



# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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**MASSES:** *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 16, 2025**

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

One of the mottos of Alcoholics Anonymous is, "Let go and let God." That often means putting God in the driver's seat. And God is a good driver. He takes us to incredible places we never would have thought to go on our own, but only when we place all our hope and trust in Him. When is the last time you said, "Lord, you lead. I'll follow?"

In our first reading this Sunday, the prophet Jeremiah tells us: "*Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD.*" We hear a lot about blessedness (that is, beatitude or happiness) in the Gospel this Sunday. Blessedness comes in large part from trusting and hoping in the Lord.

I love the story of Pope St. John XXIII. Clearly at times he would have felt the weight of the Church on his shoulders. It would have been natural for him to get anxious and to worry. But at night he would go into his private chapel to speak to Our Lord about the needs of the Church throughout the world. And he would always finish by saying, "Lord it's your Church. I've done what I can. I'm going to bed!"

We sometimes need to do the same thing, entrusting ourselves to God's Providence, His will, and His plan for us. Of course, growing in holiness and following the path God has laid before us doesn't mean that we live in a continual mystical union with God. It doesn't mean that we won't feel abandoned at times. It doesn't mean that we won't be occasionally pestered by doubts. But it does mean that at those moments when we most clearly feel God's absence, when we're paralyzed by our doubts, when anxiety is getting the better of us, we nevertheless entrust ourselves to Him, we abandon ourselves to Him, and we say, "Jesus, I trust in you."

And, again, that isn't to say that we'll experience an emotional high by just saying those words, though it does mean that we'll have united ourselves to Jesus in a very profound way. When we unite ourselves to Jesus in this way, we make an incredible act of faith, a heroic act of faith, one worthy of the great saints.

There's real power in letting go of the frustration of trying to figure everything out. When we let go of all our anxieties and doubt, when we entrust everything to Christ, in effect we are saying, "God, You are in control. Lead me and I will follow. I trust You."

Each day when we wake up, we should surrender ourselves to God, offering up our day to Him as a living sacrifice, and asking Him what His will for us is that day. When we abandon ourselves to God in this way, what we're saying to Him is this:

- Lord, even though I don't always feel it, I trust that you love me.
- Even though I can't always understand it, I trust in your mercy.
- Even though I don't always experience it, I trust in your providence.
- Even though I don't always see it, I trust in your goodness.
- Even though I don't always hear you, I trust that you are speaking to me.
- Even though I don't always sense your presence, I trust that you are with me.
- Even though I don't always see you at work in my life, I trust that you are in charge. And that is enough for me.

If we entrust ourselves to God with this mindset, we'll experience blessedness, beatitude, happiness. I guarantee it. Better yet, God guarantees it.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF  
OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>February 9</b>	<b>Week 33</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Collection	\$12,175	\$407,085
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$401,411

Assessment \$2,072

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

**Jubilee of Hope Indulgence**

During the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will have numerous opportunities to obtain a plenary indulgence, which is the remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, offered by the Church through the merits of Jesus Christ. Indulgences can be applied not only to oneself, but also the souls in Purgatory. Aside from performing one of the acts necessary to obtain the Jubilee Year of Hope indulgence, the faithful Christian must also follow these conditions:



- Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.
- Have sacramentally confessed their sins 20 days before or after receiving the indulgence.
- Receive the Holy Eucharist.
- Pray for the intentions of the pope. This can usually be done by praying one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

The following are a few of the specific acts which would allow one to obtain the Jubilee Year indulgence:

- Pilgrimages: Visit Rome, the Holy Land, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., or any one of the 4 designated churches in the Archdiocese of Newark:
  - Essex County: Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark
  - Bergen County: St. Pius X, Old Tappan
  - Hudson County: St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York
  - Union County: St. Helen, Westfield

- The Sick and the Confined: The faithful who are truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various pilgrimages and pious visits for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, but also the elderly, the sick, prisoners, and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any approved form, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

- Acts of Mercy: The faithful are encouraged to carry out works of charity more frequently. They should rediscover these corporal works of mercy: to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead and rediscover the spiritual works of mercy: to counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish sinners, comfort the afflicted, forgive offences, bear patiently those who do us ill, and pray for the living and the dead. In this way, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people).

- Acts of Penance: The Indulgence is also linked to certain works of penance: abstaining at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real or virtual); abstaining from superfluous consumption (for example by fasting); donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; supporting works in support of the protection of human life in all its phases; supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely, elderly people, or migrants from various countries; dedicating a portion of time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community.

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### A Letter from Cardinal Tobin

Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read ***We Are His Witnesses***, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read ***We Are His Witnesses*** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world:

[rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/](http://rcan.org/we-are-his-witnesses/)

### Lenten Men's Retreat

Gentlemen of OLS, please consider attending our Lenten Day of Recollection sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm at Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center in Mendham.

The theme is *Surrender Yourself to the Eucharist*; Fr. Patrick Seo is the guest presenter.

To learn more, contact Len Mrozak at (908) 872-4968 or [lmrozak@aol.com](mailto:lmrozak@aol.com)



### ***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](mailto: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: [scus.org](http://scus.org)

[Knights of Columbus, Regina Pacis Council #4066](http://Knights of Columbus, Regina Pacis Council #4066)





**VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025**

5:30 PM James Sullivan – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025**

7:00 AM Rush Limbaugh – 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
12:00 PM Mary Ellen Rustum

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

7:00 AM George Blair  
12:00 PM Cheryl Kasye – Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

7:00 AM Ernestine Holmok  
12:00 PM The Brutofsky Family

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

7:00 AM Elizabeth Polaski  
12:00 PM Jacqueline D’Amico

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025**

7:00 AM Janice Callahan  
12:00 PM Bernard Nathanson –  
14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

8:30 AM Maria Filomena Sevilla  
12:00 PM Rafaela F. Sánchez

**VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**

5:30 PM Maria Delos Reyes

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Antonio and Margherita Pizzillo and  
all Deceased Family Members  
11:30 AM Phyllis C. Van Dyke

**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 or 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, Kathi Thiemer, Mary Jane Waldron, Stephanie Windsor



## February Event Reminders!

First up is Verso Cristo's **Game Night!** on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm at St. Philomena's in Livingston. It will be an evening of fun and friendly competition. For more information, DM us on Instagram @versocristo or email Stephanie Sonnick at [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com)

Next on the February events docket is our **Women's Retreat** on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from Noon until 4pm in the Upper Church. You do not want to miss this opportunity to grow in faith and cultivate a spiritual sisterhood with your fellow parishioners. To register, scan the QR code in the flyer or email Melanie Chambers at [mchambers97@comcast.net](mailto:mchambers97@comcast.net)

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

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Please check our  
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for any updates  
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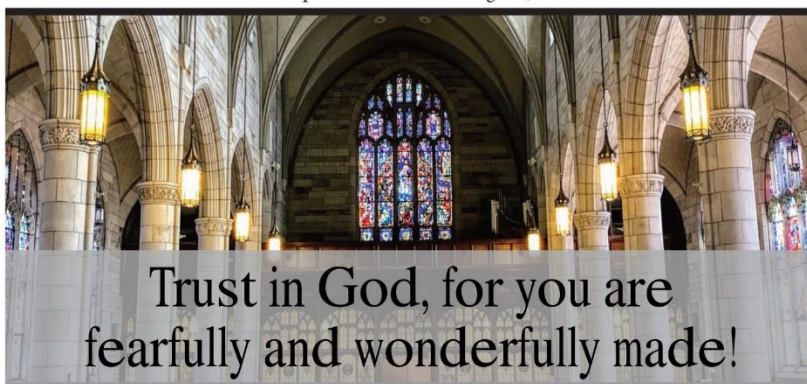
Refreshments  
will be provided

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



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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](mailto:mchambers97@comcast.net)  
or scan this code with your phone  
Admission is \$20 at the door



***Christian community is the place where we keep the flame of hope alive among us and take it seriously so that it can grow and become stronger in us. — Henri Nouwen***

Mark Your Calendars - And please join us for:



Our Lady of Sorrows  
**Saint Patrick's Day Dinner**

March 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium

Bring the family for a night of fun and enjoy  
Corned 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** 

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*Yes, we want to share in some Irish Cheer on March 15, 2025*

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  
an invoice from Square Deposit

Pay by Credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$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 10<sup>th</sup>**  
to:

Marli Craig  
560 Summit Avenue  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

or you can drop them off at  
the parish office

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