



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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January 19th, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

The story is told of the little boy who was listening to a long and excessively boring homily in church (you never get those at OLS, right?!). Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

The sanctuary lamp in our church is still red (which means that Jesus is in the tabernacle), but the altar cloth has been changed to green, and the priests and deacons are now wearing green vestments. After spending Advent preparing ourselves for the birth of the Messiah, and after celebrating that birth at Christmas and in the days and weeks following, liturgically speaking, we are now in Ordinary Time.

This season of Ordinary Time will continue until Ash Wednesday, which falls on March 5th. This is a very late date and that's because Easter is late this year, falling on April 20th. After the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter, we will re-commence Ordinary Time on June 9th and continue until next Advent, which begins on November 30th.

Of course, we should never think of time as "ordinary." Time is sacred because it too was created by God. We use the term "Ordinary Time" to refer to the fact that the life of the Church is ordered during those weeks when we live our lives neither in penance (Advent and Lent) nor in feasting (the Christmas and Easter seasons). During these days of "Ordinary Time," we focus on the fact that Jesus walks among us in the ordinariness of our lives and that we should allow Him to transform our lives.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about the first recorded miracle of Jesus: turning water into wine (I wish I had that power!). Jesus would spend the next 3 years performing many other miracles. But remember, the first 30 years of Jesus' life were spent in preparation for those 3 busy years of public activity of preaching, teaching, healing, and performing miracles. It was the ordinary days of His first 30 years – many of which I'm sure were spent in the company of His mother Mary – that Jesus prepared Himself for the mission that the Father had given Him. During those 30 "silent" years, Jesus lived out His daily life in rather ordinary ways. While those days may have been ordinary, Jesus lived them prayerfully, and with extraordinary love, which He showed to His mother, to His other relatives, and to His neighbors and complete strangers. In other words, Jesus made sure to sanctify them, through a life of prayer and acts of love.

That's the formula for us! We sanctify our "ordinary" time by means of prayer and acts of love. During this "Ordinary" time, we should remember that each of us, as a disciple of Christ, is called to live an extraordinary life of prayer and acts of love.

Do you know what's ordinary? A life of sin, a life of giving in to the current trend, of surrendering to our desires, of living only for ourselves. An extraordinary life, on the other hand, is one which takes account of God's daily presence in our lives, which talks to God every day in prayer, and which seeks to always love our neighbor.

It's not too late to make one more New Year's resolution for 2025: to pray more and to love more. If we do that, we'll have sanctified our days, and this year will have been truly extraordinary.

Ordinary Time Blessings,

Fr. Brian

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

January 12	Week 29	YTD
Collection	\$10,919	\$362,341
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$352,755

Food Pantry - \$750

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank You for Regifting Project Donations!



Thank you to all who donated to the Regifting Project this year. The items included: housewares; hats and gloves;

clothing; blankets; toiletries; jewelry; toys and games; assorted holiday snacks. Everything was delivered to the Archdiocese's Mercy House in Newark and distributed directly to those in need. Your generosity is much appreciated!

February Save-the-Date

Ladies of OLS, mark your calendars for our 3rd Annual Women's Retreat on Saturday, February 22nd. This year's theme is *Trust in God, for You are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!* Our guest speaker is renowned neonatologist Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin. More details to follow soon!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR

Women's Retreat

\$20 per person!

Saturday February 22, 2025
12PM to 4pm (includes Mass and lunch)

**Theme: Trust in God, for You are
Fearfully and Wonderfully Made!**



Guest Speaker:
Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin, MD

Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin is a Nationally respected physician, teacher, lecturer and author. In her 40 year career as a specialist in Neonatal Intensive Care, she has been recognized as a top Neonatologist. She has been an Oblate of St. Benedict at St. Mary's Abbey for the past 25 years. Married for the past 37 years to Dr. Andrew Corwin, they have 3 adult children. We are so excited to welcome Dr. Mary to speak as a lay Catholic woman and mother on the topic of our retreat this year: "Trust in God, for you are fearfully and wonderfully made!"

For questions and registration, please contact
Melanie at: mchambers97@comcast.net

Support The St. Vincent de Paul Society

Though the Christmas season is technically over, the spirit of giving should prevail as need persists. If you did not have a chance to make a charitable gift this holiday season, there is still time to do so.

Please consider a monetary gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to support those in need at OLS. Instructions are in the flyer below. It's critical that we have funds in reserve as demands arise throughout the year.

For more information, please email
OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com

**Helping Those in Need:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families in the South Orange/Maplewood area who are temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.



Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.

Email OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com if you are in need of assistance.

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.

Meet Our Staff

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm – 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



Catholic Schools Week

From January 26 - February 1, 2025, the National Catholic Education Association hosts *Celebrate Catholic Schools Week*. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies, events and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to join the celebration around what makes Catholic schools stellar.

Interested in learning more about Catholic education and our outstanding school? Come to the Open House at Our Lady of Sorrows School next Sunday (1/26). See details in the flyer on the last page of the bulletin.



Faith and Knowledge meet in many places, but the place you can be certain of their meeting is in a Catholic School. – Archdiocese of Newark

Key Facts about Catholic Education:

Catholic School students are given a challenging curriculum that will help them prepare for a successful future.

A Catholic education values a commitment to service, encouraging students to serve God by serving others.

Catholic Schools work to achieve our goal of academic excellence while proclaiming the Good News of Jesus.

Our Lady of Sorrows School

Our Lady of Sorrows School (www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org) offers Pre-K-3 and PreK-4 Programs – Half Day, Full Day, and Extended Day. In addition to our superlative K-8 curriculum featuring Language Arts, Reading, Math (including accelerated math in middle school), Social Studies and Science, we offer the following programs and services:

- Aftercare until 6pm
- Art Club
- Dramatic Arts/Music culminating in a spring musical
- Extracurriculars: Chess, Instrumental Music instruction, Student Council
- February Frenzy Annual Basketball Tournament
- Fine Arts
- Math Club
- Physical Education
- Spanish
- Sports: Volleyball, Track and Field, Basketball, Cross Country, Cheerleading
- STEM/STREAM
- Tutoring Program in partnership with Seton Hall Prep



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

Pre-K – 8th Grade Catholic Education • South Orange, NJ

Masses For The Week



VIGIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

5:30 PM All Rosarians, Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

8:00 AM Juan Rego
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Chaplain Colonel John Krozser

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

7:00 AM Dawn Mattheiss
12:00 PM Fr. Emmanuel Agu
– Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM James McDonnell

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

8:30 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Rafaela Parlade

VIGIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8:00 AM Felmina Clarke
10:00 AM Special Intention of OLS School
11:30 AM People of the Parish

Pray for the Departed



Let us remember those who have passed away recently at OLS.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please call the parish office for more information.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Bill Aber, Rita Arena, Diana Baseman, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Cynthia Critelli, Mark F. Davonski, Alan Droppa, Michael Elliot, Patricia Evanik, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Agnes Marshall, Elizabeth Mary, Patricia McDonnell, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Melissa O'Brien, Ludgarda Rosa, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Sullivan, Donna T., Mary Jane Tannen, Stephanie Windsor



Our Lady of Sorrows School K-2 Preview Opportunity

If you have a child in PreK at our school or are interested in sending your child to OLS beginning in Kindergarten, we hope you will consider attending our K-2 curriculum preview on Tuesday, January 28th at 8am. See details in flyer.

Please note: **You must RSVP to attend.** To do so, email Marli Craig: registration@ourladyofsorrowschool.org

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade Preview

**January 28, 2025
8 am**

Join us after you drop off your PreK student for coffee and donuts and preview our Kindergarten – 2nd grade curriculum.

This is a great way to see how the OLS Pre School continues into Kindergarten and thru the next years in the lower school at Our Lady of Sorrows.



Our Lady of Sorrows School

The Catholic School of South Orange and Maplewood



Join OLS as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2025!

Open House

January 26, 2025

11:00am – 1pm

Enrolling now for PreK through 8th grade

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