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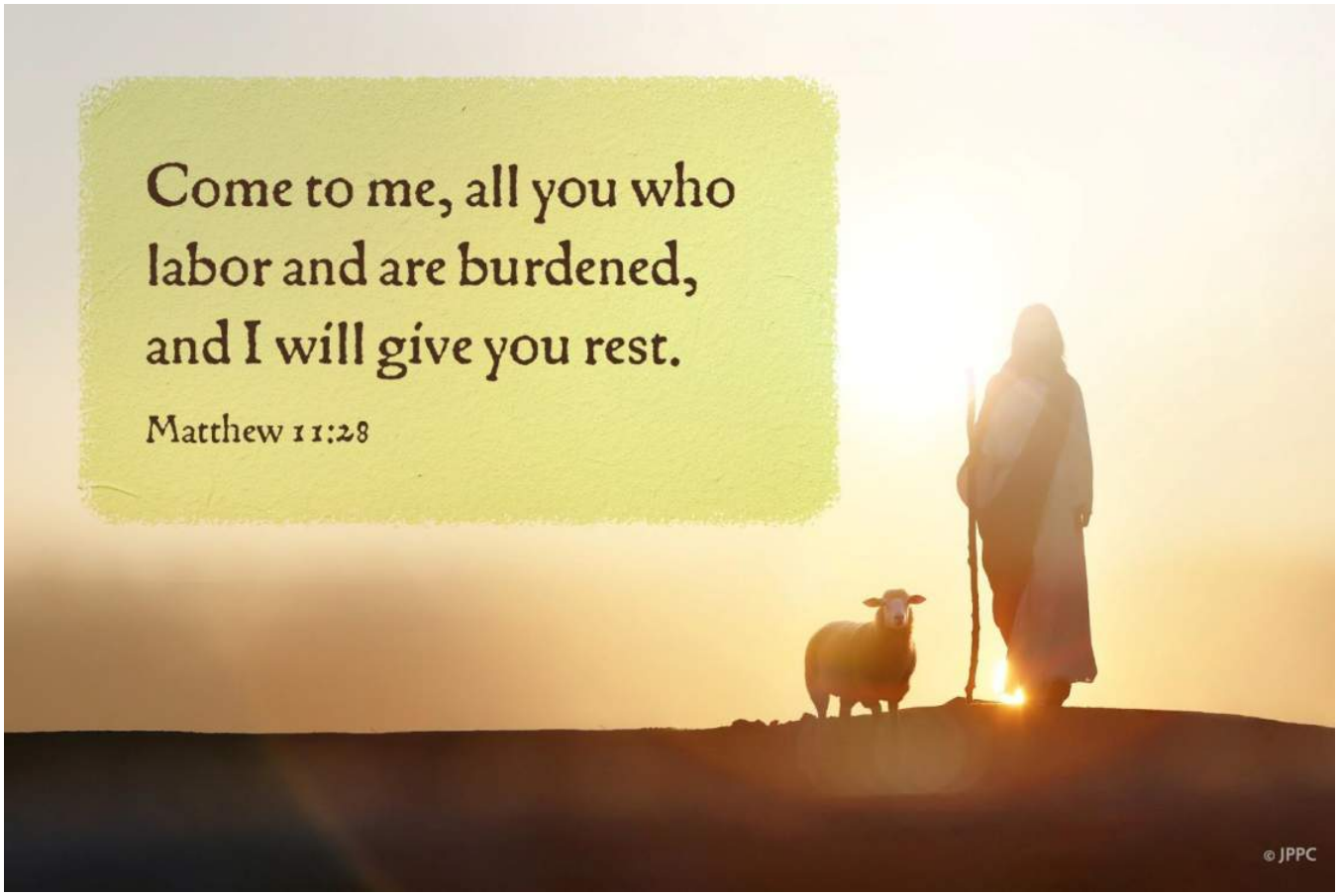

MASSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

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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July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

In celebrating the 4th of July, we probably saw a lot of images of the Statue of Liberty. On that statue are inscribed the very memorable words written by Emma Lazarus: “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me.”

Today’s readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.”* Come to me all you who are working hard but can’t seem to fully get your head above water. Come to me all you who are burdened with anxieties of family life, finances, age or health. Come to me all you who are weighed down by sorrows, who are going through life with heavy hearts because you’ve lost a loved one or are worried about the health of someone close to you.

Think about what Jesus is saying: All of you who have problems with human life – every single one of you – come to me, and I will refresh you, I will bring you back to life.

Any takers? Does anyone here at OLS need Jesus’ help to bear heavy burdens? I know I do and I’m sure I’m not alone. But Jesus doesn’t pledge to simply take away our burdens. Instead, He does something even more incredible. He promises to help us carry them. He says, *“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”*

Take my ***yoke*** upon you. Remember the old movies about early settlers? They took all their possessions and moved westward in covered wagons. Two oxen pulled the wagon. A wooden crossbar with a U-shaped yoke encircled the neck of each ox. The yokes were attached to a pole from the wagon, allowing the oxen to pull the wagon.

Now, two things about a yoke. First, they were custom made for each ox. They were carved of solid wood, form fitted so well that the yoke wouldn’t rub sores on the ox’s shoulders. There’s a legend that, in His carpenter’s workshop, the young Jesus of Nazareth specialized in making these yokes. It was a tricky business, because the wood had to be crafted just right. If the yoke was too tight, it would dig into the animals, choking them. The legend has it that the yokes Jesus made were always perfect; they were made to fit easily, making the burden seem light.

Second, the yokes allow two animals to pull together. Work is shared, and when the day is done, the oxen are tired, but they aren’t exhausted. Whether the legend is true, Jesus invites each of us to receive the yoke that He Himself has made, which means carrying our burdens not by ourselves, but with His help.

There’s the great, true story from Boys Town when in 1921 a crippled boy with leg braces had difficulty walking. Other boys would take turns giving him a ride on their backs. A photographer saw the scene and snapped a photo that became famous. When the boy carrying his lame friend was asked whether he was heavy, he replied, “He ain’t heavy; he’s my brother.”

That’s what Jesus is talking about in the Gospel. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, bears each of us, His lost sheep, on His shoulders, and doesn’t complain about the weight, for, to Him, we’re not heavy, we’re His brothers and sisters.

Next time you think that life is too hard, too much of a struggle, too challenging, remember that you are yoked to Jesus. And, His yoke is easy, His burden is light.

Summer Blessings,

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Due to an early bulletin deadline ahead of the July 4th weekend, our numbers for 6/28 and 7/5 will be reported in the subsequent bulletins.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Have you switched to online giving yet?

As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. We've found that many are not using their envelopes. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expenses by giving through ParishSOFT Giving.

Here are three ways to do so:

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7. Less work for our parish office staff to post contribution records
8. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure
9. Earn credit card points for your offertory gifts
10. Fr. Brian is enrolled!

And P.S. re online giving…

Once you do switch, don't forget to **let us know** so that we can stop envelope delivery.

Click on this icon at the bottom of our website to complete a cancellation form or email Mary Beth Zurat at: mzurat@olschurch.com

OLS Cares…

is here to help and needs your help!

OLS Cares is our ministry to aid parishioners with concrete, emergent needs such as meals, transportation, outreach and prayer in times of crisis. However, to assist people with particular and specific needs, we could use your assistance.

Do you have a skill or area of expertise you'd be willing to share? Are you retired from a career in law, medicine, finance, architecture, engineering, education etc. and able to offer insight and guidance? If you are open to being a resource, please let us know.
Email: cares@olschurch.com

Thank you in advance!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday and Friday from 12:30 – 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 (and air-conditioned!) church?

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How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

201-407-3256

OLS School Registration is Now Open

Don't delay! Register today!

Summer Family Faith Challenge

This summer, challenge your family to grow in faith together by choosing one (or all!) of the following activities to do together:

- Attend Mass every Sunday, even while traveling. Use MassTimes.org to find a church close to your vacation spot.
- Pray one decade of the Rosary each week.
- Read a Gospel story together once a week.
- Perform one act of kindness or service each week.
- Celebrate the feast day of the saint of the week in a special way.

Small, consistent practices help children to see that following Jesus is a part of everyday life, not just something that happens on Sundays or in CCD classes.

VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026
5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026
8:00 AM Deceased members of the DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM Agnes Agusta Marshall
11:30 AM Carmen Franzonia

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026
7:00 AM Andrew McDermott
12:00 PM Marie Therese Celony - Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026
7:00 AM Edward Murphy
12:00 PM Cathy Craig

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026
7:00 AM Thomas E. Rohan Jr.
12:00 PM Tatiana Emmanuelle Mucci and Jean Mucci – Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026
7:00 AM Alice Rohan
12:00 PM Michael and Mark Santeramo

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026
7:00 AM Kevin J. Madden
12:00 PM Tatiana Emmanuelle Mucci and Jean Mucci – Special Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
8:30 AM Maria Angelica Montilla Rodriguez
12:00 PM Deceased members of The Audain Family

VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026
5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026
8:00 AM Raymond Leonard
10:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family – Special Intention and All Souls in Purgatory
11:30 AM Cecilia and Peter Durning

Pray for the Departed
Let us remember our deceased loved ones in our prayers.

St. Paul of the Cross wrote, *"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."*

In Memoriam
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please call the Parish office for more information.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK
Please keep the following in your prayers:
Bill Aber, Logan Francis Amon and Tyler Joseph Amon, Rita Arena, Diana Baseman, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Ellen Bowden, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Michael Elliot, Nicholas Elliott, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Carmen "Guy" Juliano, Elizabeth Mary, Patricia McDonnell, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Kathleen Roche Muscle, Ludgarda Rosa, Anne Sanchez, Julian Sherman, Paul Sidwa, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Donna T., Kathi Thiemer, Quentin Tiemeyer, Stephanie Windsor

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Calendar

26 Total Classes

Classes Begin
Last week in September

Classes End
Mid-May

Homeschooling Option
Available

Timing

Monday Classes
Grades K - 8
4:00 - 5:20 pm

Tuesday Classes
Grades 1 - 8
4:00 - 5:20 pm

Cost

Register By July 15th
1 Child - $160
2 Children - $250
3 Children - $335

Register After July 15th
1 Child - $190
2 Children - $280
3 Children - $365

Register on the OLS website

olschurch.com

Jen Noll
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jnoll@olschurch.com

Knights of Columbus 2026 Baseball Outing

Come Join Us for an Evening of Minor League Baseball, BBQ, and Fireworks

Richmond Flying Squirrels (Giants AA) v. Somerset Patriots (Yankees AA)

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2026

Time: BBQ Buffet Dinner Served from 6:00pm – 7:35pm ; Game starts at 7:05pm

Where: TD Bank Ballpark
1 Patriots Park
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
(GPS: 860 E Main St., Bridgewater Township, NJ 08807)

Cost: $50 per Ticket (Ticket includes BBQ Buffet Dinner, Game, and Fireworks - at the conclusion of the game)

Ticket does not include transportation nor parking fee

For questions and RSVP, please contact John Becht (jbecht1056@msn.com)

RSVP by Wednesday, July 22 (Limited Tickets; early RSVP is recommended)

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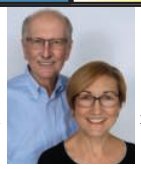

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