



Our Lady of Sorrows

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The Spirit
of the Lord
is upon me.

Luke 4:18

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 26th, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Like many people, I sometimes suffer from eczema. My hands start to crack when the temperature drops and the weather becomes cold and dry. It's not the most serious condition you can have, but it is inconvenient and bothers me often. Our hands are not the most significant parts of our bodies, but a slight cut can be uncomfortable because we use our hands for everything. This is the case with every part of our body though, big or small, essential or not: when one part of our body suffers, the rest does as well. This is what our second reading today is teaching us.

St. Paul had many motives for writing his letters to the Corinthians. The prosperity and wealth of the city of Corinth contributed to a "culture war" between the Christian Corinthians and pagans who lived in contradiction to the Gospel. This also caused divisions among the Christians themselves. Paul urges the Christians of Corinth to remember who they are: THE BODY OF CHRIST! He was teaching them to thank God for the gifts He grants to the community and serve Him as faithful members of the One Body of Christ, the Church, in the same way that different parts of our bodies serve our body as a whole.

The body of Christ so united pleases our God. Our Father desires to make us one, as Jesus Christ, God the Son Incarnate, is one with Him. We are called to become one, and the more we choose to be divided, the more the Church suffers. Now, as Christians, we must remember that none of our actions and how we live is "private." Every action we take has consequences for ourselves and the whole Church.

Just like when one part of our body suffers, our whole body suffers, when one part of the Church decides to live in sin, it wounds the entire Church. One member of the body, by choosing vice over virtue and sin over holiness, begins to lose the sanctifying grace that empowers Christians to walk on the path of divinization, namely, becoming like Christ. If God had a plan for a person to become a holy priest or religious, or a lay person who would convert a thousand souls, and he or she said "no" to that call, what a terrible loss that would be not only for the Church but for the whole world. Could you imagine if Mother Theresa didn't choose to live according to the voice of God echoing in her heart? What if Pope St. John Paul II decided to be a corrupt pope instead of the heroic life he chose to live?

Likewise, each one of us has a particular purpose. The more we strive for holiness, the more we serve God and the body of His Church. So, this week, let's be attentive to God's plans for our lives. If this sounds too vague, let's start by doing small things with great love, such as praying a Hail Mary for those who have gone before us who have no one to pray for them.

Blessings!



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

January 19	Week 30	YTD
Collection	\$10,643	\$372,984
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$364,919

Repairs & Maintenance - \$5,105

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Capital Campaign Update

Our Capital Campaign is winding down. Thank you to those of you who have made a gift/pledge. We are very grateful for your support of this campaign! Our goal was \$1,000,000 and as of January 21st, we have \$1,018,045 in gifts/pledges from 188 families/individuals. Of the total amount pledged, we have collected \$503,086.

This has allowed us to complete 4 projects: the replacement of the church air conditioning; painting of the religious sisters' residence; and replacement of the Nursery roof and School roof. The remainder of campaign funds will be used for: the parking lot rehabilitation; repairs to the roof of the Church; repair of plaster damage in the Church due to roof issues; the installation of new energy-efficient windows in the Nursery, sacristy and choir room; a new confessional for the Church; improvements to the women's restroom in the lower church; and a restricted reserve fund for future repair projects.

We have more than 2,000 registered families who have not yet made a pledge. We ask that you consider that this campaign should not be supported only by a very small number of people, but instead by a very large majority since it benefits everyone. Therefore, we ask you to prayerfully consider a pledge. To do so, visit our website: www.olschurch.com or use one of the commitment forms found in the pews of the church. Thank you for your support and prayers for our campaign!

Candle Blessing

Next Sunday (February 2nd) is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

This feast celebrates the occasion when Mary brought the infant Jesus to the Temple and presented him to the people. Simeon recognized Jesus as the Light of the world, saying, "He is a light to reveal God to the nations." Therefore, the feast is also called Candlemas, meaning the Feast of Light.

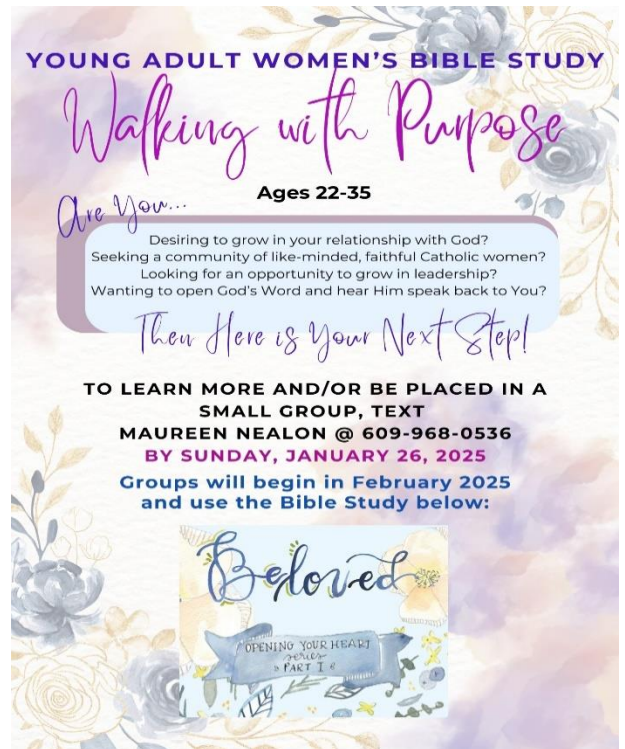


You are invited to bring your own candles from home to one of the Sunday Masses next weekend to be blessed in celebration of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

Bible Study Opportunity for Young Women

If you are a young woman between the ages of 22 and 35 who is looking for fellowship and ways to grow in your prayer life, then we invite you to attend *Walking with Purpose*. Please see details in flyer.

Small groups begin in February. To learn more or be placed in a group, please text Maureen Nealon at (609) 968-0536



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KofC California Wildfires Collection Update

Our Knights of Columbus *Regina Pacis* Council #4066 is grateful for your generosity to their California Wildfires Relief Fund. Thanks to you they were able to collect \$2,021 in cash donations. All proceeds are given to the KofC California State Council to provide direct emergency supplies and grants of up to \$4,000 to families who have lost their homes. If you missed our Knights last weekend, you can still donate online at:
www.njkoqc.com/disaster-relief

Please include Council Name: Regina Pacis and Council Number: 4066 with your online donations.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week kicks-off today! Our 10am Mass is dedicated to our school and will be followed by Bagels, Coffee and Donuts and an Open House at the school. Come over to the gym to grab a bagel and learn more about our wonderful school!



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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Our Lady of Sorrows School K-2 Preview

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

registration@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org



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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.



Masses For The Week



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

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

7:00 AM Maria Filomena Amparo-Sevilla
12:00 PM Dolores Ritota

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Kowimbany Jorel-Oliver Ambouroué

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

7:00 AM Philomena Isekenegbe & All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Emmet Harrigan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

8:30 AM Shirlee Needles
12:00 PM Francesco DiSalvo

VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

5:30 PM James L. Murphy

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan & Salvante Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Christie Pascual and Lucas Soto Pascual – Special Intention

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



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Women's Retreat

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Noon until 4pm

We will begin our day with noon Mass in the Upper Church



featuring 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 by: US News and World Report, New York Magazine, Castle & Connolly Top Doctors, Catholic New York and has been featured in a number of TV documentaries. Recently retired as Chairman of Newborn Medicine & Pediatrics at Harlem Hospital, NYC, and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Columbia University, Dr. Marron-Corwin serves as a Trustee at St. Philomena's Parish, Livingston. 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.

Please RSVP by Sunday, February 16
to Melanie Chambers at
mchambers97@comcast.net
or scan this code with your phone

Admission is \$20 at the door





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-K3 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



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