



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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February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

"I know what I am doing." "I've done that, been there." "Who do you think you are bossing me around?" "I'm the expert, you aren't." These lines don't convey a sense of humility, openness or kindness on the part of the speaker. Unfortunately, they reflect the attitude of today's secular culture. Today's society tends to impart a false sense of independence, which says confidence is about proving our competence more than acknowledging our God-given dignity and talents. As members of the Church, perhaps one of our jobs is to teach others what the right way to be confident looks like!

Imagine this was Simon Peter's attitude toward Jesus. Peter knew how to fish. He knew how to read the sky, the weather, and the tides that would significantly impact how the fishing would go for the day. After working so hard all night and having caught nothing, he knew it was time to go home and hope for better opportunities. Pay attention though to what he says to Jesus: "But at your command, I will lower the nets." The rest of the story is magnificent because he was made the first pope despite his weaknesses, the Gospel spread worldwide, and the Holy Papacy instituted by Christ continues with the apostolic succession handed down to today's pope, Holy Father Pope Francis. At the end of his life, Simon Peter knew to give his life to Christ the way Christ gave His life for him. The first "yes" at the shore was completed with the final "yes" to Christ's final call for Peter to glorify his Master by dying on the cross upside down.

How Peter's story unfolds the rest of his life truly begins with his humility. Instead of having to be the one with the last word, he gave Christ a space to lead him to the greater calling of becoming a fisher of men. Every Christian must live out this story of Peter. Why? Not only are we called to cast the net of faith despite any fear, but also because our obedience to God's plan will transform us. Just like Peter, whatever we do daily can be a means through which Christ intends to transform our path for the greater glory of our heavenly Father.

What are small and big ways to have Christ lead the way this week? Instead of telling Him I know what I am doing, why not try to add a few more words at the end: I think I know what I am doing, but you know everything better. This week, may we all do just what Peter did: give Christ a space in our hearts to tell us what to do. If we do that, we'll see our lives changing. Bankers will become treasurers of treasures in heaven. Teachers will become representatives of Christ, the teacher of eternal truth. Nurses will become the hands of Christ, the divine physician, and the healer of broken bodies and hearts. Business owners will become like faithful servants in the Gospel, with ten talents who multiply them and glorify the Master.

Remember this if giving Christ the authority to say the last word feels too hard: there is only one BOSS with a capital B. He is Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God.

Blessings!



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>February 2</u>	<u>Week 32</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$11,815	\$394,910
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$387,247

Candles \$618

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Jubilee 2025

As you have probably heard by now, Pope Francis has declared the year 2025 to be a Jubilee year. Christian Jubilee years trace their origin to the Old Testament. The Law of Moses prescribed a special year for the Jewish people (Lev 25:10-14). The trumpet with which this particular year was announced was a goat's horn called Yobel in Hebrew, which is the origin of the word "jubilee." In the Old Testament, the celebration of a jubilee year included the restitution of land to the original owners, the remission of debts, the liberation of slaves, and "rest" for the land, which was left fallow. In the New Testament, Jesus presents Himself as the One who brings the old Jubilee to completion, because He has come to "preach the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk 4:18-19; see also Is 61:1-2).

In the Roman Catholic tradition, a Holy Year or Jubilee is a great religious event, held roughly every 25 years, for the forgiveness of sins and the punishment due to sin. The Christian Jubilee tradition began with Pope Boniface VIII in 1300. Since that time, the Church has celebrated 26 ordinary and three extraordinary Jubilee Years. A Jubilee is a year of personal conversion, reconciliation between adversaries, and a time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consequently, it is a time of solidarity, hope, justice, and commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters. The theme for the Year of Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope."

OLS will include more info about the Jubilee Year in subsequent bulletins. For now, we ask you to save the dates of March 24, 25, and 26.

Jubilee 2025 Cont'd

To help us celebrate this Jubilee Year (and get ready for Easter!) we will have a Parish Mission led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

"For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1) - Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit 1 ("Hope does not disappoint")



Our Lady of Lourdes Pray for Us!

On February 11th we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Each year over 2 million people make their way through the mountainous country of southeastern France to Lourdes. They come seeking cures, hoping to find answers, believing, and praying. We may never travel to Lourdes and join in the processions, but we can know always that we have a Mother to help us and lead us to her Son, Jesus. And so we pray to her:

*Grant us, O merciful God,
protection in
our weakness,
that we, who keep the
Memorial of the
Immaculate Mother of God,
may, with the help of her
intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.*



*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.*

- Adapted from www.loyolapress.com

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Reminder: Rosary Society Meeting

The Rosary Society's first meeting of 2025 will be this Wednesday, February 12th at 7pm in St. Joseph Hall. All are welcome to attend!



"If you say the Holy Rosary every day, with a spirit of faith and love, our Lady will make sure she leads you very far along her Son's path."

- St. Josemaria Escriva

Verso Cristo Game Night!

Join Verso Cristo Young Adults for their first event of 2025: **Game Night!**

It will be an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition on Friday, February 21st at 7pm at St. Philomena's in Livingston.

Verso Cristo (to/toward Christ) is a network of area parishes committed to building a foundation of faith, friendship and discipleship for young adults between the ages of 20 and 35. For more information, DM us on Instagram @versocristo or email Stephanie Sonnicks at olschurchministries@gmail.com

Presented by Verso Cristo

Game Night!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 7 PM
for Young Adults ages 21-35

Hosted by
St. Philomena
Roman Catholic
Church

386 S Livingston Ave
Livingston Nj 07039

Please check our
instagram
for any updates
@versocristo

Refreshments
will be provided

Event will take place at Saint Joseph Hall
Please Park in the rear of the parking

"Dear young people, the Church depends on you! She needs your lively faith, your creative charity and the energy of your hope. Your presence renews, rejuvenates and gives new energy to the Church." – Pope Benedict XVI



VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

5:30 PM Mary DiPrenda

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Juan Rego
 11:30 AM Julius Sea

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

7:00 AM Edward Silliere
 12:00 PM Adele De Esteban

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

7:00 AM Oshogwe Family &
 All Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 AM School Mass
 12:00 PM Bertha Sabater de Sánchez –
 16th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

7:00 AM Gisele Jean-Charles –
 Special Intention
 12:00 PM James Greydanus –
 Special Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

7:00 AM Janice Callahan
 12:00 PM Robert Greydanus

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

7:00 AM People of the Parish
 12:00 PM Angela Buch – 44th Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

8:30 AM Kathy Kelleher
 12:00 PM Anna Cupper

VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

5:30 PM James Sullivan – 10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:00 AM All Rosarians, Living & Deceased
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:30 AM Joseph Casagrande & Family

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.

This week's Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Kay Kendrick Lugar requested by an OLS School Family. If you would like to do so, please call the parish office for more information.



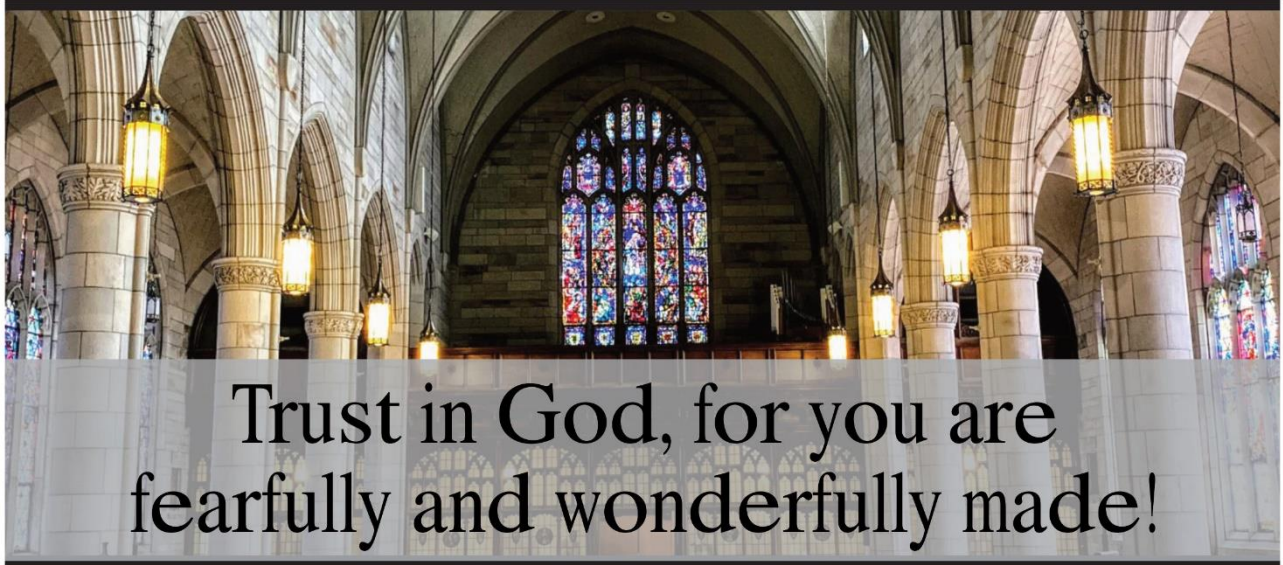
REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Kathi Thiemer, Mary Jane Waldron, 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
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or scan this code with your phone

Admission is \$20 at the door





Surrender Yourself to the Eucharist

Men's Lenten Day of Recollection

Saturday, March 8, 2025

9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center* - Mendham, NJ

Presenter: Rev. Patrick Seo, Newark Archdiocese Director of Priestly Vocations

Cost: \$50.00

All men over 18 are invited to participate

Program

- **Mass at 9:00**
- **Continental Breakfast**
- **Presentations by Fr. Patrick**
- **Private Reflection / Opportunity for Confession**
- **Hot Lunch**
- **Recitation of Rosary and Benediction**
- **Closing prayer at 3:00**

RSVP to Len Mrozak: (908) 872-4968 or lmrozak@aol.com

*The Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center is located on the grounds of The Sisters of Christian Charity Mallinckrodt Convent in Mendham: sccus.org

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