

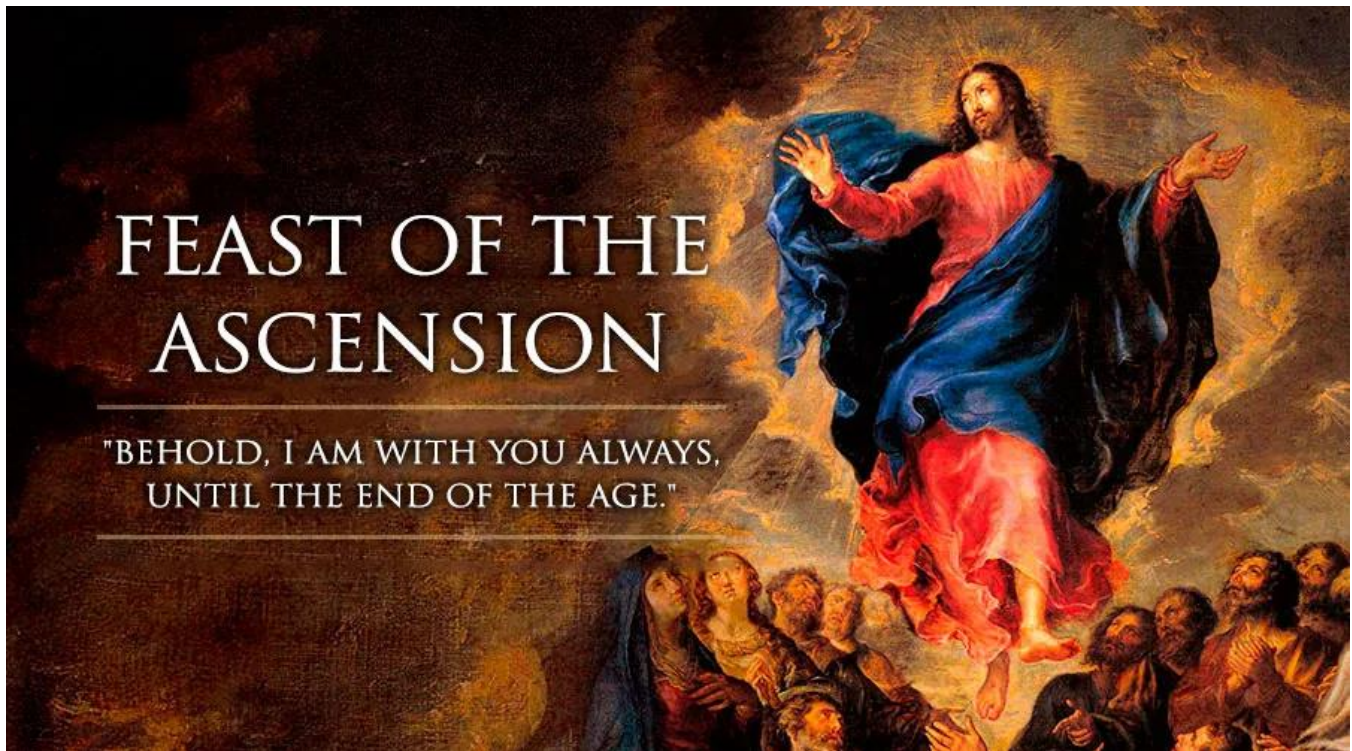


Our Lady of Sorrows

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

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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June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Through the Resurrection, Christ revealed to us that not only are we to share the same nature with our God, who is now both God and Man, but also the glory of His Resurrection. What a great wonder of love! God not only saves but also glorifies us. In God's unity with humanity in Jesus Christ, His Good Friday became the complete ransom for our sins, a moment of profound relief. His Easter Sunday became the seal of our resurrection, and His Ascension became the source of our glory and the final blow against the netherworld that had so wished our destruction.

But let's reflect on what has brought us to this day of great joy - our journey. It took us the forty days of Lent, the forty days of Easter. However, long before that, it took the forty days and nights of rain during the time of the great flood in Genesis, forty days and nights of Moses on Mt. Sinai, forty years of the chosen people's arduous journey through the desert, and forty days of Jesus in the desert praying and fasting. All those forty days lead to today's celebration, the Ascension, because the events in the Old Testament point to the fulfillments to come in the New Testament. Why forty? The number forty in Sacred Scripture is linked to the concept of a complete period that leads to the transition to a new time. It also denotes the period of trial and testing or waiting for the transition into a better future.

What does this tell us? Today shouldn't just be a day of celebration, but a day of reflection. The fact that this glorious day is linked with the number forty should further lead us to conclude that our glory, our spiritual fulfillment and joy in God, comes after the perseverance of trials and testing times that lead us to completion. What are the forty days and forty nights, or perhaps, forty years we are in? Yes, times of trials are difficult, but, just as God brought us to glorification through the darkness of Good Friday, what if the darkest hours we are in are the means through which God is willing to glorify you and me?

The disciples were still in trial when Christ rose from the dead. They thought they had given up everything to follow the one who claimed to be the Messiah, only to be disappointed. They doubted and were scattered. Yet, Christ was with them all along. He was with them in Emmaus to break the bread, in Galilee to share a breakfast, and in Jerusalem to move the rock that shut Thomas' heart, a tomb before he finally believed in Christ's resurrection.

Friends, our lives aren't too different from those of the early disciples. We doubt, we forget, we wander and feel lost. However, let's remember that we should find joy in our lostness. In it, our Lord will hint to us our glory, reminding us that His coming, dying, and rising weren't just for the first-century Christians, but for all of us, the Christians of the 21st century. May this day grant us hope and consolation in our time of desolation in the desert, and become the seal of our Lord's promise, just like it did for the first disciples, who felt lost even after the Resurrection, leading up to the Ascension.

Blessings!



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 18	Week 47	YTD
Collection	\$13,513	\$589,342
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$566,543

Food Pantry - \$811

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Wear Red Next Sunday!



On Pentecost Sunday, we wear red! Why you might ask?

*“Heinrich Stieglitz wrote about this liturgical color in his 1923 book *The**

Church Year, explaining its symbolism: Red is a warmer and stronger color than white. It glows like fire and signifies heavenly love. The Holy Spirit is Divine Love. He came from heaven in the form of fiery tongues. The hearts of the Apostles burned with holy love.”

- Taken from Aleteia.org



“The color red is used on Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion and on Friday of Holy Week (Good Friday), on Pentecost Sunday, on celebrations of the Lord’s Passion, on the “birthday” feast days of Apostles and Evangelists, and on celebrations of Martyr Saints.” – From Catholic Answers – www.catholic.com

Weekly Appeal for the Annual Appeal

In Fr. Brian’s bulletin column last week, he thanked those who have already contributed to this year’s Annual Appeal and stated our need for greater participation to meet our goal of \$85,107.

Unfortunately, we are **VERY** far behind especially in comparison to where we were at this time last year. Simply put, we really need your help. As you know, if we make our goal (in funds collected, NOT pledged), we receive a 2% reduction in the rate of assessments we owe the Archdiocese. 2% might sound small, but I assure you it would be a significant loss for us – about \$18,000. The Annual Appeal deadline is June 30th, which means that as of today, we have only 30 days. My friends, in the words of 80s Swedish rock band Europe, *It’s the final countdown*. Time is of the essence!

We’ll let you in on a little parish office secret: we often jokingly refer to ourselves as “Our Lady of The Last Second” because sometimes it feels like it’s nothing and then everything all at once at the 11th hour. Ultimately though, it does get done through, no doubt, the intercession of Our Lady regardless of her title.

We realize that this ask is coming on the heels of our Capital Campaign and appreciate the unique financial position it puts you in with regard to responding to our request. In years prior, the Archdiocese exempted from the Annual Appeal those parishes that had just completed a capital campaign. Unfortunately for all of us, that is no longer the case.

Therefore, we implore you (perhaps not so humbly), to make a donation of ANY amount that is feasible for you. There is no minimum amount for which we are grateful. We ask “Our Lady of The Last Second” to intercede on our behalf and inspire in you a generous heart and desire to help.

To do so, please scan the QR Code or visit <https://rcan.org/sharing/>



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Summer Hours Reminder



Our parish office will be closed on Fridays during the summer, beginning this coming Friday, June 6th and

ending Friday, August 29th.

Remember To Go To Mass!



As you travel and find rest for yourself this summer, don't forget your Sunday Mass obligation.

Go to masstimes.org to find a church near your vacation spot.

Verso Cristo Corner



Join Verso Cristo Young Adults for lunch TODAY! (6/1) after the 11:30 Mass. Look for the Verso Cristo Crew in the vestibule after Mass to walk to the venue.

Every first Sunday of the month, young adults (ages 21-35) are welcome to join us at a local parishioner's apartment for lunch. We gather in the back of the church after the 11:30am Mass and walk over together. For more information, email Stephanie:

olschurchministries@gmail.com

Verso Cristo's next event will be a BBQ and Bonfire on Saturday, June 14th. See the flyer below for details. Contact Stephanie with any questions.

Verso Cristo Young Adults'
**BARBECUE
& BONFIRE**

Our 3rd annual summer opener in Essex County, co-sponsored and open to all in their 20's and 30's!

BBQ FOODS - FIRE PITs - GAMES
Bring a side dish or drink to share!

Saturday, June 14th
7:00pm - 10pm

Hosted by:
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
217 Prospect Street
South Orange, NJ 07079



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
– 18th Anniversary
11:30 AM Joseph and Ellie Rusignola

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

7:00 AM Andrew Wolf
12:00 PM Rob and Joan Pascual –
Special Intention

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

7:00 AM Eduardo Perlas
12:00 PM Michael J. Pascuite

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

7:00 AM William Holmok
12:00 PM Enrique M. Bolivar –
33rd Anniversary

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

7:00 AM Tessie Tiong-Ablan
9:30 AM School Baccalaureate Mass
12:00 PM Joseph Narduzzi

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

7:00 AM Joseph Lyons
12:00 PM Balfria Calderon

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

8:30 AM Jaime Forero
12:00 PM John Robertson Sr.

VIGIL SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

5:30 PM Ellen Schiavone

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

8:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih &
Family – Special Intention
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Dennis M. Wasdyke

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 or for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please call the parish office for more information.

This week's candle is in memory of Michael J. Pascuite, requested by the Buttros Family.



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., Frank Gilbreth, 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, Quentin Tiemeyer, Mary Jane Waldron, Sr. Mary Jo Ward, Stephanie Windsor



The Nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows

ENROLL TODAY

Infants (6wks - 12mths)
Waddler(12 mths -24mths)
Toddlers (24 mths- 36 mths)
Full Time & Part Time Available!

Monday -Friday 7:30am-5:30pm
Tours are Available!

- Morning & Afternoon
Snack Provided
- Experience Baby &
Toddler Curriculum
- Music & Movement Classes
- Camera in Each Room
- First Aid & CPR Trained
Teachers
- Free Parking
- Yoga Classes



CONTACT US TODAY

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Please join us for our

2nd Annual Eucharistic Procession

immediately following the 11:30am Mass on
the Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 22nd

All are welcome!

(Bring your family, children, and friends)

Light reception to follow.

**Questions? Contact Peter Morin
at morinpete@gmail.com**

Why a procession?

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. A eucharistic procession is a public witness of our veneration toward the holy Eucharist conducted through public streets. Please join us for this special moment of worship with your OLS family as we join in this sacred tradition!