



# *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 25, 2025**

***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

This Sunday's Psalm response is, *"O God, let all the nations praise you!"* When Pope Leo XIV was elected, it seemed as though the near universal response throughout the world was one of great jubilation, as we praised God for calling Pope Leo (an American!) to be the next successor of St. Peter.

Pope Leo has ignited a wave of goodwill and hope throughout the Church and indeed the world, as we see in him a man of humility, goodness, kindness, holiness, great intellect, administrative skill, and so many other wonderful human qualities. It is my own hope that Pope Leo will, more than anything else, bring unity to our fractured and divided world and Church. I suspect that he is uniquely qualified to bring us closer to the realization of the dream that Jesus had, when He prayed at the Last Supper, *"that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."* (John 17:21)

One of the things that would help to unite us as a Church would be for each of us to see ourselves as indispensable members of the Church who understand that union and communion within the Church is Jesus' desire for us and that such union is a hallmark of our being members of the Church. Pope Leo was (is) a member of the Augustinian religious order. Not long before his election, the former Cardinal Prevost (who chose – much to my delight! – the name Leo) was asked, "How does the figure of St. Augustine help you in your daily life?"

The future Pope responded in this way: "When I think of St. Augustine, his vision and understanding of what it means to belong to the Church, one of the first things that springs to mind is what he says about how you cannot say you are a follower of Christ without being part of the Church. Christ is part of the Church. He is the head. So people who think they can follow Christ 'in their own way' without being part of the body, are, unfortunately, living a distortion of what is really an authentic experience. St. Augustine's teachings touch every part of life and help us to live in communion. Unity and communion are essential charisms of the life of the Order and a fundamental part of understanding what the Church is and what it means to be in it."

One of the components of being a part of the Church therefore is to see ourselves as united to one another, especially in the virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Though it is (by far!) my least favorite part of being a pastor, I must once again call upon one of those virtues in particular: your charity, your goodness, your generosity. As you know by now, the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal is well underway and our participation in this Appeal is in many ways a demonstration of our knowledge that to be a part of the Church means to support not just our local parish, but the Church's wider mission as well, especially in the local church of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Annual Appeal 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. Without the Annual Appeal, our mission as a Church would be hindered to a degree that none of us would wish to contemplate.



To those who have made a gift to this year's Annual Appeal, thank you! While we have made our parish goal for four years in a row (after many years of not making our goal) we are FAR, FAR behind in making our goal this year, which is \$85,107. If (when!) we make our goal, we will receive a 2% reduction in the rate of assessments we owe to the Archdiocese. 2% may not seem like a lot, but by making our goal it actually saves the parish about \$18,000, which is an enormous help to us. But we need to make our goal (in funds collected, not just pledged) by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not made a gift to the Appeal, there is still time and you may do this by scanning the QR code or visiting: <https://rcan.org/sharing/>. Your gift, if made and received by June 30<sup>th</sup>, will aid both the Archdiocese of Newark and our beloved parish of OLS. Please take to heart the words of Pope Leo, seeing yourselves as an important part of the Church, which carries with it both great blessings as well as great responsibilities. Once again, thank you for your generosity to the Appeal and to our wonderful parish!



Continued Easter Blessings,

*Fr. Brian*

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### **Mass Schedule This Week**

All active priests of the Archdiocese of Newark must attend a Convocation from May 26-29. This means that the priests of OLS will be unavailable for pastoral appointments or calls on those days. It also means that our daily Mass schedule for these days is altered. Please note that we will have only one daily Mass, as follows:

- *Monday, May 26 Memorial Day: 9:00am **ONLY***
- *Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday May 27-29: 12:00 Noon Mass **ONLY**  
(no 7:00am Mass)*

We are very grateful to Msgr. Jack Doran (former pastor of OLS) who will not be attending the priest Convocation and has therefore made himself available to celebrate the Noon Masses on May 27-29. Thank you, Msgr. Doran! Also, please say a prayer for all the priests of the Archdiocese (especially the OLS priests!), that the Convocation will be a fruitful experience for all of them.



## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<b>May 11</b>	<b>Week 46</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Collection	\$14,385	\$575,829
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$554,379

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Repairs & Maintenance**  
\$2,747

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### **Congratulations to Our Confirmandi!**



On Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the 5:30pm Vigil Mass, 41 teens from our Youth Group will be confirmed, receiving the final sacrament of Christian Initiation.

It is then that they will receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom; Understanding; Counsel; Fortitude; Knowledge; Piety; Fear (awe/reverence) of the Lord.

Let us pray that they always remain close to God and allow His grace to work in their lives and manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit.



### **Jubilee News**

May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> is the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly. As disciples we are called to welcome those of all ages into our pews, regardless of how disruptive some of them might be at times. 😊

It can take A LOT of effort to get small children to Mass and even more to keep a toddler silenced and attentive for an entire hour. Therefore it is our responsibility as brothers and sisters to welcome them, encourage their parents, and offer up our own momentary irritation and distraction for the greater good of ensuring that they continue to bring their children to Mass and remain committed to raising them in the Faith.

At those times when you feel especially frustrated by a crying baby or whining child, we ask you to remember Matthew 19:14: ***“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”***



### **Jubilee Pilgrimage Reminder**

**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](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 27th

Join us for a pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark next Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

To RSVP or for more information, contact

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### Meet Our Staff

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### Happy Memorial Day!



Please note that our office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

### Summer Hours

Our parish office will be closed on Fridays during the summer, beginning Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and ending Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.



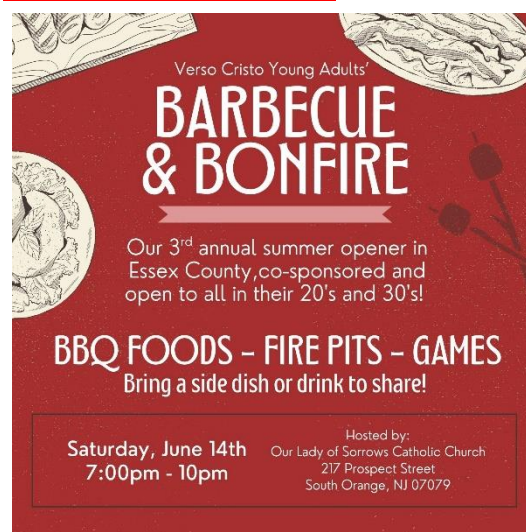
### Verso Cristo Corner

Verso Cristo Young Adults (ages 21-35) has three exciting and spiritually enriching events coming up:

#### #1: Mother Cabrini Shrine Visit - 5/31



#### #2: BBQ & Bonfire! – 6/14



#### #3: Luncheon - 6/1 and First Sundays



Every first Sunday of the month, young adults are welcome to join us at a local parishioner's apartment for lunch!

We gather in the back of the church after 11:30am Mass and walk over together. Our next lunch will be on *Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>*. For more information, email Stephanie at [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com)

## Masses For The Week



### VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

8:00 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

### MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

9:00 AM Kashia Francois -  
Special Intention

### TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

12:00 PM People of the Parish

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

12:00 PM People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

12:00 PM People of the Parish

### FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

7:00 AM John Cupper

12:00 PM Robert Antinozzi –  
Special Intention

### SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

8:30 AM Joseph Preston

12:00 PM Jacques Franz Jean-Charles  
and All Souls in Purgatory

### VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

5:30 PM People of the Parish  
OLS Confirmation

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and  
Salvante Families

10:00 AM Susan Santoliquido  
– 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:30 AM Joseph and Ellie Rusignola



### Pray for the Deceased

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



*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  
Greta Hadley Wittleder*