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### February 20, 2022

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:30 am 9:00 am, 10:30 am & Noon

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday: 6:45 am, 8:15 am  
Monday Evening: 7:00 pm  
Followed by Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  
Saturday Mornings: 9:00 am  
Holy Days: As announced

#### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Monday: 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm  
\*Also by appointment

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays

#### CLERGY

**Rev. David J. Pekola**  
Administrator

**Rev. Leo Salvania**  
Parochial Vicar

**Deacon Edward J. Majkowski**  
KHS

#### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

**We are a community of people united by a common Baptism and embraced by the Roman Catholic Church begun by Christ Himself. Through the Sacred Scripture and the Sacraments, we are nourished and commissioned to live out our lives as disciples of Jesus. We proclaim Him crucified and risen from the dead, and follow His mandate of love with the hope of eternal life.**



# Mass Intentions

## SUNDAY — February 20, 2022

7:30 AM † **Michael Nemeth** r/o Carl & Elaine Bellina  
 9:00 AM † **Edward Tauber** r/o Daughters  
 10:30 AM † **Lisa A. Lewis** r/o Mom & Brother  
 12:00 PM † **Living Intention: Paula Sweet & Family**  
 r/o Kathy Prusarczyk

## MONDAY — February 21, 2022

9:00 AM † **George Sabol** r/o Carol & Frank Tomarch

## TUESDAY — February 22, 2022

6:45 AM † **Soledad Ubaldo** r/o Roco Family  
 8:15 AM † **Carolyn & James Gallagher** r/o Jean Fedor

## WEDNESDAY—February 23, 2022

6:45 AM † **Jean & Stan Marcinczyk** r/o Ray & Erin  
 8:15 AM † **Isabelle Lovrovich** r/o Steven

## THURSDAY — February 24, 2022

6:45 AM † **Renato Mendoza** r/o Jean Fedor & Family  
 8:15 AM † **Nancy Williams** r/o Eleanor Drennan

## FRIDAY—February 25, 2022

6:45 AM † **John J. Wojcik, Sr.** r/o Family  
 8:15 AM † **Emily & Joshua** r/o Grandparents

## SATURDAY — February 26, 2022

9:00 AM † **Mass Association**  
 5:00 PM † **For Our Parishioners**

## SUNDAY — February 27, 2022

7:30 AM † **Thomas Marcinczyk** r/o Michals Family  
 9:00 AM † **Thomas Cancilla** r/o Rose Cancilla  
 10:30 AM † **Dolores Jaremba** r/o Lori Kahel  
 12:00 PM † **Phil DaRold** r/o The DaRold's

## Memorials for the Week of February 20 thru February 26

### Blessed Mother's Altar

**Rev. Msgr. Terrance Lawler**

**Joan Baumann**

r/o Sisters & Brother

**Jean & Stanley Marcinczyk**

r/o Daniel & Amanda Marcinczyk

**For the Safety of Our  
Military Families**

r/o The Lesinski Family

**Gladys R. Rzepka**

r/o Children, Sue Ann  
& Bob

**In Memory of Louis &  
Lillian Hoffman**

r/o Daughter & Family

### Saint Joseph's Altar

**Rev. Msgr. Terrance Lawler**

**Glenn Maldonado**

r/o Daughter, Jane & Son, David

*"It is therefore a holy and  
wholesome thought to pray for the  
dead, that they may be loosed from  
their sins." 2 Maccabes 12:46*



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

by Rev. William J. Reilly



**“Jesus said to his disciples...**

**Be compassionate as your father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon and you shall be pardoned. Give and it shall be given to you...”**

“Yes” to compassion, “no” to judging and condemning others, and “yes” to forgiveness, because I need forgiveness. We pray this daily, to be forgiven, as I am willing to forgive others. Saint Paul describes the three virtues – kindness, forgiveness and compassion. We are all capable to reflect these signs of goodness in our relationships with others. St. Luke tells us that is the way the Father is with us.

**First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23**

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

**Gospel: Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

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*“Pardon and you shall be pardoned. Give and it shall be given to you...”*

## *The Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

*“One who takes pity on the poor  
is blessed.”*

*-Proverbs 14:21*

The OLV food pantry helps those in need with extra food. We also help with other items they need when we have them.

**This week we are asking for household cleaning items such as dish soap, sponges, all-purpose cleaner, laundry detergent, Windex, and paper towels. If you want to donate, please leave the items in the food baskets at the church entrances.**



If you were unable to donate to the Soup-er Bowl collection, **snw two years in a row**, you still can do so by sending it to the parish office noting it's for the Soup-er Bowl. Thanks for your generosity.

The SVdP monthly Monday is this Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> in MDH at 7:30. Hope to see you with your ideas on how to help the needy of Sayreville.

No work of charity is beyond our society's desire to help. We can help with utility bills, rent, medical bills, car repairs, and more. If you know someone in need, please contact us through the parish office (732) 257-0077.

**First Communion time is coming. Help a needy family by donating a gently used dress, veil, suit, or rosary.** Please leave near our food baskets. Remember, time is needed to coordinate this activity. **A few items were already donated! Thank you very much!**

## *OLV Religious Education*

### The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

*What is this sacrament called?*

It is called the *sacrament of conversion* because it enables us to return to the Father from whom we have strayed by sin.

It is called the *sacrament of Penance*, since it provides satisfaction for sins.

It is called the *sacrament of confession*, since the disclosure of sins acknowledges the holiness of God and of his mercy.

It is called the *sacrament of forgiveness* since the priest's absolution grants 'pardon and peace.'

It is called the *sacrament of Reconciliation* since it imparts to the sinner the very life of God and joins us with him in a most precious friendship.

*~ Catechism of the Catholic Church 1423-4*



**Let us remember in prayerful support all second graders of the parish who will be receiving this efficacious sacrament on March 5. May this be for them the beginning of an intimate relationship with our loving, merciful, and heavenly Father.**

*Go and Teach the Word of God*

(732) 238-9222 [religiouseducation@olvnj.com](mailto:religiouseducation@olvnj.com)

## Synod Listening Sessions

Tuesday, February 22

6:30—9:00 pm

St. Thomas, Old Bridge



Register and attend the Listening Session at  
St. Thomas, Old Bridge  
[www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com)

### Purpose:

To prepare and gather the People of God so that they can give a voice to their experience in their local Church.

- The local experience of the Synodal Process should be conducted in meditation on Scripture, the liturgy, and prayer.
- It is a process of listening to one another to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- To inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to build bridges, to learn from one another, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

### For Prayerful Reflection

**Fundamental Question:** Journeying Together: “A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.”

1. How is this journeying together happening in your parish?
2. How is the Holy Spirit inviting your parish community to grow in “journeying together?”

**Core Question 1: Called to Listen:** “Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.” (Prep. Doc. No. 30)

1. How does God speak to you through the voices of those in your parish and others in your life?

To see the full document and for all Synod updates, visit:  
<https://diometuchen.org/synod2023>

## 2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal Celebrating 40 Years— Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your means allow.



Please support the

***Bishop's Annual Appeal.***

The goal for Our Lady of Victories  
Parish is \$91,000.

For online gifts visit  
[www.diometuchen.org/baa](http://www.diometuchen.org/baa).

Thank you!

# OLV Weekly Collection Report

February 13, 2022

1st Collection	\$7,882.00
2nd Collection	\$1,463.00
Total Amount	\$9,345.00

*We are grateful for your continued support of our parish. Thank you for your generosity.*

*Thank You!*

## Oldies Night, Saturday, March 5th

Sacred Heart Church in South Amboy is having an Oldies Night on Saturday, March 5th @ 7pm in the Sacred Heart Memorial Hall - 531 Washington Avenue - South Amboy. Tickets are \$50/person and include dinner, dessert, beverage. BYOB. Live music by NJ's #1 "Sounds of the Street".

Tables of 10 are reserved. For tickets please call the Sacred Heart Parish Office @732-721-0040.

## Catholic Charities IS HIRING!

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*We pray for those serving in the military, especially our parishioners and their loved ones.*

**Michael DiBenedetto**

**1st Lieutenant Brian McDonough**

1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment 101st Airborne Division United States Army stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky

**Major James Leli**

United States Air Force, KC-10  
Extender Pilot, 6th Aerial Refueling Squadron  
stationed at Travis Air Force Base, California

## *Jesus comes to the sick to bring comfort.*

Anyone who has a relative or friend belonging to our parish who would like to receive Holy Communion or have a Priest visit, please call the Parish Office at (732) 257-0077. If you would like to include your loved one on our prayer list, please call the Parish Office. Loved ones who are sick, in the hospital, or nursing homes can be placed on our prayer list. We pray for all the sick of our parish, especially *Michael Kowalski*.





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