



Our Lady of Sorrows

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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

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

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March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday in Lent

A Message from Fr. Andrew

There are many religious orders in the Catholic Church. Some of the most well-known orders include Franciscans, Dominicans, Salesians, Jesuits, Missionaries of Charity, and Sisters of Christian Charity (the order of Sr. Judith and Sr. Selina!), etc. Why are there so many different religious orders when the Roman Catholic Church is supposed to be one and universal?

That is because God had inspired many holy people throughout the history of the Church to serve the needs of the Church and the world in different ways under His guidance. We are members of one holy Catholic Church, but how we carry out our mission can vary depending on what we are called to do. Some are called to spread the Good News by imitating Christ's poverty by becoming consecrated Franciscans, and some are called to become consecrated Dominicans to spread the Good News as preachers and teachers.

The religious Order that fascinates me the most is the Carthusian order. Their charism is to live a cloistered life of contemplation and prayers, like John the Baptist and Christ, who went out to the desert. The Carthusian life is to become a hermit within the community. Their life, consisting of hours of prayers, manual labor, strict observance of fasting, and silence, benefit the Church and the whole world because they offer themselves to God as sacrificial offerings for all of us.

I love their motto. The Latin motto "stat crux dum volvitur orbis" says the Cross stands firm while the world is orbiting. This motto tells us that the Cross of Jesus on which He was crucified has an eternal value and place in human lives because it is in Christ's crucifixion we find hope for salvation, and through His death, we find life and light. That truth will NEVER change, and nothing can prevail against the victory brought to us through the mystery of Calvary.

Humanity has experienced so much darkness throughout history. Wars, violence, divisions, hatred, the list could continue. Despite the darkness we created, Christ's victory on the cross endures. God seemed to be defeated on Good Friday, and the forces of evil sometimes seem so strong in the world. But nothing can take away what God did on the Cross because God's fidelity to His people will never change. God never changes, even when we do. Isn't that what St. Paul is proclaiming in the second reading today when he wrote, "*Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified*" and "*foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength*"?

The world will change, and Kingdoms will come and go. However, one thing that won't change is the hope given to us by God Himself, who became one of us to die for us and rise with us. We are the people who are called to proclaim the unchanging mystery of the Cross. As we continue to observe our Lenten penances, let us remember the one thing necessary: staying near the crucified Lord, who made His Cross the bridge towards heaven.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

February 18th	Week 34	Y. to Date
Collection	\$9,506	\$417,335
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$408,905

St. Vincent DePaul \$736
Candles \$540
Repairs and Maintenance \$7,369
Central and Eastern Europe \$1,859

February 25th	Week 35	Y. to Date
Collection	\$14,225	\$431,560
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$420,935

Food Pantry \$664

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The OLS St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, and the Maplewood/South Orange communities on a confidential basis. If you know of someone potentially in need of financial and/or advisory assistance, have them contact the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish office. (973) 763-5454 or email: OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com For those looking to donate to this cause, please contact the Parish office or the email address above.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 pm. Join us as we prayerfully meditate on Christ's Passion and Death, which is the ultimate demonstration of God's love for us.



Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action

Total donors
as of 2-26-24:
56

Total # of OLS families:
2256

To make a gift:



Annual Appeal Goal
\$75,607



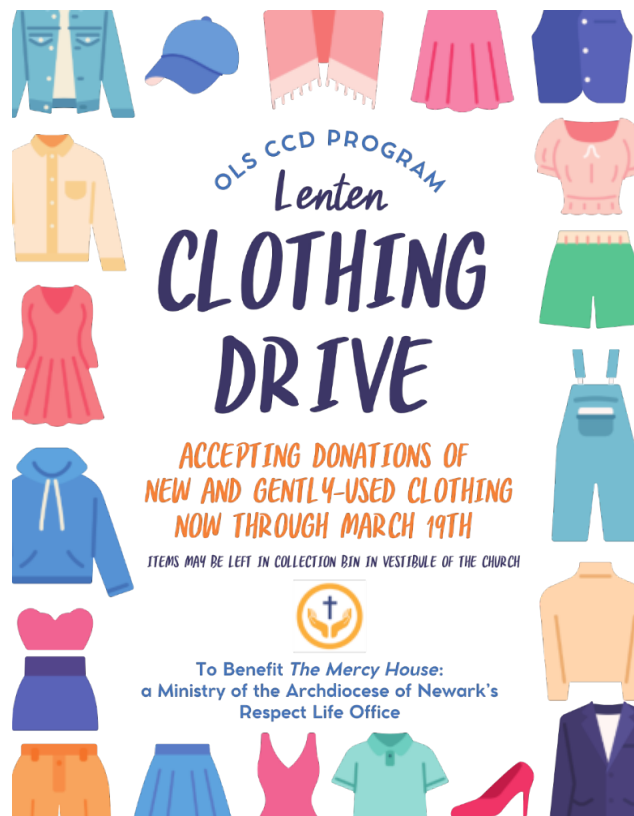
Raised
\$21,695

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We are serving nearly 200-250 families with each pantry distribution. For the calendar year 2023, this amounts to 8,341 bags of groceries provided to 6,773 families made up of 25,066 individuals. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of Our Lady of Sorrows church, its parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you.

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Food donations can be dropped off in the lower church Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00 pm inside the 4th Street entrance or in the church vestibule Saturday/Sunday morning. Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/>

Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.



Volunteer for Family Promise of Essex County

We will have an opportunity to serve those in need this Lent by supporting families experiencing homelessness for Family Promise of Essex County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network). We need to provide grocery items for 4-5 families and prepare a meal for each family. The meals and grocery items will need to be brought to Our Lady of Sorrows in the lower church (4th Street entrance) either on the evening of Monday, March 18 or the morning of Tuesday, March 19, and will be delivered to the Family Promise offices on March 19. The volunteer roles include:

- Cooks to prepare a meal, or part of a meal, for a family.
- Shoppers to provide grocery items for a family.
- Volunteers to help accept and store meals and groceries on Monday evening (March 18) and Tuesday morning (March 19). Starting this weekend (February 24/25), we will have sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for these roles.

If you have questions about volunteering for any of these roles, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-477-9546.

Meet Our Staff

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Facebook

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

Book Collection

If you have any books (children, young adult or adult fiction or non-fiction) that you want to get rid of, please contact Larry Petraccaro at (973) 943-9853 and I will pick them up. The children's books will be shared with Anne Quinn who distributes them at the OLS Food Pantry and the others will be distributed at the Franciscan Charities Soup Kitchen in Newark. You can also email me, Larry Petraccaro at lpetraccaro@gmail.com. Thank you.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024

5:30 PM Rosemary Moore

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Eric Thomas Guzzo
11:30 AM Larinda Montefusco

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

7:00 AM Ernestine Holmok and Jessie
McNamara
12:00 PM Bernadette Ezuduemoih and The
Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

7:00 AM Edward Silliere
12:00 PM Janina Lubczynska

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

7:00 AM Jeannette Aponte de Escobar
12:00 PM James McDonnell, Jr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

7:00 AM John Peter Huhn
12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

7:00 AM Reynaldoe Tecson
12:00 PM Priscilla Ntigbu and The Souls in
Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

8:30 AM Sr. Mary Selina – Special Intention
12:00 PM Nance Spencer

VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Antonio Margherita and Putra
Pizzillo
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

Request a Mass

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here:

<https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/>

Or scan the QR code with your phone's camera.



Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **George Del Valle, Joseph Zuzuro, III, and John Friend.**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

In Memoriam

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis, Patricia Evanik, Michael Elliot and Judith Gordy.

Essex County Young Adults
Young adults in their 20s and 30s
are invited to:

Stations to Station: A Night of Prayer and Service

Join us for Stations of the Cross at
7pm, and then carpool to Newark
Penn Station to distribute food and
care packages to our homeless
brothers and sisters.



"For I was hungry and you
gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave
me drink, a stranger and
you welcomed me..."
- Matthew 25:35

Friday, March 8th

Stations begin at 7pm
in the church of:
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can count you in!**



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Mark Your Calendars - And please join us for:



Our Lady of Sorrows
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

March 16th 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium

Bring the family for a night of fun and enjoy

Corn Beef and Cabbage from Town Hall Deli, Hot dogs and Chips for the kids.

Keg of Irish Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee and Dessert

Irish Dancers, Bagpipers, Face Painting and Raffles to entertain adults and children



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED



Yes, we want to share in some Irish Cheer on March 16, 2024

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

Number of people: Adults _____ Children _____

To be seated with (name of person's table/8 per table):

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

If you would like to pay by credit card, please indicate below and you will be sent
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(\$30 per Adult or \$70 per Family)

* Family max is 2 adults and children under 16 years of age

Please send reservations
no later than **March 11th**
to:

Marli Craig
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