

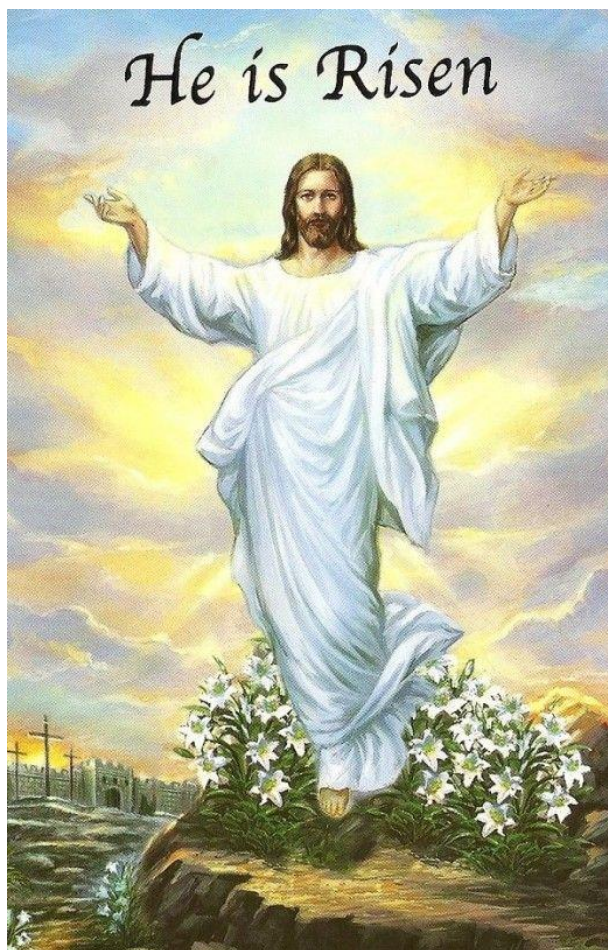


Our Lady of Sorrows

217 PROSPECT STREET, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

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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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April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

A Message from Fr. Brian

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be forever yours!

On behalf of the priests, deacons, religious sisters, and the entire staff of Our Lady of Sorrows, I'm so very happy to say, "Happy Easter!" On this glorious day, we gather together and rejoice in the greatest truth of our Christian faith: the possibility of new life that has been given to us in virtue of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Divine Savior.

We celebrate the fact that the tomb is now empty. The pyramids of Egypt are famous because they contain the mummified bodies of ancient Egyptian kings. Westminster Abbey in London is famous, in part, because in it rests the bodies of English nobles and notables. Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia is famous, because it is the honored resting place of so many outstanding American heroes. But the Garden Tomb of Jesus is famous because...it is empty!

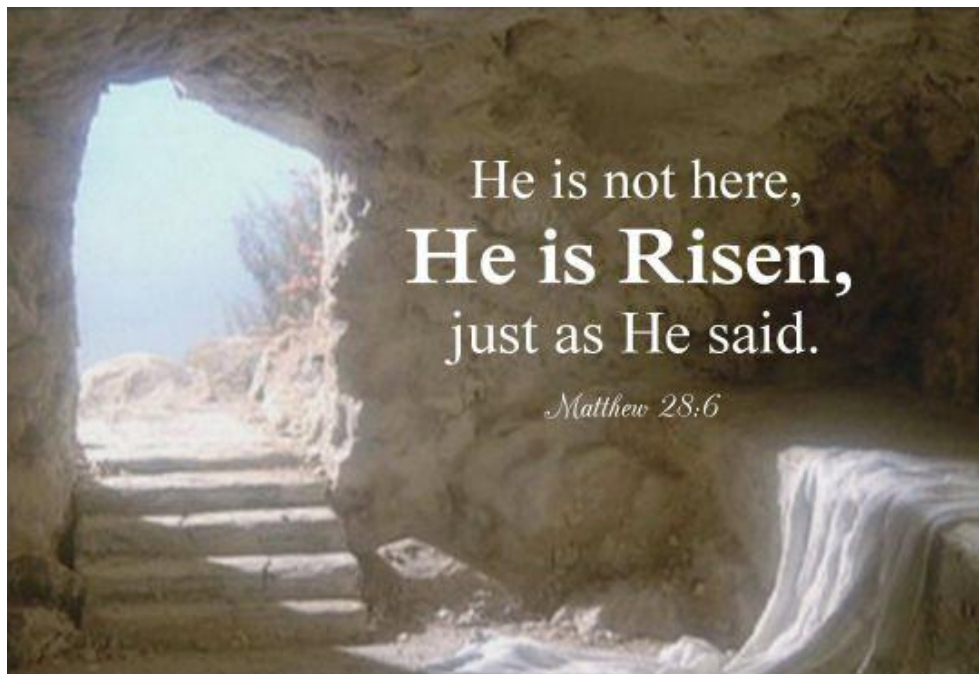
The tomb is empty and because of that our lives should be full. And the Gospel, and the Person of Jesus Christ, need to mean something to us. And not just today, not just at Easter, but every day.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, may our faith – and the every-day practice of our faith – be our first tributes at the empty tomb of Our Risen Lord, and may our lives proclaim the fact that Christ truly lives and that we have chosen to follow Him more faithfully.

A Blessed and Happy Easter to everyone, for Jesus Christ is Risen, Alleluia.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Brian



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the numbers for Palm Sunday and Easter will be reported in next Sunday's bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Courtesy Parking Request

Today only, we kindly ask that you **enter the lot only via Prospect Street** and **exit the lot only via Academy Street**.



This will help to ensure a one-way flow of traffic and prevent a bottleneck at the top of the parking lot, enabling all those coming to Mass to find parking in a timely manner. Thank you for your assistance!

Fun Facts About Easter

"Easter is the most important liturgical time for Catholics. It celebrates Jesus's victory of sin and death and salvation for mankind. It is God's greatest act of love to redeem mankind." – **USCCB**

It's important to remember that Easter isn't over at 11:59pm on Sunday: it's a season that lasts for 50 days! Here are a few interesting things to know about Easter sourced from ChurchPOP (www.churchpop.com):

1. The liturgical season of Easter is the second-longest season on the Church calendar. The longest is Ordinary Time.
2. The word 'Easter' comes from Old English, meaning simply the 'East.' The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth, and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world.
3. The feast of Christ's Ascension into Heaven falls on the 40th day of Easter.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (665-667): *"Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11)..."*

4. We celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on the second Sunday of Easter. Jesus expressed His desire for a feast celebrating his mercy and told Sr. Faustina that it was to be the Sunday after Easter.

5. The period of Easter Sunday until Divine Mercy Sunday is called the Octave of Easter. This is the first phase of the Easter season and an extension of the Easter celebration. Eastertide is considered the period of time after the octave of Easter.

Support our Music Ministry

Speaking of octaves...What would our Christmas and Eastertides be without our Music Ministry? All year, but especially at Christmas and Easter, we are reminded of how blessed OLS is to have our magnificent choirs. They are truly exceptional and elevate our worship to a celestial level.

If you would like to support this ministry, donations are gratefully accepted; they are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music as well as instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions. Checks should be made payable to OLS and indicate "Music Ministry" in the memo or notes section. Thank you!



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Request a Mass



A reminder that you can now request Masses online either by scanning the QR code or visiting:

<https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/>

"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass." - St. Padre Pio



2025 Anniversary Blessings



The Archdiocese of Newark will be honoring couples celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of holy matrimony in this Jubilee Year.

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

There will be only **ONE** anniversary liturgy for all couples this year: Sunday, June 1st at 3pm.

If you would like to register for the Mass, please contact Mary Beth Zurat no later than May 5th at (973) 763-5454 ext 209 or marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com

Join Verso Cristo!

Verso Cristo is a network of area parishes committed to building up community and discipleship for young adults between the ages of 20 and 35.

We offer monthly events, service opportunities, and seasonal small group ministries. We are graciously supported by OLS and Saint Philomena in Livingston though open to all young adults from neighboring parishes.

For more information, please reach out to Stephanie Sonnick at (201) 470-2904 or olschurchministries@gmail.com

We'd love to meet you and learn more about how best to serve you!





SOLEMN VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Deceased members of the
 Ezuduemoih Family and All Souls in
 Purgatory
 11:30 AM James DeMeo

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

7:00 AM Frank McLoughlin
 12:00 PM Brandon Codi – Special Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

7:00 AM Joseph Donadio
 12:00 PM Barton Mariss

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

7:00 AM David Greydanus –
 Special Intention
 12:00 PM Briand Eugene and
 All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

7:00 AM Virginia Rohan – Special Intention
 12:00 PM Claudia McDonnell –
 Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

7:00 AM Edward Silliere – 2nd Anniversary
 12:00 PM Robert Greydanus

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

8:30 AM Martin Wallace
 12:00 PM Fr. Yvon Joseph SCS

VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

5:30 PM John F. Crimmins

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Patricia M. Miller
 11:30 AM Msgr. Festus Okafor

Pray for the Departed



Let us remember our deceased loved ones in our prayers. St. Paul of the Cross wrote, *"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."*

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, Kathi Thiemer, Mary Jane
 Waldron, Sr. Mary Jo Ward, Stephanie
 Windsor



OLS FOOD PANTRY

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

If you like to donate food for our pantry, please consider the following list of items most needed. **PLEASE do not donate food in glass jars, expired food, XL sizes, or home-portioned food.**

Thank
you!

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (regular size plastic jars)
- Cereal (low sugar)
- Can Tuna and Chicken
- Rice (1lb bags)
- Beans
- Granola/Protein Bars



**APRIL
SHOWERS**
bring your soap
donations!

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The OLS Food Pantry distributes on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, 8-10am.

MONETARY DONATIONS

If you prefer to make a monetary donation please make checks payable to "OLS Food Pantry" mailed to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect St., South Orange, NJ 07079 or online at www.olschurch.com/parish-giving.

DROP OFF HOURS FOR FOOD DONATIONS

Our Lady of Sorrows Church • 217 Prospect Street

4th St. entrance (lower Church)

Monday-Friday: 9:30am-4:00pm

Church front vestibule

Sat. & Sun.: 8:00am-12:00pm

QUESTIONS OR TO VOLUNTEER:

Email: OLSPantry@gmail.com or call: 973.370.0458



Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families in the South Orange/Maplewood area who are temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



Email OLSSStvincentdepaul@gmail.com if you are in need of assistance.

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.