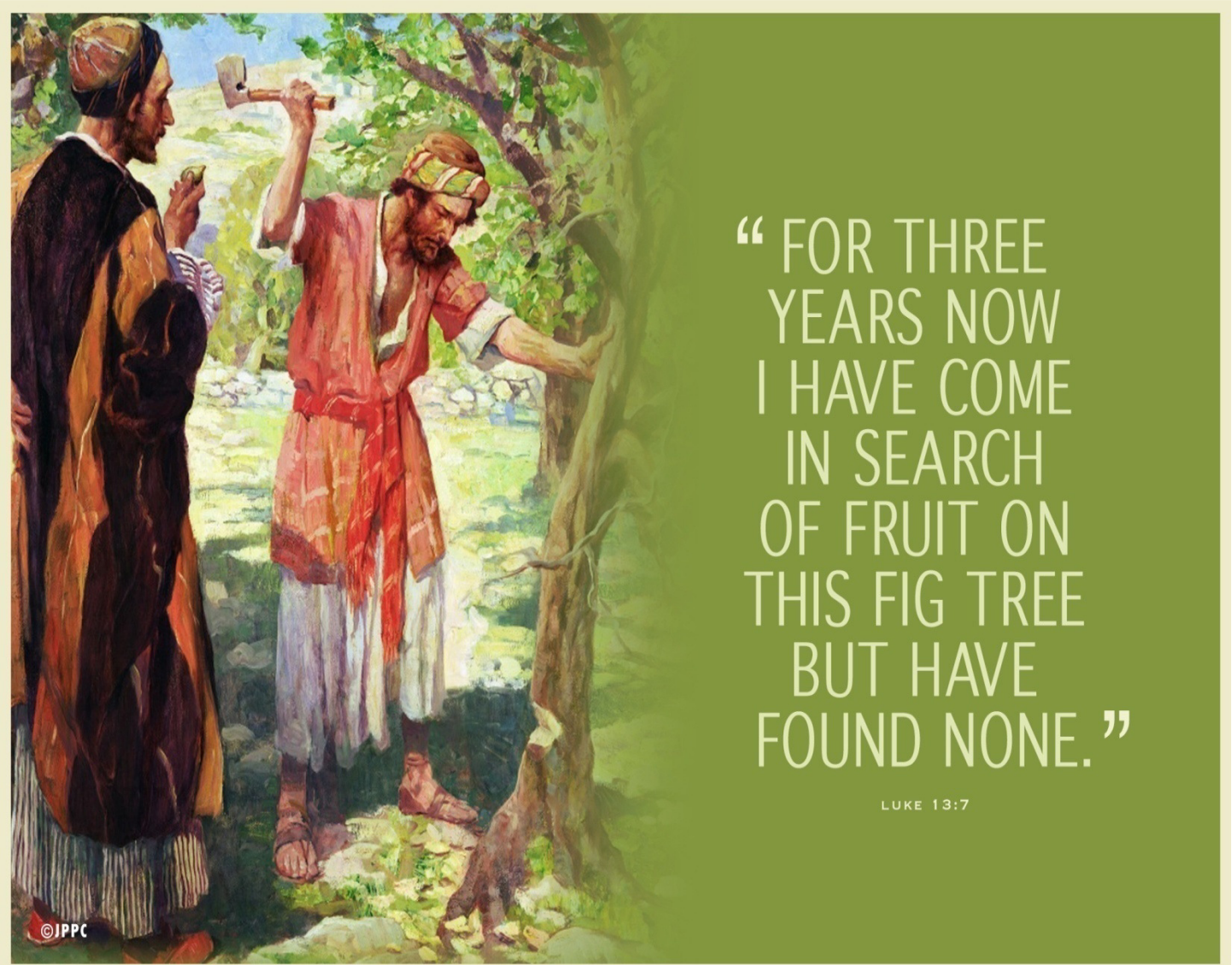


Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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MASSSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm Holy Days: Special Schedule

Penance: Confessions Saturday 1:00 pm **Baptism:** Parents are to contact Parish Office after the birth of their child to begin Baptismal preparation program. **MINISTRY OF THE SICK:** Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill and arrange communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRIAN

One of my favorite religious movies is *The Mission*, a 1986 movie starring Jeremy Irons and Robert DeNiro. It was nominated for 7 Academy Awards and tells the story of Jesuit missionaries in 18th century South America. One of the most moving scenes in the movie occurs when Captain Mendoza, a slave merchant who had also killed his brother in a fit of rage, attempts to climb a mountain with a massive backpack on his shoulders as an act of penance for his past sins. The backpack contained all the weapons of his former sinful life and it was so heavy that Mendoza couldn't climb higher up the mountain unless he gave up the backpack. Then, in a dramatic gesture, one of the natives whom Mendoza had formerly taken into slavery cut the rope of the backpack with a sharp knife, thus symbolizing the native's forgiveness of Mendoza. Mendoza was therefore able to continue his journey of repentance. The backpack represented Mendoza's sin.

Like Mendoza, we cannot carry our "packs" of sin with us. Unless and until we repent and let go of them, we cannot climb to where God needs us. This is the message of today's readings, which tell us of a merciful God who wants us His children to repent and lead lives that bear fruit for His kingdom.

Today's gospel tells us of a landowner who planted a fig tree that did not produce fruit for three years. Giving up on it, he tells the gardener to cut it down. But the wise gardener knows that what the tree needs is cultivating and feeding. He suggests, "I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future." The tree that doesn't bear fruit represents us when we are stuck in a life of sin. But God gives us countless chances to turn our lives around, to dig around and cultivate the tree of our life, so that it may bring forth fruits of repentance, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

Lent is the ideal time to do all of this and we can start by making a good sacramental confession. We will have our annual parish Lenten Penance Service on Monday, April 8th at 7:30 pm. That will be a wonderful time for us as a community to approach the infinite ocean of God's divine mercy and then make an individual confession. But you don't need to wait until then. We offer confession every Saturday from 1:00-2:00 pm or anytime by appointment. Speaking for myself, I love to be interrupted by someone who says, "Father, sorry to bother you, but can you hear my confession?" There is no question I like to hear more than that one!

We started Lent with the invitation to "return to the Lord with our whole heart." Let's each of us use this Lenten period to give the Lord our whole heart, a heart made pure by letting go of the weight of our sins and receiving the Lord's infinite mercy. Christ can't wait to say to us, "Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven."

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Brian

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR
PARISHIONERS**

March 17th	Week 38	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,914	\$485,394
Avg. Budget	\$14,039	\$533,490

The Parish Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Administrator
Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Parochial Vicar
John M. Ingauggiato, Deacon
John Baltus, Deacon
Walter Wiggins, Deacon
Sr. Mary Selina McHugh, S.C.C., Pastoral Associate
Ms. Judy Foley, Principal
Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator
Christopher Kaiser, Youth Minister
Glenn E. Devitt, Music Director/Organist
Karlene Campbell, Nursery Director
Charles Noun, Business Manager

Rosary Society

AFTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL MARCH MEETING WITH SISTER SELINA THE ROSARY SOCIETY IS NOW MOST HEARTILY INVITING ALL AND EVERYONE TO THE TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING WITH OUR NEW PASTOR FR. BRIAN, WHO WILL SPEAK ON: " THE EUCHARIST AND THE MASS: THE WINDOW IN THE WALL". THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM WITH PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL THEN CONTINUE IN ST. JOSEPH HALL WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FR. BRIAN THE SPEAKER.

LET US FILL THE CHAPEL AND THE HALL!

Facebook

Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey" and request to join

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.

<http://www.olschurch.com>

OLS Lenten Schedule

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 7:30pm

Bible & Faith Study: Every Saturday at 9:00am in the Chapel

Holy Hour: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Upper Church

Monday, April 8th at 7:30pm - Lenten Penance Service

THINK ABOUT IT

The Bible says, 'Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.' This seems to be God's standard operating procedure. Why? Because He's a good general; before He puts you into battle He puts you into boot camp. Imagine it: you're up at dawn, running for miles with a heavy backpack, crawling under barbed wire barriers, taking orders from authority figures you don't know and probably don't like. But if you pass the test; you get to wear the uniform. We are all soldiers in God's army, during this Lenten season and always, we will endure
Peace and Justice Committee

Reflections on Catechism

1949 Called to beatitude but wounded by sin, man stands in need of salvation from God. Divine help comes to him in Christ through the law that guides him and the grace that sustains him:

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen





Stewardship Corner

Our Parish needs your help. Will you answer the call?

Our Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help organize the food donations during the week and to help on Saturday mornings as needed.

Contact Kate Cahill for more information:

katecahill50@gmail.com

We Defend Life!

We have recently begun a Pro-Life Ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows. Our mission is to promote the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural life. We advocate for the rights of the unborn, elderly, people with disabilities, and all those otherwise disadvantaged.

We conducted a baby bottle boomerang during Advent and the proceeds of that benefited First Choice Women's Resource Center, which provides many health related services to women, including those who are pregnant. We also participated in a postcard project, sending nearly 500 postcards to our legislators in Trenton, encouraging them to support the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Many more activities are planned.

We invite all parishioners to become a part of this important parish ministry. To do so or for more information, contact Katharine Townsend at katherine.townsend@hotmail.com or Gina Margolese at gmarolies@msn.com. The next meeting is on Saturday, April 6th, 10:00 am in the parish center.

Pope Francis put it so beautifully: "All life has inestimable value. Even the weakest and most vulnerable – the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor – are masterpieces of God's creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACQUIRE A GREATER RESOLUTION FROM THE SUNDAY GOSPEL AND HOMILY? THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST IS THE PLACE TO BE. JOIN OTHER MEN EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 6 A.M. IN THE LOWER CHURCH. "LET YOUR GOOD SPIRIT LEAD YOU TO ME ON A LEVEL PATH" RISE AND SHINE WITH THE LORD.

Come Adore the Lord

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**

ARCHDIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUPS:

"It's true . . . there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ...but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. The Archdiocese of Newark currently has 13 parishes who offer a support group for the separated/divorced and these groups will be starting during the next couple months. For a list of these groups, please visit our website at: www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups

Email or Call: Lauren.Egan@rcan.org 973-497-4327

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). 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. Please know that it may take a month or two for the envelopes to stop coming.**

Live Mass Broadcast

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019

5:30 PM Susan Meeker

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the
 Macaluso, Miserendino & Mancuso
 Families
 11:30 AM Barbara Devitt

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019

7:00 AM Nan DiMenna
 12:00 PM Mary Adele Eibell

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

7:00 AM Robert Behrens
 12:00 PM Mimi Helmann – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019

7:00 AM Harriet Fisher
 12:00 PM Elmer Robert Brown

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019

7:00AM Gary Clemens
 12:00 PM Kenneth G. Herrmann

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019

7:00AM Betty Garret
 12:00 PM Living & Deceased members of the
 Deehan Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019

8:30 AM Antonio & Margherita Peizzillo
 12:00 PM Brutofsky Family

VIGIL MASS MARCH 30, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

8:00 AM Cecilia Isekenegbe, Delia Earlie &
 All the Souls in Purgatory
 10:00 AM Cynthia Brenner
 11:30 AM Margaret Webber

OFFER OF GIFTS

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

IN MEMORIAM

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

Music Ministry

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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Gloria Renner, Jerome Pallo, Nico Cipriano, Rose Merritt, Sonia McIntyre, Craig McLean, Austin Dukes, Isabella Vacchiano, Patricia Be, Kathleen Fontenello, Kathleen Ciambuschini, Angie Sena, Fred Mesot, Diane Silver, Jesse House, Kathleen Lorenzo, Joan O'Brien, Amy Dombrowski, Olivia Frances Cady, Brenda Johnston, Claudette Englesk, Jeffrey Pierre, Teresa Mckilop, Sal Maisano, Cooper Owens, Dolores McNany, Carmela Crooks, John DiEsso, Lewis Berkenstock, Ellen Warshaw, Mark Davonski, Angelina Ciambuschini, Margaret Elizabeth Evans, Nicholas Ciambuschini, Donna Moghrabi, Doreen Carmiche, Rosetta Karas, Paul R. Ciambuschini, Josh Papp, Mary Lou Perrini, Jessica Darling, Roberta Mariam Kelly, Kristen Buttros, Jude Greenleaf, Elena Baiz Sanchez, Robert Hines, Margaret Farrell, Jeanine Panzone, John Sabbak, Michael D. Greenleaf, Sofia Vallejos, Beth Hebron, David Dorcy, Linda Read, Ronald Tylor, Jim O'Connor, Angelina Zurruro, Daniel Callaghan, Frank Erickson, Michael Maffei, Allison Wessel, Rev. Paul Power, MaryAnn Cappaze, Nick Elliot, Brian Hartnett, Owen McNany, Kevin Chang, Peggy O'Reilly, Elizabeth Stuart, Jill Vacciano, Marie Somers, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jerry McElroy, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Julie Edmonds, Marie Manno and Melanie Zappo.

Parish Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>Sun 3/24</u>	RCIA	9:00 am	Neumann
	Doctrine Book Club	10:30 am	Kateri
	Youth Group	7:30 pm	St. Joseph Hall
<u>Mon 3/25</u>	CCD	3:45 pm	Cafeteria
	CCD	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
	St. Paul's Outreach	7:00 pm	Chapel
	Finance Council	7:30 pm	Kateri
<u>Tues 3/26</u>	CCD	3:45 pm	Cafeteria
<u>Wed 3/27</u>	Holy Hour	7:00 pm	Upper Church
	NA	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
	Piedmont Chorale	7:30 pm	Chapel
	Youth Group Leaders	7:30 pm	Youth Room
<u>Thurs 3/28</u>	SCS Rehearsal	3:30 pm	Upper Church
	Parish Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	Upper Church
<u>Fri 3/29</u>	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm	Upper Church
<u>Sat 3/30</u>	Bible Study	9:00 am	Chapel
	AA	1:00 pm	St. Joseph Hall
<u>Sun 3/31</u>	RCIA	9:00 am	Neumann
	Youth Group	7:30 pm	St. Joseph Hall



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
2019 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. *The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.*

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. *The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.*
3. *The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.*
4. *The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.***

**Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*