



Our Lady of Sorrows

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My sheep hear my
voice; I know them,
and *they follow me.*

John 10:27



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 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

Do you remember the day of your First Communion? I do and still have the Rosary I received that day as a gift from my parents. I love that Rosary, but I love even more the gift of the Eucharist that I receive every time I celebrate Mass. This weekend, 42 young people of our parish received their First Holy Communion. We pray that they will fall completely in love with Jesus, whom they received for the very first time in the Eucharist, and that they will desire to be fed by Him in Holy Communion every single week at Mass. May every time they receive the Eucharist remind them of their First Communion and how much God loves them.

We thank Jen Noll, our Catechetical Coordinator, and Colleen McDonald, our Administrative Assistant for CCD, for the enormous amount of work that they have put in to help our young children and their families arrive at this point in their journey of faith. We're also very grateful to the CCD catechists and OLS school teachers who helped to prepare our young people to receive this most wondrous sacrament. This past week was our last week of CCD classes before summer. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank our amazing catechists. They give so much of themselves to share the faith with our young students. There's an old expression: "If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to." We thank our catechists for teaching our children to follow Christ. God bless and reward you!

Today is, of course, Mother's Day, when we thank God for the gift of our mothers and all those in our lives who have mothered us in one way or another. Not a day goes by that I don't think about my own mother (the best mother ever!), who returned home to the Lord in 2008. Mothers are a reflection of God's love, and we pray for all mothers today, that they may experience God's blessing not just today, but every day, and that their children will honor and treasure them always and in all ways. God has blessed us not just with an earthly mother, but a Heavenly Mother as well. As He hung upon the Cross, Jesus gave us His Blessed Mother Mary. We should turn to our Blessed Mother every day, placing ourselves under her mantle and seeking her powerful intercession in our lives. At the end of our 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, we will have a May Crowning ceremony. What a wonderful way to show our love and devotion to Mary our Mother.

This Sunday is referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday and it's also *the World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The purpose of this day is to fulfill Jesus' command that we "*Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest.*" We are experiencing a definite shortage of vocations to the priesthood and our prayers are needed now more than ever. We pray especially that a young person from our own parish might respond to God's invitation to work with Him in the harvest. I am so glad that I responded to God's call, and I would not trade my priesthood for anything in the world. I pray that other young men and women may know the joy of experiencing the humbling but great gift of a priestly or religious vocation. This prayer by Pope St. John Paul II is a powerful one: "Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests, and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say 'Yes' to the Lord Who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen."

Blessings in Jesus the Good Shepherd,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 4	Week 45	YTD
Collection	\$14,274	\$561,444
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$542,215

Food Pantry - \$889

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Annual Appeal Update

Time to take our temperature again...and it's running low unfortunately.

If you have not already done so, please make a gift to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. There is no minimum donation amount and so no gift is too small. Your generosity not only supports the Archdiocese's myriad social service programs but our parish ultimately as well. If we collect our goal amount by June 30th, our annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will drop from 18% to 16%. Because we met goal last year, this saved the parish about \$18,000.

To donate, visit rcan.org/sharing or scan the QR code below.


Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We are far behind last year's totals at this point.
If we don't make our goal, it will have
serious consequences for our parish!
Please help us reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 5-5-25:
81

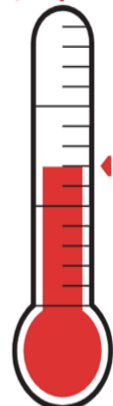
Total # of OLS families:
2322

To make a gift:
<https://rcan.org/sharing/>



We are way behind!

\$85,107



Raised
\$42,114

Baby Bottle Boomerang Reminder!



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.



Happy Mother's Day!

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother. Motherhood is the gift of God to women. How grateful we must be to God for this wonderful gift that brings such joy to the whole world, women and men alike!"
– St. Teresa of Calcutta



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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



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.

Survey Says!

Have you completed the DMI yet? DMI stands for Disciple Maker Index, which is a survey overseen by the Catholic Leadership Institute and 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. Share your perspective now to help strengthen our parish community and better prepare OLS for the future!

To complete the DMI, visit:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/cy4617>

OR

Scan the QR Code



Masses For The Week



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

8:00 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

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

7:00 AM Sr. Helene Foley

12:00 PM Sam Etienne – Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

7:00 AM Anita Bernal-Silva

12:00 PM Mary Ann Rohan – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

7:00 AM Carole E. Greeley

12:00 PM Joannette Gould

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

7:00 AM Lillian Collaco

12:00 PM Sarah Westra

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

7:00 AM Malcolm Lawrie

12:00 PM Nan McManus

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

8:30 AM Cecilia Pawlowski

12:00 PM Aida Gella

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

5:30 PM Mary Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Rose Shoemaker

11:30 AM John McGrath

Request a Mass



Reminder: you can request Masses online by scanning the QR code or visiting:

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

Pray for the Departed



Let us remember those who have passed away recently at OLS: Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Frizzell, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

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.



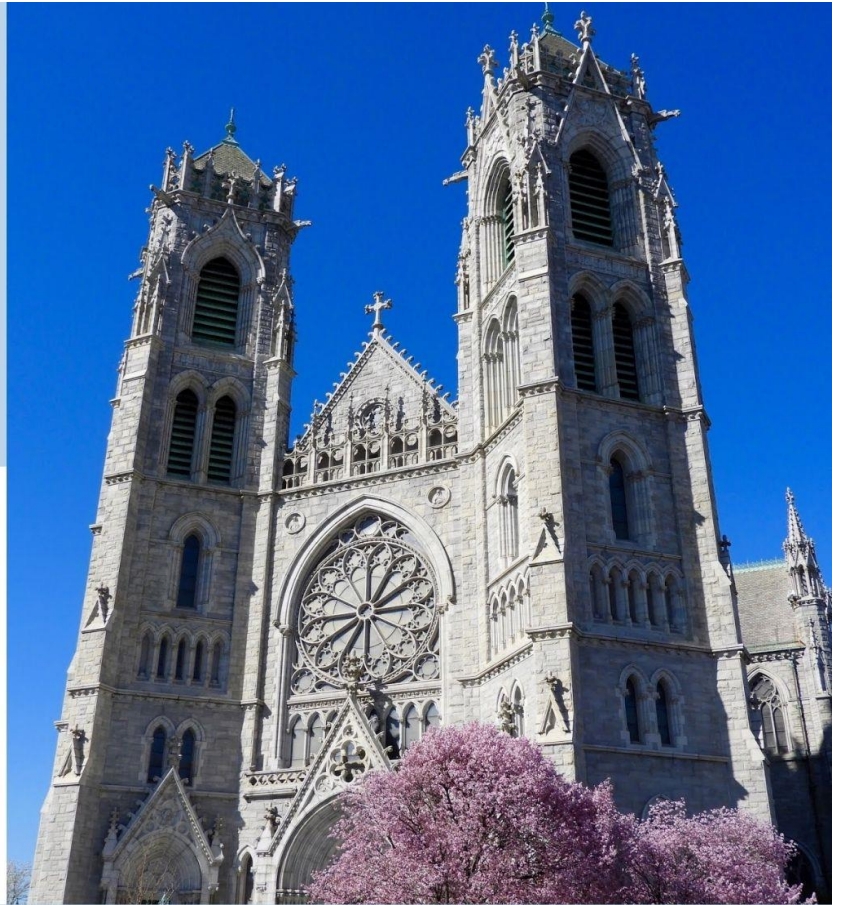
REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill Aber, Logan Francis Amon and Tyler Joseph Amon, Rita Arena, Diana Baseman, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Ellen Bowden, 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



Did You Know? *

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions must be met. If you want to learn more, join us and find out!



Pilgrimage with OLS to the Holy Doors at our Cathedral!

Join us for Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by a guided Tour of the Cathedral, a picnic lunch - and the chance to walk through the Holy Doors and gain the indulgence* for this Year of Jubilee.

Sunday, June 1st
11am - 4pm (includes Mass)

Interested? Send questions/RSVP to OLS Ministry Associate
Stephanie Sonnick at: olschurchministries@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 27th

*Congratulations to Our Lady of Sorrows
First Communicants*

<i>Beau Etienne Auzenne</i>	<i>Josefine Frances Maldonado Heaps</i>
<i>Penelope Jane Bachert</i>	<i>Giovanni Robert Malfitano</i>
<i>Isabel Blanca Catanzaro</i>	<i>Davin Guanlao McCaughey</i>
<i>Lila Mackenzie Cooper</i>	<i>June Louise McGeehin</i>
<i>Scarlett Elizabeth Doyle</i>	<i>Christian Jean-Michel Mompremier</i>
<i>George Chris Ugochukwu Duruji</i>	<i>Carter Shea Gabriella Murillo</i>
<i>Camila Cecilia Fernandez</i>	<i>Waverly James Murphy</i>
<i>Mason Federico Goodrich</i>	<i>Quinn James Murray</i>
<i>Viviana Celeste Henao</i>	<i>Sophia Eilis Nguyen</i>
<i>Noah Hunter Thomas Herndon</i>	<i>Nimaya Elle Magdalene Nwokah</i>
<i>Clare Margaret Hurley</i>	<i>Carter Austin Paul</i>
<i>Micah Savannah Jean</i>	<i>Lia Kaur Sandhu</i>
<i>Elsbeth-Marie Therese Johnston</i>	<i>Bohdan Anthony Sidwa</i>
<i>Thomas James Keenan</i>	<i>Miranda Ruth Sturman</i>
<i>Sabrina Jane Kelly</i>	<i>Julia Ann Swanson-Lowry</i>
<i>Elizabeth Adom Ken-Kwofie</i>	<i>Sailor Grace Ugarow</i>
<i>Olivia Nhriya Ken-Kwofie</i>	<i>Aibhlinn Brynn McGrath Vaccaro</i>
<i>Faith Kissiwaa Theresa Ken-Kwofie</i>	<i>Isabela Zahran Warehime</i>
<i>Julia Langle</i>	<i>Pearson Joseph Watkins</i>
<i>Henley Elizabeth Lantz</i>	<i>Philip James Watkins</i>
<i>Ryan James Loffredo</i>	<i>Greta Louise Wittleder</i>