaimed actor Martin Sheen, **American Martyr: The Stanley Rother Story** tells audiences about the extraordinary life, ministry, martyrdom and legacy of the first U.S.-born priest and martyr who gave his life in service of the people of Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala.



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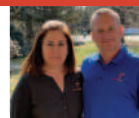
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