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MASSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

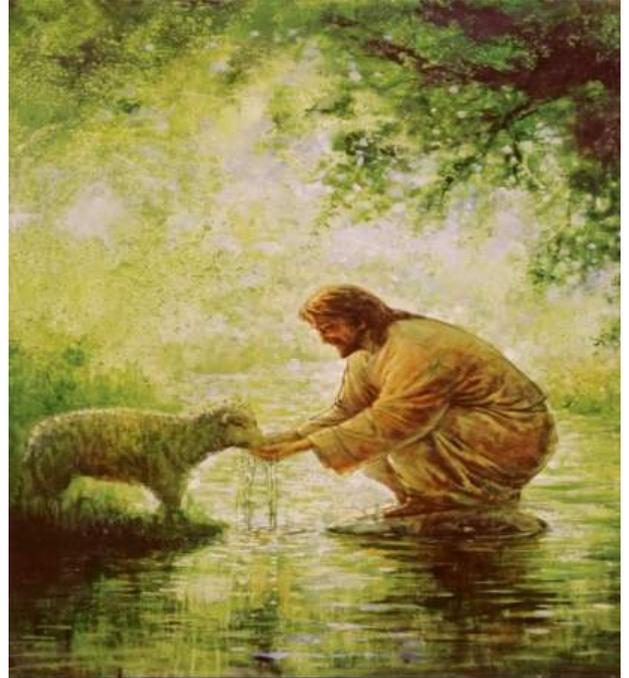
Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Preparing for ordination involved many works. From the spiritual aspect to the logistical aspect, it involved help from many people, like someone's marriage preparation. However, there were some areas of preparation where I had the final words for the decision. Some included designing the invitation card and choosing the artwork I wanted to put on my invitation to the Ordination Mass and the first Mass of Thanksgiving. This is the image of the Good Shepherd I put on my invitation. The moment I saw the painting, I immediately fell in love with it because it fit perfectly with the image of priesthood I envisioned. Why? For me, priests are the ones quenching the thirst of the sheep as their shepherd, while being the sheep itself who stays near the Good Shepherd (Jesus Himself) to be quenched by His love. When I saw this painting, I thought, "I want to be both Christ and the sheep in the photo. If I can live that way, quenching others' thirst for God while being quenched by my Lord, I will be a happy priest."



Today, on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. As Jesus teaches us in the Gospel, what makes Him the Good Shepherd is that He knows each of us by name and lays down His life for us. Although we may never become as holy as Jesus Himself, all of us baptized are called to imitate His heart while shepherding each other. One might say that is what ordained priests are supposed to do but guess what! **ALL OF YOU ARE PRIESTS** because of the grace of baptism! The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood by participating in the mission of Christ as priest, prophet, and king, each according to their vocations.

Lay people may not be able to hear confessions or celebrate Mass, but they can always guide their beloved near Jesus Christ, who alone is the way, the truth, and life. However, to bear fruit as little shepherds who lead others to the pasture of heaven by way of our lives, we must first be the sheep near our Lord, who enables us to love others the way He does. We must first receive His love near Him to share the same love with others by staying near the wellspring of Prayer, Sacraments, and Scriptures. If we want to become the instruments of sharing the same living water, we must first be the ones quenched by the water of life. Take a close look at the sheep in the photo. Doesn't it look so peaceful? The sheep will remember Jesus as someone who quenched its thirst. Then, it will go back to its family of the flock and try to bring other sheep near Jesus. Isn't that what we are trying to do and supposed to do as ones belonging to the same flock, namely, the Catholic Church? Wouldn't it be so great if everyone's thirst were quenched by us becoming the sheep in the photo?

Blessings!

Handwritten signature of Fr. Andrew

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>April 14</u>	<u>Week 42</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$9,274	\$515,109
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$500,966
Assessment		\$2,799
Food Pantry		\$1,455

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You're not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

2024 Anniversary Blessings

The Archdiocese of Newark will be honoring those couples who are celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of holy matrimony in 2024. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on:



**May 5th (5 and 25 years) at Noon
and
June 2nd (50 years) at Noon**

If you would like to register for a Mass, please contact Mary Beth Zurat at (973) 763-5454 ext 209 or marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com



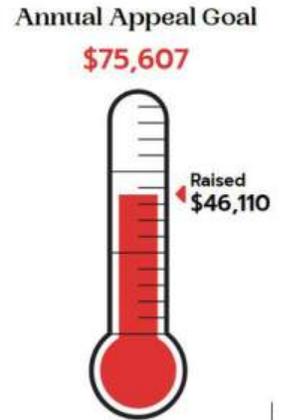
**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Catholic Stewardship in Action**

Please help OLS to reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 4-15-24:
98

Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm – 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



St. Vincent DePaul Society

The OLS St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, as well as the Maplewood/South Orange communities, on a confidential basis. If you know of someone in need of financial assistance, or if you would like to donate to this fund, please contact our parish office at (973) 763-5454 or email: OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com



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Young Adult Group

Essex County Young Adults Are you between the ages of 20-35, and looking to connect with other people of faith? Join Essex County Young Adults for our next event! We are a network of area parishes



committed to building up community and discipleship for young adults. For more information, text or email Stephanie at (201) 470-2904; olschurchministries@gmail.com.



JOIN OLS FOR A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA

Come spend a day of prayer and reflection with other parishioners on 375 acres of land nestled in the beautiful Berkshire hills in western Massachusetts. Don't miss this chance to learn more about Jesus' miraculous message of Divine Mercy!



SATURDAY, MAY 18TH



6:45 AM - 7:00 PM
(transportation to-and-from OLS via Charter Bus)



Daily Mass, picnic lunch, time for personal reflection, and more!



MORE INFO:
For questions/ to register please contact
Joan Pascual at jtpascual@aol.com
or 201-259-7092.

"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners, if only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy." — Diary of Saint Faustina # 367

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\$80/family**

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Support our Music Ministry

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. They help to support instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts, and other special occasions. Donations are also applied toward the purchase of printed choral music.





VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

5:30 PM Louis Cammisa

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

7:00 AM Joseph Donadio
12:00 PM Venante Louis

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

7:00 AM Raphael Ezuduemoih – Special Intention and All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Sr. Marie Leroy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

7:00 AM Rosemarie Wierzbicki
12:00 PM Michael Leonard

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

7:00 AM Ed Silliere – 1st Anniversary
9:30 AM School Mass – Michael Leonard
12:00 PM Linda Georges – Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

7:00 AM Raymond Cantwell
12:00 PM Guy Lamour – Special Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

8:30 AM Vincenzo Zannino
12:00 PM David Torsiello

VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM The Kirk Family
11:30 AM Charles Giani

Request a Mass

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: <https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/> Or scan the QR code.



In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate a Memorial Candle in honor of a loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis, Patricia Evanik, Michael Elliot, Judith Gordy, Alan Droppa, Alice Cosack





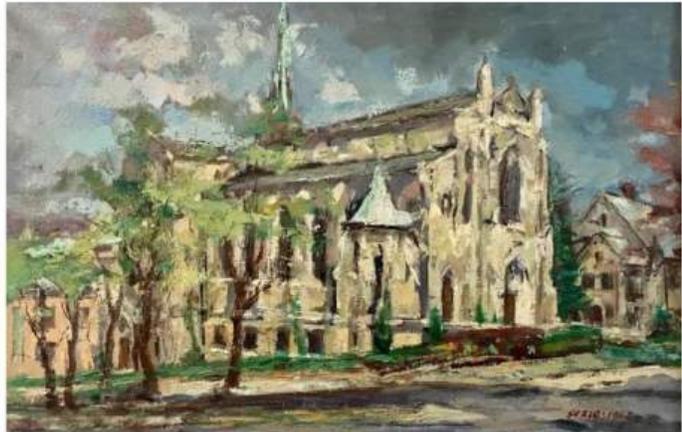
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Feasibility Study Results Summary

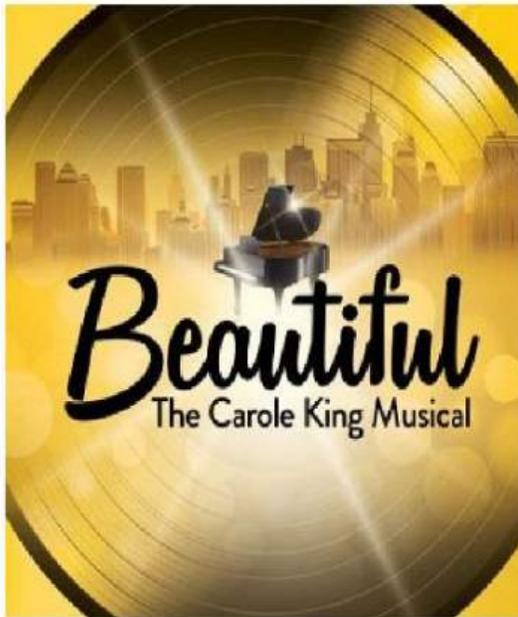
We are grateful for the number of individuals and registered households that participated in the Feasibility Study that was conducted in January and February. Especially encouraging was the strong and positive feedback expressed throughout the course of the Study. Following are summary results from that Study. Based on these results, we anticipate that we will be able to meet our Capital Campaign goal of \$1.0 million.

- **102** total participants, which is a very good sample size for a parish this size.
- **99%** of those that participated rated the management of the parish under Fr. Brian Needles and the parish staff as **Excellent or Good**. This is the strongest of ratings and indicates parishioners trust our parish staff leadership and will respond positively to a Capital Campaign.
- **95%** of those that participated rated the **Case Statement** and the proposal to raise funds as an **Excellent or Good** idea.
- **91%** of those that participated indicated that they would make a 3-year pledge or a one-time gift to the Campaign.
- **79** participants indicated they would consider a 3-year pledge or a one-time gift at gift levels that **total \$537,000 in pledges**. This is a very strong and positive response.



Based on these very positive results, and in consultation with our Parish Finance Council, we have asked Cardinal Tobin and the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Newark to approve our formal request for a Capital Campaign. They will discuss our request at their May 10th meeting. If approved, the expected timeframe will be to start the preliminary phase of the Campaign in the Spring and to conduct the active phase in the Fall.

Thank you to all the families and individuals that participated in the Feasibility Study. Your enthusiastic support provides us the confidence and foundation necessary to conduct a successful Capital Campaign and to move our parish Forward in Faith.



**Join fellow OLS Families
For a fun evening at the
Paper Mill Playhouse
Sunday, June 23, 2024
7:00pm
to see
Beautiful the Musical!**

OLS has reserved a limited number of tickets at the special group rate of \$35.00 per ticket (adults and kids).

Seats are on the rear sides of the orchestra.

Complete the tear off form below and mail/deliver your check to the parish office c/o Joan Delaloye. Questions: j6delaloye@yahoo.com

Orders are due by Wednesday, May 15th

Please print clearly, Thank you!

Name: _____

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Number of tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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