

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

## MASSES FOR the WEEK

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:30 A.M. Vito Buccafurni  
10:30A.M. Patricia Ann Smith  
12:00P.M. People of the Parish

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

8:00 A.M. Brigid Muldoon

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

8:00 A.M. Fr. Tom Curran

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

8:00 A.M. Catherine Collins

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:00 A.M. Thomas Sullivan

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

8:00A.M. Robert Rech

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

9:00 A.M. Tracy Belcastro  
5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:30 A.M. Molly Watts  
10:30A.M. Alex Marcial, Sr.  
12:00P.M. Joseph J. Dungan, Jr.

### SCRIPTURES

#### February 16th, 2020– Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading:** THIS PASSAGE FROM SIRACH GIVES STRONG, UNEQUIVOCAL EMPHASIS TO FREE WILL IN EVERY PERSON. BEFORE EACH OF US IS FREE, SIN OR VIRTUE, LIFE OR DEATH, AND EACH OF US IS FREE TO CHOOSE THE ONE OR THE OTHER. (SIRACH 15: 15-20)

**SECOND READING:** PAUL EXPLAINS TO THE CORINTHIANS THAT THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF WISDOM—THE WISDOM OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD. THE WISDOM OF GOD IS MYSTERIOUS, BUT THIS WISDOM HAS BEEN REVEALED “TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM,” THROUGH THE SPIRIT. (1 CORINTHIANS 2: 6-10)

**GOSPEL:** IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT, JESUS TELLS THE PEOPLE HE HAS COME TO FULFILL THE LAW. HE SPEAKS STRONGLY AGAINST MURDER AND ANGER, AGAINST ADULTERY AND LUST, AND AGAINST FALSE OATHS AND LIES. HE WARNS THE PEOPLE THAT UNLESS THEIR VIRTUE EXCEEDS THAT OF THE PHARISEES, THEY “WILL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.” (MATTHEW 5: 17-37)

#### STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-February 9, 2020

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as an example to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to God our Father in Heaven.

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**MASS CARDS** We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is \$15.



**NEW TO THE PARISH Welcome! Please call (973) 663-0211 & register to become a member of our active parish.**

**RCIA next meeting** Tues., February 11th 7:15pm in the Rectory.

### BAPTISMS

are usually performed on the First Sunday of each month at 1pm. To arrange for a Baptism please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.



**GETTING MARRIED IN 2020/2021?** Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to arrange for your wedding at Star of the Sea.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsoslh>

### **NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**

#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -PRE-K-Grade 5**

Sunday, February 9th -8:45 AM-classes (K-5)  
10:30Am- CLOW

Sunday, February 23rd -8:45 AM-classes-(Pre-K-5)

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL -GRADES 6-8**

Sunday, February 9th- 6:30 – 8:00 PM – classes

Sunday, February 23rd–5:45-7:00 PM– Mardi Gras (Gr .6,7& 8)

#### **HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10**

Sunday, February 23rd –5:45-7:00 PM– Soup Supper (Gr. 9-10)

### **CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Adult Choir practices Thursdays at 7:30-8:30pm. All parishioners 18 & over welcome.



Childrens' Choir practices Sundays 10:15-10:30am.



### **GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE** – Flyers have

been distributed to students in grades 5 through 10.

Please support this annual fundraiser for our

Religious Education program. **Last date to order**

is February 23rd. Candy will be here in time for Easter in April.

### **Please remember in prayer those who are sick:**

Fr. John Connolly, Fr. Daniel Kelly, Lisa Ann Fisher, Anne Nichols, Geneva Kumar, Vanessa Espinoza, Quinn Gorman, Jack & Elizabeth Flinn, Lillian Colello, Matteo Montemarano, Roland Pianotti, Linda Mulryan, Joan Elise Butler, Salvatore Maucelli, Mary Ann Miller, Dora Lavin, Carol Linstedt, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We also pray for the recently deceased:** Fr. Tom Curran, Rev. Anthony McCarthy, Patrick Leonard, Thomas Rush, Theresa Paruolo, Catherine Collins, Charlotte Seickle.



**Antioch Kitchen Volunteers Needed:** Preparing for their Confirmation, our sophomores will be attending the **Antioch Retreat held in our Parish Center from Fri. evening, February 14th through Sunday, February 16th.**

Volunteers are needed to provide food, & also for food & meal prep, & kitchen clean-up after meals. Call Stephanie Kaulfers 973-713-7548. We are also accepting ShopRite gift cards. Sign-up sheets will also be at both Church entrances.

**We also need adult overnight chaperones, especially men, to sleep overnight at the retreat from 11pm-8am.**

**You may chaperone for either one or two nights.**

**Please contact Caitlin Wood Fahey at 973-998-1462**

**if you can help with these needs.** Please keep the sophomores and the Antioch Team in your prayers during this very special weekend.

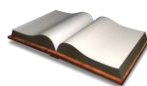
### **NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR 2020:**

Our parish is now in need of a new class of altar servers for 2020. It is open to boys & girls in 4th grade and up. Altar servers assist the priest and deacon at the altar at Mass, help to serve at Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, and special celebrations such as Confirmation.

**Instructions are being held Saturday mornings from 10AM to 11AM February 15, 22, 29, and March 7, 14, 21, 28.**

Please fill out applications & return to Fr. Chris immediately.

**NOTE: Monday, February 17th the OLSOS Religious Education and Parish offices will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.** Unless it is an emergency please call us on Tuesday. Thank you.



**2021 DAILY MASS BOOK RECORD** is now available. Call Patricia at the rectory (973) 663-0211 to set up your memorial Masses for next year.

# The Conversion of Paul

The concept of "Call" is a significant one in the Gospels. We also find it in the Hebrew Scriptures in the call of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Samuel and the prophets. The call of the twelve Apostles and their names appear in Mark 3:13-19. Perhaps the greatest account of "call" comes in the Acts of the Apostles and the call is that of Saul of Tarsus.

Luke is the author of Acts and he includes three different accounts of the call or conversion of Saul in this book. This means that for Luke this conversion experience of Saul is central to his account of the spread of the Good News and the role that Saul will play in that great undertaking.

The first account of the call of Saul is found in Acts 9:1-19. The outline of the story is familiar to us. Saul is a member of the Pharisee Party in Judaism and is well versed in knowledge of the Torah-the law-and the prophets. He is an active persecutor of the early Christians; he was present when Stephen was stoned to death. He is on his way to Damascus to arrest and stamp out the members of the small Christian Community there. He has received his commission from the High Priest.

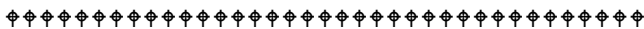
Saul is blinded by a brilliant light, falls off his horse, and a voice speaks to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He answers, "Who are you, sir?" The answer comes: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting". He is told to go to Damascus and there he will be told what he must do. Saul gets up from the ground, discovers that he is blind, and is guided into the city by two of his helpers. In Damascus, Ananias, a fervent disciple, is praying and he is told to go to Saul, lay hands on him and help Saul regain his sight. Then, Ananias baptizes Saul and accepts him as a disciple. Within a short time Saul begins to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues.

Up to this point in the Book of Acts Luke has been concentrating on the spread of the Gospel in Jerusalem and within Judea and Samaria. Now Paul-his name is changed by Jesus-becomes the central actor in the spread of the Gospel throughout the eastern Mediterranean world. It is Paul and his fellow disciples, Barnabas, John Mark-who may be the author of the Gospel of Mark-, Timothy and Titus who will provide the main narrative of the spread of Christianity. Peter will only play a small role in this great story.

Paul emerges as a great preacher, an indefatigable traveler, and a very persuasive force in spreading the Gospel. He goes from city to city and establishes churches-Christian Communities- in these cities. On his journeys he writes to some of the churches he established, Corinth, Ephesus, Colossae, Galatia and others. His most famous letter is to the church at Rome but he did not found that community. Paul was able to articulate a great deal of Theology which laid the foundation for much of our beliefs.

The feast of the Conversion of Paul is celebrated on January 25th every year. May his conversion and his witness to Jesus the Christ continue to inspire us in living out our call to follow Jesus.

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Chris*



## FOOD PANTRY

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-11:45AM**  
**1:30-3:30PM call 973-663-0211 for appointment.**



Coordinator is Toni Tarighi- Items needed: **HOT COCOA, canned meats, chili, Pancake mix & syrup**, instant potatoes, **Household: Dish & Laundry detergents, deodorant, toothpaste, TP, paper towels, tissues.**  
**Refrigerator: milk, yogurt; frozen foods- all types.**  
NOTE: Shoprite gift card donations also accepted.  
Thank you to Briggs School for their recent donation of **over 600 cans of soup** from their "Super Bowl of Caring" drive.

This Lent we have the opportunity to spend together five weeks of self-examination and reflection on the Holy Scripture. Our Parish will be holding "The Lenten Companion – A personal encounter with the Power of the Gospel," starting **Monday March 2 thru March 30, 2020 at 7:30PM in the Church Hall. There will also be an afternoon session on these dates.** Registration forms are located in the back of the Church for those interested. We look forward to sharing this journey with you. Deacon Alberto



**SATURDAY, March 28,  
2020- 6-9pm. OLSOS  
Rosary Altar Society**



presents **"Saint Joseph Festa Dinner"**

Fundraiser. Includes choice of spaghetti w/ meatballs or Chicken parmigiana, or meat or meatless ziti & dessert table, tea, coffee, soda, water. **BYOB!** Adults \$15, Seniors \$13, children under 12-\$10. 50/50 & Door Prize. Ticket sales March 7-8,14-15,21-22, after masses. No at-door sales.

**SAVE THE DATE! MONDAY, MARCH 9th, 2020-"DINE & DONATE"** hosted by the Jefferson Twp. Community Chorus. Dine at Gatwyn's II, (900 Rte 15 No, Lk Hopatcong), 4 -10pm. 15% of your bill goes to the JTCC. Your support is appreciated.

**BUS TRIP** to see **"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"** with Ed Harris - **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020.** Cost \$122 each, 1st Mezzanine level. Bus leaves from OLSOS parking lot at 4 pm sharp. Call to reserve your seats. – Only a few tickets left! (one bus only)

**- SOUP KITCHEN:** Our parish is responsible for the noon meal on the 4th Friday every month at Trinity Lutheran Church, E. Blackwell St., Dover. We serve on **Friday, February 28th** and will be serving 100 to 130 meals that day. If you can help serve, cook a meal or donate food please contact Ed Young at 973-270-3512. Good for teen community service as well. Thank you.



## THE YEAR AHEAD

May God make your year a happy one!  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
but by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;  
Not by making our path easy,  
but by making us sturdy to travel *any* path;  
Not by taking hardships from us,  
but by taking fear from our heart;  
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our  
face bright, even in the shadows;  
Not by making our life always pleasant, but by showing us  
when people and their causes need us most, and by making  
us anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.  
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