



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 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Andrew



White smoke emerged from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, signaling that the College of Cardinals, gathered at the Vatican, had elected a new pope. Soon after, the door of the Loggia, the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, opened, and the much-anticipated announcement resonated in St. Peter's Square.

"Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: Habemus Papam! Eminentissimum ac Reverendissimum Dominum, Dominum Robertum Franciscum Sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae Cardinalem Prevost, qui sibi nomen imposuit Leonem XIV."

"We have a pope, who will be called Pope Leo XIV!" As the successor of St. Peter, Pope Leo XIV will serve as the supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church and the spiritual father of all Catholics. Importantly, he is the first pope from the U.S. in the Church's history! So, who is Pope Leo XIV, the 267th pope of our Church?

His birth name is Robert Prevost. Born in Chicago in 1955, Pope Leo joined the novitiate of the Augustinian Order in 1978 with the dream of serving the Lord. He made a solemn vow in 1981 and was sent to Rome for further studies in canon law, where he was ordained a priest at the age of 27. After studying in Rome, he was assigned to Peru as the formation director for Augustinian candidates. His work in Peru included forming candidates, serving as prior of the Augustinian community, teaching canon law and theology, serving as the judicial vicar of the Archdiocese of Trujillo, and serving as a parish priest in a poor suburb. He dedicated himself tirelessly to these roles, remaining faithful to the spirit of obedience.

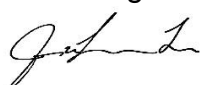
In 1999, he returned to the U.S. and was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of Chicago. Shortly afterward, he was elected prior general of the Augustinian Order. In 2014, Pope Francis appointed him as the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, where he served as the bishop and the head shepherd for eight years.

In 2023, Pope Francis called him back to Rome to serve as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. In that same year, he was elevated to the rank of cardinal. Throughout his time as a cardinal, he served in various dicasteries, providing support during the later years of Pope Francis' papacy. On May 8th, he was elected pope, adopting the name Leo XIV.

As members of the Church, we are entering an exciting time with the arrival of our new pope. However, our enthusiasm should not end there. Holy Father Leo XIV will strive to shepherd the Church, but we are also responsible for loving and respecting him as our spiritual father and keeping him in our sincere prayers. Please join me in this prayer:

"O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant ..., whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides, so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Amen."

Blessings!



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Our bulletin publisher is upgrading their system, which means early bulletin deadlines for the next few weeks. Therefore, we will report numbers one week later than usual.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Habemus Papam...and he's American!



What a thrill it was to see the white smoke billow and watch Pope Leo XIV (formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost from Chicago) emerge from the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. We felt connected to our brothers and sisters in Christ as we waited in

joyful hope for our new "Papa." We all speak different languages and come from different cultures but for this one moment in time, we are one and fluent. The beauty and truth of the Catholic Church that has endured for millennia remains and inspires in us pride and awe.

The echoing sentiment among American Catholics has been, "I never thought we'd have an American pope in my lifetime!" It's humbling to realize that not only will Pope Leo XIV be the first American pope for all Catholics but also the first and last pope for countless Catholics worldwide.



Jubilee of Hope

Though we now have a new earthly Papa, Pope Francis' legacy continues in his designated Jubilee year, and we remain Pilgrims of Hope. In the words of one of his predecessors, Pope John XXIII: ***"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."***



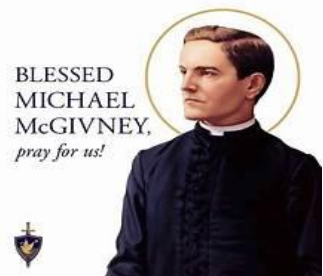
This weekend is the Jubilee of Confraternities. While our Knights of Columbus – a fraternal order – are not technically considered a confraternity according to canon law, we celebrate them nevertheless and thank them for all of the work they do to keep us fed as a parish both spiritually through their charitable works and physically with their pancake breakfasts (more please!).

They are now supporting the Baby Bottle Boomerang. If you have not already done so, please take a baby bottle from the vestibule, fill it with coins, cash, or a check (made payable to First Choice Women's Resource Center) and return it to the crib in the vestibule by Father's Day (6/15).

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney who was beatified in October 2020 by Pope Francis.

At his Mass for Beatification, Pope Francis stated that Blessed Michael McGivney's *"zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."*

BLESSED
MICHAEL
McGIVNEY,
pray for us!



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Survey Says!



Have you completed the DMI yet? DMI stands for Disciple Maker Index - a tool inviting 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



Verso Cristo News

Verso Cristo Young Adults is planning a mini pilgrimage on Saturday, May 31st to the shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini – “Mother Cabrini” – whose life story was recently featured in the 2024 biographical drama *Cabrini*. See flyer for details. To RSVP, or if you have any questions, email Priscilla Castro at priscillacastro@lourdeswestorange.org

Verso Cristo Young Adults AGES 21-35

DAY TRIP TO THE SHRINE OF MOTHER CABRINI

IN NORTHERN NYC ON SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

JOIN US!

8:30am: Morning Mass at OLS South Orange, then walk to train into NYC & take subway to the Shrine!

11am-5pm: Time at the Shrine (includes tour of the Shrine, quiet time for prayer, Mass, museum, and more!)

5-7:30pm: Transport back with time for dinner together

Email Priscilla C. to RSVP by May 26th:
priscillacastro@lourdeswestorange.org

**“God has done it all:
I have only been a spectator of God’s work.”**
— St. Frances X. Cabrini
American Saint and servant of immigrants

Saint of the Week

This week the Church honors another beloved Italian saint: St. Rita of Cascia. May 22nd is her optional memorial.

St. Rita, recognized for her faith and perseverance in the face of trials and suffering, is known as the patron saint of impossible causes. If there is an issue or circumstance in your life that seems insurmountable, turn to St. Rita!



Masses For The Week



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

8:00 PM Mary Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Rose Shoemaker

11:30 AM John McGrath

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

7:00 AM Juan Rego

12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee – Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

7:00 AM Edward Silliere

9:30 AM OLS School Mass

12:00 PM Adan Hernandez

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

7:00 AM Grace Antonio Badiola and
All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Nicole Joseph

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025

7:00 AM Steven J. Gilheany

12:00 PM Manuel Trujillo

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

7:00 AM Thomas Shannon

12:00 PM Christine MacMillan –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

8:30 AM Immanuel and Aloysius
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and All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Josephine Clemens

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

5:30 PM Mary Sullivan

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:00 AM Patrick Joseph McHugh

10:00 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

11:30 AM People of the Parish

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.



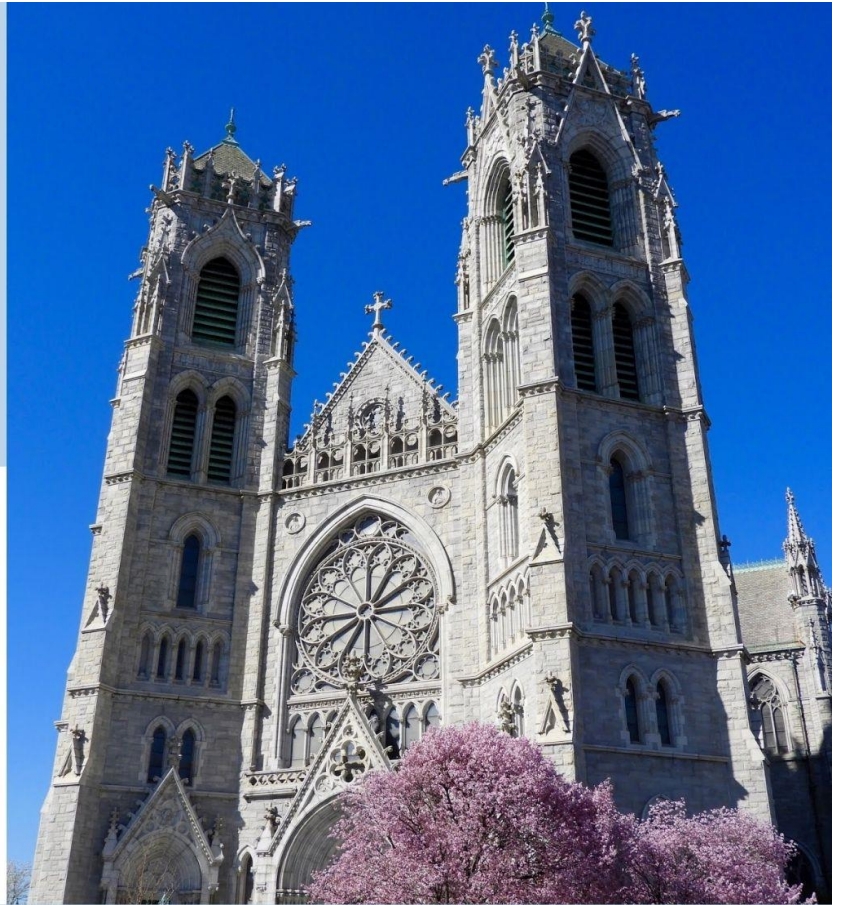
REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill Aber, Logan Francis Amon and Tyler Joseph Amon, Rita Arena, Diana Baseman, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Ellen Bowden, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Cynthia Critelli, Mark F. Davonski, Michael Elliot, 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*

*Beau Etienne Auzenne
Penelope Jane Bachert
Isabel Blanca Catanzaro
Lila Mackenzie Cooper
Scarlett Elizabeth Doyle
George Chris Ugochukwu Duruji
Camila Cecilia Fernandez
Mason Federico Goodrich
Viviana Celeste Henao
Noah Hunter Thomas Herndon
Clare Margaret Hurley
Micah Savannah Jean
Elsbeth-Marie Therese Johnston
Thomas James Keenan
Sabrina Jane Kelly
Elizabeth Adom Ken-Kwofie
Olivia Nhriya Ken-Kwofie
Faith Kissiwaa Theresa Ken-Kwofie
Julia Langle
Henley Elizabeth Lantz
Ryan James Loffredo*

*Josefine Frances Maldonado Heaps
Giovanni Robert Malfitano
Davin Guanlao McCaughey
June Louise McGeehin
Christian Jean-Michel Mompremier
Carter Shea Gabriella Murillo
Waverly James Murphy
Quinn James Murray
Sophia Eilis Nguyen
Nimaya Elle Magdalene Nwokah
Carter Austin Paul
Lia Kaur Sandhu
Bohdan Anthony Sidwa
Miranda Ruth Sturman
Julia Ann Swanson-Lowry
Sailor Grace Ugarow
Aibhlinn Brynn McGrath Vaccaro
Isabela Zahran Warehime
Pearson Joseph Watkins
Philip James Watkins
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