

Online giving

Online giving is now available in our parish. You now have the option of making your gifts to our parish directly from a bank account or by credit or debit card. It is secure and highly convenient. You can set up recurring contributions, or one-time gifts. Here is how you go about it; there is some additional information after the instructions for those who want it.

You are entirely welcome to use either direct debit from a bank account or a credit/debit card for your gifts. Many people have credit cards with added benefits, and we are not trying to discourage you from taking advantage of those benefits. It is only fair that you know, however, that for each credit or debit card transaction, the parish pays 3.5% of the amount to the company that issued the card. This 3.5% fee does not apply to direct-debit transactions.

Setting up online giving to OLS

If you have any questions or problems, call the rectory (748-8287) during office hours, or email olskathy@stny.rr.com.

- Go to the online OLS giving page: Go back to the OLS homepage (it should still be open in another tab in your browser), and click on the link for the online giving site. Bookmark the page (add it to your Favorites), for easy return later.
- Click "Create Account." Provide the required information, and click "Register."
- You will receive an email with your user name and an assigned password. A link in the email allows you to change your password.
- Login to the OLS online giving page with your username and password. You will be prompted to create a new password if you have not already done so.
- When you login to your new account, go to your Profile and enter your envelope number. *Your envelope number must be correct for you receive credit for your gift in our parish records.* If you are not certain of your envelope number, leave it blank and we will email it to you after receiving your first transaction.
- Click on "My Accounts" to enter the bank account and/or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover) that you will use for online giving. You can enter multiple accounts and/or cards.
- Once you have entered a bank account or credit card, you can define a recurring contribution or one-time gift. The home page is for a one-time gift.
- Make sure to check the "Active Contribution" box if you are defining a Recurring Contribution!

A bit more information about online giving at OLS

What is online, or electronic, giving?

Online giving is an electronic method of collecting regular financial gifts. OLS collects donations through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network or credit card processor, a highly reliable, secure, and efficient nationwide electronic funds transfer system.

Parishioners who chose electronic giving authorize OLS to electronically withdraw money from ("debit") their bank account or credit card on a regular basis for a pre-determined amount, and have it deposited in the church's bank account. The system can also be used for one-time gifts. This is an efficient alternative to paper checks.

Benefits of electronic giving

The benefits for you? Convenience and continuity. One less thing to keep track of every Sunday. When you are away, you continue to provide your financial support to our parish without having to remember make-up envelopes. Come December, you have no need to try to figure out whether you've met your giving goal for the year – you know you have given what you intend, when you intend to (and you can track it on the giving website if you wish). And, you no longer need to keep track of that packet of church envelopes!

Who can use online giving?

Any parishioner with internet access and either a bank account or credit card can use online giving. You do not need to use online banking to use ACT.

What can I use it for?

You can use our online giving for everything for which you now receive envelopes, and some things for which you don't: regular contributions (including Facilities maintenance, Faith Formation/Youth events & Catholic schools scholarship); for holydays, Christmas and Easter; for diocesan and parish special collections; and for gifts to the Capital Campaign. If you use online giving, there is no need to continue receiving envelopes. (Let us know if you wish to discontinue them.)