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Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 11:30

Weekdays
Monday: 7:00 PM Mass with
Miraculous Medal Novena
Tuesday through Saturday: 7:00 AM
Monday through Friday: 12:10 PM

Confession
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30
Saturday: After 5:00 PM Mass

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025 • John 3:13-17

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ✠ SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Baptism: Baptism is celebrated on Sundays.

Please call the parish office to schedule.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please call the parish office when you or a loved one is sick at home or in the hospital for visitation with the Eucharist and for the Anointing of the Sick.

Marriage: Couples should contact the parish office at least one year before the potential wedding date. **New**

Parishioners: Should register as soon as possible. Please contact the parish office

Religious Education (CCD): Please log-on to www.ololchurchnj.org for calendar and parish events.



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First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9

The Jews were complaining against God and Moses of the tiring journey through the desert. The Lord punished them for such complaints with the bite of deadly serpents. After hearing the prayers of Moses for his people, the Lord instructed Moses to cure those who became ill with a bronze serpent mounted to a pole for them to see.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In this letter to the Philippians, Paul tells us how Jesus set aside his form of equality to God and took on a humble, human form - obedient even unto death. God the Father greatly exalted Jesus because of this.

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

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Mass Offerings

MONDAY, Sept. 15

7:00pm Ryan Youngman req Frank & MaryAnn La Cava

TUESDAY, Sept. 16

7:00am Connie Applegate req Laverne Gzemski

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 17

7:00am Carlos Perez Dosinda req Miriam Samet

THURSDAY, Sept. 18

7:00am David Lin req Ann Marie & Art Simons

FRIDAY, Sept. 19

7:00am Blanche Lampp req Tom & Bernadette Olson

SATURDAY, Sept. 20

7:00am Carol Birardi req Dea. Bob & Jo Ann Gerling

5:00pm Intention of Parishioners

SUNDAY, Sept. 21

8:00am Joe Buttafogo req Bob Lynch

11:30am Catherine Cheely req Art & Ann Marie Simons



Sunday

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Monday

1 Tm 2:1-8; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday

1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday

1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday

1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50

Friday

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday

1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

“God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

One of the most quoted bible verses by all believers. It awakens us to the why Jesus came. The reason, we were in desperate need. Unfortunately, that need is so great, yet we casually can quote the words but are not moved by them.


The bronze serpent offered a saving help when Moses turned to the Lord. They were healed from the deadly bite. People looked upon it to be saved. The cross of Jesus is our triumphant sign, bringing us the gift of forgiveness and eternal salvation which is as the scripture says, ‘to know God and the Son he has sent.’ I ask if I know God, if I am comfortable and have a personal bond with Him. As I ask myself if I take this sign seriously, I learn that the Lord takes me seriously. Take a minute and look upon the cross. Can you see Jesus looking to you?

HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

The
Exaltation
of the Holy Cross



SCHEDULE FOR 3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**EUCCHARISTIC MIN****LECTOR****SAT. Sept. 20**

5pm

Sack

Sun. Sept. 21

8am

Olson

Welsh

11:30am

Toth

Toth

Bulletin for Sept. 13-14, 2025 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**Sad News**

Sister Mary Nowicka, who for many years was the Second-Grade teacher at OLOL School, died after a long illness at St. Joseph Nursing Home. Sister prepared so many children for First Communion and was a little powerhouse of prayer. She spent 72 years as a Sister. May she rest with Our Lord and Our Lady.

Financial News

Our parish is running at a significant deficit, last year we had expenses over **\$160,000** over our receipts. Please consider increasing your donations to our Parish. We can't survive very long with such big annual losses. God bless you.

Bazaar News

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, December 6, 2025, for Our Lady of Lourdes Annual Christmas Bazaar! As you are shopping, please think about the Basket Raffle and Magic Tree (items valued at \$10 to \$25) donations which will be collected on Saturday Oct. 11th. Our frequent basket themes (new items only) include baby baskets, family entertainment, game night, children's toys, women's accessories, pet items and others. Business donations are appreciated, and donation letters are available. Watch future bulletins for more information. If you are interested in getting involved in the Bazaar, please call Bernadette Olson at (732)991-635

Healing Mass

Our Lady of Peace Annual Healing Mass with Rev. John Campoli, I.V. Dei, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7th 2025 at 7:00 pm. Please join us for a wonderful mass and celebration of God's healing love. Following the mass there is an opportunity for individual prayer. All are welcome. This Mass is sponsored by the Columbiettes. OLOP Church 1730 Route 130. North Brunswick, NJ 08902. For more information, please visit www.hisloveministries.com

Please pray for the soul of **Bill Park**, a member of our parish who has recently died.

Last week's Offertory collection – \$2,825.00 Online- \$2,305.00
2nd weekend counters – Art Hamm, Steve Svonavec

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025 will be Saturday, Dec. 6!

Our Annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR needs your help!

All donations should be dropped off on Saturday, October 11th between 9am – noon on the front apron of the school auditorium under the roof. *Thank you for all your support!*

RAFFLE BASKET BOOTH – Below is a list of possible theme baskets for our popular Raffle Basket Booth with suggested donations of new items that we will use to “build” the baskets. We appreciate your generous donations to enhance the presentation and value of the basket raffles. Please mark your donations “Basket Raffle booth.”

Girl and Boy Baskets (2) ages 6 to 12 – books, board/card games, puzzles, craft/art supplies, Legos, princess/superhero dolls, Melissa & Doug toys (5 Below gift card)

Men’s Basket – hand tools, work gloves, car cleaning products, grooming kits, fishing gear (Home Depot/Lowe’s gift cards)

Baby Boy and Baby Girl Baskets (2) – crib/bath toys, feeding/drinking utensils, lotions, onesies, bibs, receiving blankets, small books, stuffed animals

Baking/Cooking Baskets – small appliances, salt/pepper shakers, measuring cups, baking pans, grill pan, potholders/mitts, dish towels (Grocery store gift card)

Family Entertainment Basket(s) – card/board games, boxed snacks (theater-size), microwave popcorn/bowl, word searches, puzzles

Teen Girls/Ladies Basket(s) – makeup brushes, body lotions, moisturizers, nail grooming, bath pouf (Ulta gift card)

Coffee/Tea Basket(s) – assorted teas/coffees, biscuits, mugs, dessert dishes, serving tray, coffee pot/maker, teapot

Entertainment supplies – cheeseboard, chip/dip bowls, serving bowls

Other Themes Items used to create baskets are toy cars/trucks/sports balls, toddler toys, character comforters/pillows, books, crafts, handheld games, puzzles, dolls/accessories, pet items, etc.

For Raffle Basket questions, please call Geri Figueroa at (732)433-2010.

MAGIC TREE – all new items - valued from \$10 to \$25, “regifts” are acceptable. Toys, boxed games, household items, small appliances, wallets, photo frames, tote bags, bath & body products, craft kits, sports items, etc. Please mark these donations as “Magic Tree” items.

We will also accept “nearly” new Toys, Religious Articles, Costume Jewelry(seeking vintage Christmas pins), “New to You” Christmas décor. And gift cards for the Gift Card Tree Raffle.

We very much **need additional volunteers!** From set up, selling, to breakdown we need volunteers! Please call if you can volunteer or have any questions.

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