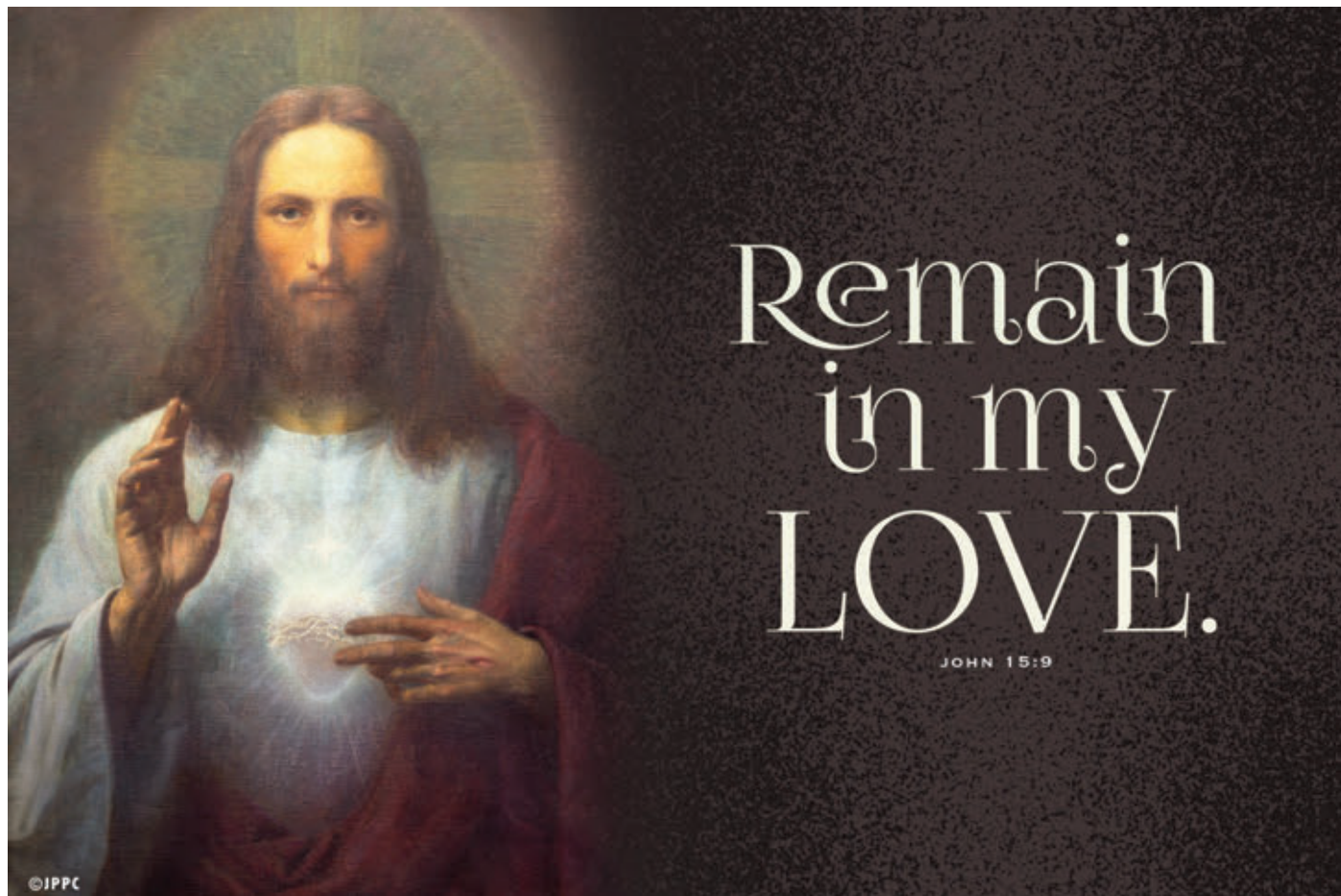


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***Penance:*** Confessions Saturday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

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***May 9, 2021***  
***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter***

### *A Message from Fr. Rich*

In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us, his disciples, that as the Father loves him, so he loves us. He then commands us to remain in his love. But how are we to do this? He instructs us that by keeping his commandments, we will remain in his love, just as he keeps his Father's commandments and remains in his Father's love.

So, there is an element of obedience, a self-sacrifice of the will, which is important in remaining in love. And Jesus commands us to remain in his love. Why? So that his joy, which exists in his love for us, may be in us. And in having Christ's joy in us, our joy is completely fulfilled. In Christ, our joy, our happiness, finds its completeness.

So, Christ reiterates his command: love one another as I love you.

And to love as Christ loves us, we must be willing to go into the depths of our existence, the very depths of our life, in self-sacrifice for others. We must be willing to undergo the ultimate act of sacrificing our self for the good of love of the other.

That is the ultimate act of heroism which Jesus shows us by his crucifixion on His Cross. Love takes courage and the greatest act of heroism we can perform. Giving our life for the good of the other. To love as Christ loves involves placing our will and our very life into the life of Christ, who is love.

As we also celebrate Mother's Day today, it is a fitting tribute to all who mother and nourish us to be reminded of the great obedience and self-sacrifice of all the women who have given themselves totally to the task of providing for the spiritual, physical, emotional, religious, mental, and overall well-being for each of us in our lives. To express our love and thanks for them should be something that we work toward and pray for everyday of our lives, and most especially on this day. To live our lives giving back to them and honoring them should be an act of true love and joy. And all of this should be done in the obedience to Christ's command to us--love one another as I love you. Then Christ's joy will be in us--and our joy will be complete.

As we ponder with love and affection all those women in our lives that have assumed the role of mothering, let us also remember Our Blessed Mother, Mary, who accepted with great love and obedience Her Son's dying pronouncement that she become Mother to us all when Christ looked down from the Cross and said to her in reference to John, "Behold your son".

We can reflect and pray on the words that St John Paul II wrote in *Redemptoris Mater*:

" In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement."

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day.

Love in Christ  
Fr. Rich

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>May 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>Week 44</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$11,194	\$516,158
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$529,692

Repairs & Maintenance \$1,056

Food Pantry \$275

***Thank you for your continued support!***

**Help Needed with Altar Linens!**

We are in need of a few people who can help us with the laundering and ironing of our altar linens (the purificators and corporals). Several people who currently help us with this have already or will soon be moving away. It's a great honor to assist in this task, as the linens are used in the celebration of Holy Mass. If you are able to assist with this task, please email Ana Santoliquido: [ana.santoliquido@gmail.com](mailto:ana.santoliquido@gmail.com). Thank you!

**Reminder about face masks**

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**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. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

**Update from the OLS Food Pantry**

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates. Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables. Food donations can be dropped off in the front vestibule of the church Monday-Friday 7am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday. Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/> Questions? Email [olspantry@gmail.com](mailto:olspantry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.



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The Little Sisters of the Poor are ever so grateful to Mrs. Noll, Mrs. McDonald and all the Religious Education families and some parish families who contributed macaroni, tuna fish and some other items to St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa New Jersey. This was another outreach to show our concern for those who in need. God's special blessings to those who show their care for all their brothers and sisters in need

**From the Blood Drive Committee:**

Though coronavirus may be preventing us from conducting our scheduled June 2020 blood drive, please don't let it prevent you from considering the needs of others. Blood product reserves are always depleted during the summer months and the current pandemic has only compounded the problem. Yet, consider the cancer patient who isn't afforded the luxury of taking time off from chemotherapy during this lockdown; they are among many who so desperately rely on your selfless donations.

May we encourage you to reach out to Vitalant blood services to **schedule** a donation. They have fixed donation sites in West Orange, Parsippany, Lincoln Park and Paramus, and can be contacted via vitalant.org or by phoning 201-251-3703.

All donors and staff will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the blood drawing site

**Sponsor Certificates A reminder:**

to receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

**Electronic Parish Giving**

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site ([www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.**

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## 2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Mass card required?       Yes       No

Date (weekday) \_\_\_\_\_  7:00 am       12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) \_\_\_\_\_  8:30 am       12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) \_\_\_\_\_  5:30 pm       8:00 am  
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Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)



**VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021**

5:30 PM All Mothers Living & Deceased

**SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021**

8:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

10:00 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

11:30 AM All Mothers Living & Deceased

**MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021**

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Wanda S. Morawski

**TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021**

7:00AM Jean Geger

12:00 PM Briand Eugene

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021**

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Dorothy Wilkos

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021**

7:00AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

7:00 PM People of the Parish

**FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021**

7:00 AM Ceil Rolek

12:00 PM People of the Parish

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021**

8:30 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM People of the Parish

**VIGIL MASS MAY 15, 2021**

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

**SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Vincentia Lewis

11:30 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

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

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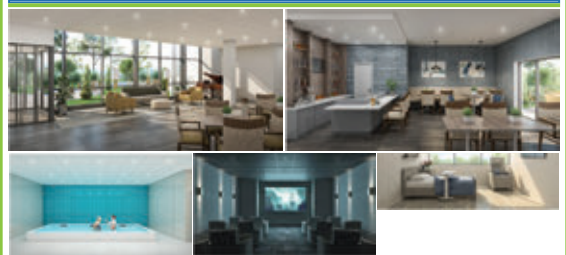
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