



# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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*They all ate and were satisfied.*

*Luke 9:17*

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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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**June 22, 2025**

***Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ***

## *A Message from Fr. Andrew*

Is the Eucharist the body of Christ? YES. In it, the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ are fully and truly present. But is the Eucharist the only presence of Christ here on earth? No. Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi*, taught that the Church is the mystical Body of Christ. How? Because we are one united body under our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head; we are the members of that body, empowered with different gifts and charisms, rendering us as fitting servants, functioning as various organs and parts of that one body. That's why Jesus asks Paul before the conversion, "Why do you persecute me?" (Acts 9:4), because He identifies Himself with His Church.

According to Pius XII, our Head, Jesus Christ, nourishes that mystical body, the Church, with the Eucharistic gift of Himself. Furthermore, he explains that in the Holy Eucharist, "we are strengthened at the same banquet and, by a divine, ineffable bond, are united with each other and with the Divine Head of the whole Body" (Paragraph 19). We can summarize these powerful teachings in today terms with the phrase, *we are what we eat*. The Eucharist is the living presence of our Lord, and when we consume Him in the Eucharist, we are united with Him and with each other as members of the body of the Church.

The gift of the Eucharist urges us to do more than appreciate this great gift and privilege. It should inspire us to become stewards of the church, as people empowered with various charisms and gifts, so that His Kingdom may come. One way we can all embark on that journey is by uniting ourselves with the efforts of our parish and the diocese. Our diocese is taking the initiative called "We Are His Witnesses." As people of that One Body, the Church, let us focus on the words of our bishop, Cardinal Tobin, in his letter on the last page of the bulletin.

Blessings!



Join us today after the 11:30am Mass as we walk with Jesus in adoration and give witness to His true presence in the Eucharist. Light reception to follow in St. Joseph Hall.

*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](mailto: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!

*The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven...The Eucharist is the highway to heaven.*

- **Blessed Carlo Acutis**



## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

June 15	Week 51	YTD
Collection	\$10,674	\$642,308
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$615,199

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### Annual Appeal Update



We did it!...*well almost*. We made our goal in funds pledged but not collected. To receive a 2% reduction in the rate of assessments we owe the Archdiocese (a savings of about \$18k) **the goal must be met in funds received**. The deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are only \$5,000 short of our goal.

A huge thank you if you have already paid your pledge in full. If you have not, but are in a position to, we hope you will consider doing so within the next week. It would be a tremendous help to us.

If you have not contributed to the Annual Appeal yet and are able to make a gift in full - *of any amount* - before June 30<sup>th</sup>, please scan below or visit <https://rcan.org/sharing/>



**"Give and gifts will be given to you."**  
Luke 6:38

### A Brief History of Corpus Christi

Courtesy of EWTN.com



The Catholic Church honors Christ's Presence in the Holy Eucharist with a special feast owing to St. Juliana of Liège, a 13th-century Norbertine canoness from Belgium.

She had a great love for the Eucharist. When she was 16, she had a vision in which the Church was a full moon with a dark spot. The dark spot signified that the Church was missing a feast dedicated solely to the Body and Blood of Christ.

Even though she had this vision several times, St. Juliana didn't think that she could do anything to help institute this feast. Therefore, she kept it a secret for many years. Once she was elected prioress, she finally told her confessor, who in turn told the bishop. This eventually led to the Universal Feast of Corpus Christi.

### Baby Bottle Boomerang Due Date

Our Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Boomerang to support First Choice Women's Resource Centers has been extended. The new deadline is now next Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. You still have time to fill a bottle with cash or check(s). Bottles should be returned to the crib in the vestibule.

Your generosity enables First Choice to assist women in crisis pregnancies to choose life for their babies. Thank you for your generosity!



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 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) and remain available in the church vestibule. Fill bottles with coins, cash or checks (made payable to First Choice Women's Resource Center) and return them by June 15<sup>th</sup> (Father's Day) to the crib, which will be set up in the vestibule.

If you would like to donate online, please visit [1stchoicefriends.org](https://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.



### Meet Our Staff

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### Planning Ahead



Have you begun the estate planning process? We hope that you will consider a bequest to OLS. Legacy gifts enable our parish to continue

to thrive and minister to generations of future parishioners. Reach out to the parish office for more information: (973) 763-5454

### Request a Mass



We now have an easier way for you to request Masses.

**Scan the QR code**  
**Or visit**

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

### Join Verso Cristo



Are you between the ages of 21 and 35 and looking to connect with other people of faith?

Verso (to/toward) Cristo (Christ) is a network of area parishes committed to building a foundation of faith, friendship and discipleship for young adults. Events include luncheons, game nights, BBQs, pilgrimages and so much more!

For more information, DM us on Instagram @versocristo or email Stephanie Sonnick at [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com)



### St. Vincent DePaul Society



St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, as well as in our greater South Orange/Maplewood communities, on a confidential basis.

If you know of someone in need of financial assistance, or if you would like to make a donation, please contact our parish office (973) 763-5454 or email:

[OLSSStvincentdepaul@gmail.com](mailto:OLSSStvincentdepaul@gmail.com)

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*  
**Matthew 25:40**

## Masses For The Week



### VIGIL, SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

5:30 PM The Kirk Family

### SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

8:00 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Chap. Col. John Krozser

### MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025

7:00 AM Pina J. Moore

12:00 PM Georgina Aguilar Santos

### TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

7:00 AM Luz Larrea

12:00 PM Robert Van Nattan III

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

7:00 AM Tyler Bixler

12:00 PM Elaine Marlowe –  
42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

### THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

7:00 AM Janet Morales

12:00 PM Stephen Anthony Schmits

### FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

7:00 AM Kim Herbert

12:00 PM Paul Walter

### SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

8:30 AM Sr. Mary Selina –  
Special Intention

12:00 PM Fr. Yvon Joseph CSC

### VIGIL SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

5:30 PM Jola Nowacka and Family –  
Special Intention

### SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Charles Chambers

11:30 AM Lenore M. Antinozzi



### 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 or 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, 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, 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





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Our parish has purchased a **Formed.org** subscription to give parishioners access to a wealth of content about Catholic teaching, spirituality, and saints. Please

If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup)
2. When prompted, sign up as a parishioner
3. Select your parish (using our ZIP Code – 07079 – is easiest)
4. Register with your name and email
5. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.



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June 8, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The peace of Christ our Redeemer be with you.

I write to you today as a witness to your deep faith, your love for the Church, and the vibrant diversity that makes our Archdiocese a sign of hope.

Yet, the realities we face as a Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark are both urgent and undeniable: parish membership, Mass attendance, and sacramental participation have declined. The number of priests to serve as pastors is decreasing. And still, the population of our region continues to grow, offering new and fertile ground for evangelization.

I believe the Holy Spirit is inviting us to something new.

Today, I am announcing an archdiocesan initiative called **We Are His Witnesses**. This is not simply another program. It is a journey of renewal—one that asks each of us to discern, with courage, humility and faith where God is leading us.

Together, we will reflect on three essential questions:

1. **Where are we now?**
2. **Where is God calling us?**
3. **How will we get there together?**

This effort will focus on how we evangelize, care for one another in our parishes, and ensure our parishes are strong and sustainable for the future. This process calls for an honest evaluation of current practices and structures. Some ministries will be renewed; some parish alignments may change. Over time, mergers or closures will be necessary. These conversations and decisions will not always be easy, but as members of one body—the Church – we will support one another throughout this journey.

To guide this effort, I have asked Bishop Michael Saporito and an Archdiocesan Planning Commission to collaborate with pastors and parish leaders across our four counties. But the success of this initiative depends on each one of us. I want to hear from you.

We have already begun by listening through a survey called the Disciples Maker Index —and we will continue listening in the months ahead. I invite you to be part of this journey. Learn more at **WeAreHisWitnesses.org**, where you'll find a brief video message from me and updates on our progress.

My friends, we are not alone. We are His witnesses—called to proclaim the joy of the Gospel in a world that needs it more than ever. I ask you to join me in this sacred work. Let us walk forward in faith, guided by the Spirit, and united in hope.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,  
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.  
Archbishop of Newark

