



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 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

I have always had an interest in the United States military, especially fighter jets and all manner of advanced weapons. My interest in the military extends to different units as well. One of the world's most impressive is the U.S. Navy special forces – i.e. the Navy SEAL. “The only easy day was yesterday” and “Uncompromising integrity is my standard” are some of their most famous quotes. Both accurately represent the values and strength of the unit. They'll never give up giving their best efforts in every mission so that you and I can live in peace and freedom.

Today's Gospel continues the Gospel we heard last Sunday about Christ's teachings of the Beatitudes. Last week, Christ taught us about true blessedness. He says those truly blessed are those who are poor (whose only wealth is God) and those who hunger for righteousness despite the persecutions. Today, He teaches us how to live out the Beatitudes. And though this might sound counter-intuitive, so are the ways He teaches us to do so.

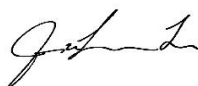
If the two quotes I shared above are two famous quotes representing who the SEALs are, today's Gospel is filled with quotes representing who we are called to be as Christians: “*Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.*”; “*Pray for those who mistreat you.*”; and “*To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well.*” How do these teachings of Christ make us feel? If our initial reaction was something like, is Christ teaching us to become fools? The answer is yes.

Christ is telling us to embrace our call to become fools in the eyes of the world. What seems to be foolish in the eyes of the world is often seen as wise in God's eyes. Isn't that what the paradox of the crucifixion of our Lord teaches us? If we, just like those who do not believe in God, are kind and charitable only to those who treat us well, what distinguishes us as disciples?

The Navy SEALs' spirit as distinguished warriors derives from their willingness to embrace dangers and sufferings on behalf of our nation and their fellow troops sharing the foxhole. We are Christ's soldiers. Of course, we do not fight through force or advanced weapons. We are called to fight the darkness of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth with a Christlike heart of forgiveness, generosity, and charity.

Do we want to be highly distinguished soldiers of Christ? Then, let's learn something from the SEALs. Let's think about what uncompromised integrity for Christians looks like. Two of the most significant examples would be being merciful to others just as our heavenly Father is merciful and loving one another as Christ has loved us. It's not easy. That's why we must stay near to the Lord, who alone provides us with the grace to walk the path of discipleship. But if we are faithful in our mission, we will meet the Lord who is waiting - as He says in today's Gospel – to reward us with gifts that are overflowing.

Blessings!



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

February 16	Week 34	YTD
Collection	\$9,797	\$416,882
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$413,575

2nd Collection: Repairs/Maintenance \$7,625

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Bagels and Coffee and Donuts...TODAY!



Join us in St. Joseph Hall for Bagels and Coffee and Donuts after the 10:00 and 11:30am Masses.

Nursery Spaces Open!

Our exemplary nursery has openings available in each of the age groups from infants to toddlers. Full or part-time care is available. For more information, please visit www.thenurseryatols.org or contact Nursery Director Karlene Snipe at (973) 763-4040 or director@olsnursery.com.

Don't delay as space is limited!

The Nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows

ENROLL TODAY

Infants (6wks - 12mths)
Waddler(12 mths -24mths)
Toddlers (24 mths- 36 mths)
Full Time & Part Time Available!

Monday -Friday 7:30am-5:30pm
Tours are Available!

- Morning & Afternoon Snack Provided
- Experience Baby & Toddler Curriculum
- Music & Movement Classes
- Camera in Each Room
- First Aid & CPR Trained Teachers
- Free Parking
- Yoga Classes

CONTACT US TODAY
director@olsnursery.com
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Apply to Our Lady of Sorrows School!

Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are seeking an education for your child rooted in Catholic culture and values, look no farther than next to our church! Our Lady of Sorrows School is where family and faith are nurtured and grow. For more information, call the school (973) 762-5169 or visit: www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/registration-and-tuition

Our Lady of Sorrows School
The Catholic School of South Orange and Maplewood

Enrolling now for PreK through 8th grade

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In Other OLS School News...

We want to congratulate the OLS School's Student Council on their successful Pretzel Sale! They made \$265 through sales and donations, which will be matched by an anonymous donor and given to the World Central Kitchen to support first responders and those displaced by the Los Angeles wildfires.

THANK YOU!

Our Lady of Sorrows School's Student Council raised \$265 from their recent Pretzel Sale! They are thankful for the student body's support through sales and donations.

An anonymous donor will be matching the amount, bringing the total to \$530. This will be donated to the World Central Kitchen, which helps to provide meals to first responders and individuals displaced by the LA wildfires.

Meet Our Staff

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Jubilee 2025 Corner



This weekend in Rome is the Jubilee of Deacons honoring all permanent deacons and their families and friends.

Festivities include a pilgrimage to the Holy Door, a Vocation Vigil, and finally the celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica.

While we cannot be there in person, let us offer a prayer for OLS Deacons Walter and Steven and invoke the protection and guidance of St. Stephen, the patron saint of deacons.

Lenten Men's Retreat

Gentlemen of OLS, register today for the Lenten Day of Recollection sponsored by our Knights of Columbus on Saturday, March 8th 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



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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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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

7:00 AM Robert E. Cushing
 12:00 PM Daniel Graf

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

7:00 AM Eric Jean-Charles – Special Intention
 12:00 PM Msgr. James Cafone –
 10th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

7:00 AM Fr. Emmanuel Agu –
 Special Intention
 12:00 PM Lori Vazquez

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025

7:00 AM William Cody Sr.
 12:00 PM Dorothy Paoli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

7:00 AM Thomas E. Rohan
 12:00 PM Tais O'Dwyer

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

8:30 AM Agnes Blair
 12:00 PM Fran McConlogue-Hand

VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan & Salvante Families
 10:00 AM James Collins
 11:30 AM Vincent Perrino

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.

This week's candle is for the special intention of the Audain Serrette Family.



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



Join us for a

MARDI GRAS!

Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, March 2nd
after the 10:00 and 11:30am Masses
in St. Joseph Hall**

*Breakfast itself is free, however donations are
requested to sponsor a seminarian's studies at
Immaculate Conception Seminary*



**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
Regina Pacis Council 4066**

Mark Your Calendars - And please join us for:



Our Lady of Sorrows
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

March 15th 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** 

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 10th**
to:

Marli Craig
560 Summit Avenue
Maplewood, NJ 07040

or you can drop them off at
the parish office

Questions, Call Marli at:
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email her at:
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