SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday Evening 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
WEEKDAY MASSES:
8:00 AM
SATURDAY MASS
9:00 AM
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8:00 and 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM
FIRST FRIDAY:
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Call the rectory and arrange to register in our active parish.

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Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM
BAPTISMS:
Parents must register with the parish. Both parents must also participate in the Baptismal Training Program. Baptisms arranged by appointment.
MARRIAGE:
Please arrange 1 year in advance.
RCIA:
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. For adults who wish to become Catholic or Catholics who wish to be Confirmed.
FR. CHRIS’ PRIVATE MASSES FOR the WEEK
SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
10:30 A.M. People of the Parish
MONDAY, MAY 18TH
8:00 A.M. James Parker
TUESDAY, MAY 19TH
8:00 A.M. John Rooney
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH
8:00 A.M. Fannie Massaro
THURSDAY, MAY 21ST - Ascension Thursday
8:00 A.M. Sister Ascelline
FRIDAY, MAY 22ND
8:00 A.M. Nellie & William B. McDonald
SATURDAY, MAY 23RD
8:00 A.M. Robert & William Rech
SUNDAY, MAY 24TH – Ascension observed
10:30 A.M. Annette Maratta

SCRIPTURES
May 24, 2020 – 7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus. (Acts 1:6-14)

Second Reading: Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.
(1 Peter 4:13-16)

Gospel: This is a continuation of Jesus’ prayer at the last supper. He tells the Father that He has made His name known, that He has finished the work His Father has given Him, and that He wishes now to share in the glory at His side.
(John 17:1-11a)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK-May 17, 2020
Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

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

BAPTISMS are SUSPENDED until further notice. To arrange for a Baptism later this year, please call the rectory M-F - 973-663-0211.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS can be Received by:
1. Mailing TO: Star of the Sea Church, PO BOX 337, Lake Hopatcong, NJ, 07849
2. left in the Rectory mailbox on the back porch bannister,
3. or sent through electronic giving at “We Share” which is found on our website at e-Catholic, olsoslh.org.

Thank you. Your support is greatly appreciated, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS CRISIS.

We are hopeful that Masses will return with social distancing some time in June.

NOTE: This year only (due to Covid-19) Ascension will be observed on the 7th Sunday of Easter, May 24th.
We celebrated Mother’s Day last Sunday. Today, let us take some time to reflect on the important role which Mary holds as Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church. Mary has been honored by the Church since the earliest days of Christianity. Over the centuries, her name and image have been a source of devotion, reverence and a model of Christian Living.

It is in the Gospels that we see Mary as a widow and faithful Mother following her Son’s brief ministry to its tragic end on the Cross. Beyond the Resurrection and Ascension, Mary accompanied the frightened apostles as they received the Holy Spirit and the Church is born. It is in these Gospel narratives that we come closest to understanding the true person of Mary. In these humble and faithful incidents, we can find a model for Christian Living.

In her response of faith, Mary gave us an example of how we are asked to respond to God in our own lives. For like her, we also are called to hear the Word of God and act on it in our daily lives. Mary saw the needs of others and did something about them. As Christians we are called to see beyond our own lives and look with compassion on the world in which we live and respond to the needs which we see around us. By virtue of our Baptism, we share in the mission of the Church. We participate in this mission through our everyday life at home and at work.

We live in an ever-changing world – with the current “Stay in Place” guidelines in effect during this Coronavirus Pandemic, daily schoolwork, playtime, work from home, as well as other wants and needs shout loudly; they take their toll on us and our families. Just as in our lives, Mary’s faith, trust and courage were tested so often in the everyday experiences of her life. May her example encourage us to be receptive to God’s Word and act on it.

During this month of May, may we look to Mary as our Mother and love and honor her as Jesus did. Through her intercession let us pray that all our Mothers are blessed for all they do for us each and every day of our lives.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Chris

FR. Chris is live streaming Sunday Mass at 10:30AM, which can be viewed later in the day as well.
He celebrates A Private Mass M-F 8AM, & 9AM Saturdays to fulfill his priestly obligations.
CFN Ch 137 Optimum weekdays 8:30am & 6:30pm.
Funerals -Masses suspended.
Confirmation- deferred; 1st Communion deferred.
Everyone should pray the Rosary for an end to the crisis.

Let us pray together everyday at 11 a.m., reciting this prayer 9 times asking our Blessed Mother for her intercession in keeping us well and ending the spread of the COVID-19 virus in our world.

MEMORARE
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful & sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
AMEN.

Daily Prayer to be Said During the Coronavirus Pandemic
Loving God, Your Son, Jesus Christ traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”
At His command, the sick were made well.

Come to our aid now, God of all life, and in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, may we experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus.
May they regain their strength and health.
Gentle God, healer of all, stay by our side.
In this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus.
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died.
As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, first responders, Essential workers and all who seek to heal, serve and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.
May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations.
Give them the foresight to act with charity
And true concern for the well-being
Of the people they are meant to serve.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.
In place of our anxiety, give us your peace, comfort and love.

Gentle and Loving God, heal us and come to our aid.
Amen.

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