



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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May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Andrew

When we examine the Gospel closely, we learn that Jesus built the church on the rock of Peter's confession (Matthew 16:18). The original Greek word for the Church in this verse is ἐκκλησία (Ekklesia). The literal meaning of Ekklesia is "called out from." Therefore, to be a member of the Church is to be called and invited personally by Christ out of the world and into a new way of being. Christ calls us, through His Church (Ekklesia), to transform us into Himself, so every member of His Church can live their lives to the fullest: to live the Gospel. Living and bringing the Gospel to the world is the responsibility of the ordained ministers AND every member of the Church, including you.

It's crucial to remember that lay people are not mere recipients of Sacraments, but active contributors to the Church's mission. They play a vital role in bringing Christ's presence to the world through their work, family, and social lives. Their holiness, akin to that of consecrated and ordained individuals, calls them to be witnesses and disciples of Christ. A key part of this role is to be faithful stewards of the vineyard God has entrusted to us, including His Church and our parish communities.

Just like today's culture and society, the dynamics of our Church are experiencing a dramatic shift. Of course, the truth Christ taught us and the dogmas we hold as Christians will never change. Then, what changes? The people. The people forming communities, the number of baptisms and matrimones, the number of those being ordained, the culture of parish communities, etc., are all factors that are subject to change.

In light of these dynamics, the Archdiocese of Newark is embarking on a five-year process called "We Are His Witnesses." This journey involves re-envisioning our understanding of what the parish community should be in the context of our archdiocese's future. This process aims to strengthen parish communities to become more effective instruments of evangelization. Right now, the archdiocese is collecting information and data to understand better where we are in our faith journey as members of the Archdiocese of Newark. With that, they are asking for your input by conducting an archdiocese-wide survey called **The Disciple Maker Index (DMI)**.

The DMI is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish, as well as the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching, and other aspects of the parish. This survey will provide a snapshot of parishioners across the Archdiocese of Newark. This survey is helpful in two ways. First, it helps to identify needs and opportunities to engage and develop parishioners as missionary disciples. Second, it captures a current benchmark so that, in a few years, we can see what effect our evangelization, outreach, and discipleship efforts have had.

So, how do you participate in this survey? Go to this link, which will bring you directly to the survey: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/cy4617>. As the disciples and witnesses of Christ who are called to be faithful stewards of the vineyard, please take time to complete this short survey. YOUR OPINIONS MATTER! We need your thoughts on proceeding with the journey as members of this archdiocese. Please practice your stewardship by offering us your opinions. We are eager to hear your voice!

Blessings!



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>April 20</u>	<u>Week 43</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$8,173	\$537,797
Budgeted	\$7,000	\$517,887

Easter Budget - \$37,000
Easter Collection - \$28,188
Holy Land Collection - \$2,597

<u>April 27</u>	<u>Week 44</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$9,373	\$547,170
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$530,051

2nd Collection
Catholic Home Mission - \$2,432

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Welcome to the Family!

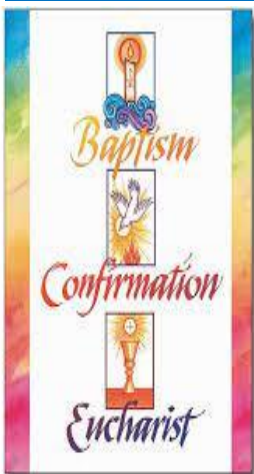


Seven new members were initiated into our Christian Community last Sunday.

They are: Tomas Luca and Mateo Josue Chavez; Emmett Sean Voorman; Gianna Grace Nwaoko; Tessa Elle Marotta-Rivas; Michael James LaMarca; Alina Gladys Isaura Marrero.

We congratulate their parents, godparents, and families.

Does your heart desire something more?



If you feel a movement in your soul to learn more about the Catholic faith or have not received all of your sacraments and desire to return "home" to the Church, please call Sr. Mary Selina at (973) 763-5454.

May Crowning and Rosary Society

Please join the OLS Rosary Society and our parish First Communicants as we honor Our Lady next Sunday, May 11th (Mother's Day) at 10:00am Mass. Bagels, coffee and donuts will be served afterwards.



The Rosary Society provides an opportunity for members of our parish to come together in prayer. Every meeting begins with the recitation of the rosary followed by a brief discussion and light refreshments. Their next meeting is Wednesday, May 14th at 7:00pm in St. Joseph Hall. This month they will be assembling Blessing Bags for the homeless, consisting of toiletries and snacks. All are invited!

Looking ahead, save June 7th for a day trip to Blessed Miriam Teresa's Crypt in Convent Station. Questions? Reach out to Kathy Shelffo at (201) 563-4276

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 7th at (973) 763-5454 ext 209 or marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com

Meet Our Staff

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OLS Cares

A new ministry dedicated to
meeting the emergency and particular needs
of our fellow parishioners

Do you need help with...?

- Support during hospitalizations • Rides to Church for the elderly
- Outreach to the homebound • Help during family crises, etc.

Please reach out via the email below or contact Mary Beth
in the Parish Office to inform us of your/another's needs.

We may be able to help!

Email: cares@olschurch.com

Phone: 973-763-5454 ext. 209 (Mary Beth)

Do you want to help others in the OLS community in times of need?

With your time, your cooking, your treasure, give a ride, etc.?

Join Us!

Contact our team at cares@olschurch.com to join our email list
to receive OLS CARES updates with opportunities to help.

Request a Mass



Reminder: you can request
Masses online 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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration Mondays and
Fridays from 12:30pm – 3:00pm, concluding
with the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by
Benediction. Come spend some quiet time to
glory in the risen Lord.



*"The Christian life
needs to be nourished
by attentive listening to
God's word and, above
all, by the cultivation of
a personal relationship
with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the
privileged "place" for our encounter with God."*

- Pope Francis

Masses For The Week



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

8:00 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan & Salvante Families
10:00 AM Patricia J. Smith – 26th Anniversary
11:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

7:00 AM Patrick Kevin McHugh
12:00 PM David Westra

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

7:00 AM Gerald Dessables & Lola Crispin
12:00 PM All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

7:00 AM Travis and Carolyn White –
Special Intention
12:00 PM Rev. Arul Carasala

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

7:00 AM Wanda Morowski
12:00 PM Joann Copeland and
All Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

7:00 AM Lourdes Macaraig
12:00 PM Eileen Schneider

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

8:30 AM Honora Hahr
12:00 PM Audain Family

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

5:30 PM All Mothers, Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

8:00 AM All Mothers, Living & Deceased
10:00 AM All Mothers, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM All Mothers, Living & Deceased

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, Logan Francis Amon and Tyler Joseph Amon, 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, 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, Katie Smith, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Sullivan, Donna T., Mary Jane Tannen, Kathi Thiemer, Mary Jane Waldron, Sr. Mary Jo Ward, Stephanie Windsor





Our Knights of Columbus will once again be supporting the First Choice Women's Resource Centers through the **Baby Bottle Boomerang** program.

Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 10th and 11th) and remain available in the church vestibule. **Fill bottles with coins, cash or checks** (made payable to First Choice) and **return them by (Father's Day) June 15th** to the crib, which will be setup in the vestibule.



If you would to donate online, please visit 1stchoicefriends.org choose *Give/Give Now* and select *Baby Bottle Boomerang* as the Fund and *Church of Our Lady of Sorrows* as the Sub Fund.

Thanks in large part to your generosity, 867 women chose life for their babies last year. Help us to share the truth and bring hope to young women and teens who find themselves in an unplanned pregnancy.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Our Lady of Sorrows is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ better and thrive!



What is the DMI?

The Disciple Maker Index aka DMI is a 75-question survey overseen by the Catholic Leadership Institute. It is a tool that invites parishioners to reflect on where they are on their journey of discipleship and enables parish leadership to make data-driven decisions to help parishioners grow in their faith. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Our Lady of Sorrows parish community and better prepare us for the future!

Survey Questions Include

- **Attitude and Beliefs** – Stage and pace of spiritual growth, personal beliefs, parish effectiveness in helping people connect with a community and helping them evangelize
- **Participation** – Frequency of parishioners' participation in various parish activities
- **Relationship/Satisfaction** – Parishioners' satisfaction with their parish, pastor and parish activities
- **Demographics** – Gender, age, ethnicity, etc. to understand who is responding

To complete the DMI, visit:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/cy4617> OR
scan the QR Code



Please complete the survey today and continue to pray for this intention as well as for the growth and protection of our parish.