



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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March 2nd, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

At Mass this Sunday, we'll hear portions of Psalm 92, including the line, *"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High."* Indeed, in our daily prayers we should render thanks to God for the countless blessings that He showers upon us. Everything that we have (apart from our sins) comes from the provident hand of God.

In addition to thanking God every day for the many blessings that He has given me, I also thank Him for this wonderful parish of OLS. All of you have made this such a strong and vibrant parish where God's presence is so clearly felt. I give thanks and praise to the Lord for that!

One way that you have brought so much to this parish is through your participation in our Capital Campaign. I'm happy to report that 196 families have now pledged \$1,037,095 to this campaign and we have collected \$556,920.23 of that pledged amount. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

I now must call upon your generosity again in support of the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. This annual collection funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission. It supports the efforts of the Archdiocese in proclaiming the Gospel, of passing on the faith to future generations, and of caring for the poor and those on the margins. While we do an awful lot in those areas here at OLS, there are many other programs and ministries in which we are not directly involved but which we are nevertheless called to support that are funded through the Annual Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$85,107. If we meet our goal in funds collected by June 30th, our parish will receive a rebate in the amount of approximately \$18,000.

Please support the Annual Appeal by returning the mailing you have already received, by using one of the envelopes in the pews of the church, or by going here: <https://rcan.org/sharing/>.

I also encourage you to watch the Annual Appeal video. This year's video heavily features our church and school, as well as Daisy, our rectory dog! We are delighted that the Archdiocese chose OLS to be featured on this year's video. Check it out here: youtu.be/kCMU005_Uug. This photo is a snapshot from the video.



As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, we are invited to deepen our life of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (charity). One way to practice almsgiving is by supporting our parish and our Archdiocese in its mission of proclaiming Christ. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that *"a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good."* Thank you for the goodness in your heart!

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This Lent, we are offering a Parish Mission, which will be conducted by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) on March 24, 25, and 26. Believe me, it is not easy to book this religious congregation to give talks, missions, etc. since they are very much "in demand." Please be sure to take advantage of this incredible opportunity to grow closer to Christ this Lent by attending our Parish Mission. See elsewhere in this bulletin for further information about the Mission and our other Lenten offerings. And don't forget to register for our St. Patrick's Day Party!

Wishing you a blessed and holy Lent,

Fr. Brian

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

| February 23 | Week 35 | YTD |
|--------------------|----------------|------------|
| Collection | \$15,106 | \$431,988 |
| Budgeted | \$12,164 | \$425,739 |

Food Pantry - \$585

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Pancake Breakfast Reminder!

Join us in St. Joseph Hall today (March 2) after the 10:00am and 11:30am Masses for a Mardi Gras – themed Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Knights of Columbus Council. Bring your appetite; they'll supply the rest.

Breakfast itself is free, however, the Knights are requesting donations to sponsor a seminarian's studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Their last breakfast was absolutely delicious so you definitely do not want to miss this one!



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MARDI GRAS!
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, March 2nd
after the 10:00 and 11:30am Masses
in St. Joseph Hall

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



Lenten Men's Retreat

On another Knights' related note, if you have not already done so, please register today for their Men's Lenten Day of Recollection 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 register, 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: scus.org

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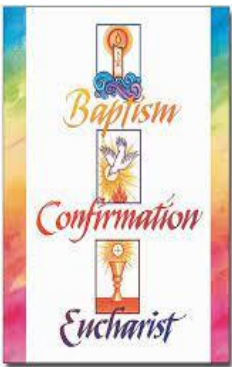


Meet Our Staff

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Welcome to the Family!

A new member was initiated into our Christian



Community last Sunday:
Rose Kathryn Hurley.
We congratulate Rose's
parents and godparents.

If you desire to come into
the fullness of Faith in the
Catholic Church, please
call Sr. Mary Selina at
(973) 763-5454.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our parish Lenten mission "*Renew our Hope!*" presented by the Franciscan Friars of The Renewal (www.franciscanfriars.com) kicks off on the weekend of March 22-23. The Friars will be preaching at all Masses that weekend. For the following 3 nights they will present a different theme on hope and healing. Come for 1 or all 3 evenings. Though *you do not need to register to attend*, it would be helpful to let us know that you will be there. And by registering, you will be entered to win a free copy of the Friars' popular spiritual book *Habits for Holiness*. You can register by scanning the QR code below. If you have any questions, please reach out to Stephanie Sonnick at olschurchministries@gmail.com



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

LENTEN MISSION:

"Renew our Hope!"

March 24th-27th, 2025

Monday, March 24th **"Finding Hope Amidst Chaos":**
Opening Talk and Adoration
7:00pm in the Upper Church

Tuesday, March 25th **"The Hope That Frees Us!":**
Talk, Adoration, and Confessions
7:00pm in the Upper Church

Wednesday, March 26th **"Hope That Brings Us Healing":**
Closing Talk and Eucharistic Healing Service
7:00pm in the Upper Church



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Scan here for the
webpage and to let us
know you're coming!

Masses For The Week



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

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

7:00 AM Joan Coakley
 12:00 PM Irma T. McDonnell

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

7:00 AM Ernestine Holmok and
 Jessie McNamara
 12:00 PM Bernadette Ezuduemoih –
 Special Intention and
 All Souls in Purgatory

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

7:00 AM Barbara Speight
 9:30 AM School Mass
 12:00 PM John Anthony Miele
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

7:00 AM Maria Milagros Centeno
 12:00 PM Jim McDonnell

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

7:00 AM Lori Yanes – Special Intention
 12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

8:30 AM Joan Kirk
 12:00 PM Guillermo R. Sánchez

VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM James Edward McShane
 11:30 AM Silano Family

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass schedule for Wednesday, March 5th:

7:00am; 9:30am
 Our Lady of Sorrows School Mass;
 12:00pm; 7:00pm.

*There will be the distribution of ashes
 at all Masses.*



Of note:

9:30am is our school Mass, which is student-oriented but open to the public.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday beginning March 7th at 7pm in the upper church. On Good Friday, April 18th, we will have Living Stations of the Cross with Choral Meditations at 7:30pm in the upper church.



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



CHECK OUR BULLETIN AND WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

LENT AT OLS

Hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is mercy and fullness of redemption! - Psalm 130

+ Every Day + Holy Mass Monday - Friday: 7:00am and 12:00pm Saturday: 8:30am and 12:00pm Sunday obligation: 5:30pm Saturday Vigil 8:00 am, 10:00am, 11:30am

**Wednesday
March 5th**

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Times:
7:00am
9:30am (School Mass)
12:00 noon
and 7:00pm

**Every Friday
Starting March 7th**

**PRAY THE STATIONS OF
THE CROSS**

7:00pm - 7:45pm
in the Upper Church

No RSVP needed

**Saturday
March 8th**

**MEN'S RETREAT DAY:
Surrender to the Eucharist**

9:00am - 3:00pm
Offsite in Mendham, NJ! Includes
Mass, guest speaker Fr. Patrick
Seo, meals, and silent prayer time.

**RSVP to Len:
Lmrozak@aol.com**

**Friday
March 14th**

**YOUNG ADULT
THEOLOGY ON TAP**
with Dr. Eric Johnston

7:00pm at Saint Philomena
in Livingston, NJ

No RSVPs needed
Questions? Email
olschurchministries@gmail.com

Monday, March 24th - Wednesday, March 27th

**PARISH MISSION: "RENEW OUR HOPE"
WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL**

7:00pm - 9:00pm each evening

Join us for a 3-day parish retreat including Confessions
and Eucharistic Healing. You won't want to miss this!

No RSVPs needed
Questions? Email olschurchministries@gmail.com

+ Palm Sunday + April 13th **PROCESSION WITH PALMS BEFORE 10AM FAMILY MASS (weather permitting)**
Meet in front of Rectory by 9:45am!

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:
(973) 943-0079 or you can
email her at:
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