



# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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**MASSES:** *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am 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 29, 2025**

***Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles***

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

Greetings from the rectory! I've been home from the hospital for 2 weeks now, recovering from the 2 heart attacks I suffered on June 4th. From the depth of my heart

(which is growing stronger every day 😊), I want to renew my sincere and profound thanks to all of you for your many expressions of care and concern for my welfare. Your cards, emails, text messages, phone calls, and especially your prayers have helped me so much in my recovery and I am eternally grateful to you. I am awaiting direction from my doctors as to when I can resume full-time ministry. Please know, though, that even if I have been physically absent, I have been spiritually present to you, praying for your intentions every day. And please know how much I love all of you!

I also wish to thank Fr. Andrew for picking up the ball during my absence. He has done so in such a joyful and admirable way. Plus, he's gaining valuable pastoral experience in the process! I also take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parish staff for the way they have ensured that our parish has continued to thrive during my absence. Well done!

Thank you as well to the other priests who have helped with Masses and have thus allowed me to take this time to recover and heal. One of those priests, Fr. Dominic Ciriaco, has lived "in residence" at the rectory for the past year. On July 1st he will move to the seminary at Seton Hall University. Fr. Dominic has worked on the faculty at the seminary for the past year and it was decided by him, the seminary, and the Archdiocese that it would make more sense for him now to live at the place where he works. His presence will be missed in the rectory as well as in the parish, where he celebrated many Masses over the past year. We ask God's blessing upon Fr. Dominic and we thank him for his service to OLS.

Allow me to thank you for another blessing - the fact that we surpassed our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal goal! Because we did so, the parish will save about \$18,000 in assessments that we owe to the Archdiocese. Your generosity to the parish always astounds me and makes me so happy and proud to be a part of this wonderful parish community.

I humbly ask that you continue your generosity by supporting the parish throughout the summer, including while you're away on summer vacation. And please don't forget to attend Sunday Mass while you're traveling. God NEVER takes a vacation from us and we should NEVER take a vacation from Him!

Now for a word about the great Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul which we celebrate this Sunday.

Both of these amazing men, in their own way, helped to guide and make grow the early Church. They both died as martyrs in the early 60s of the 1st century. Peter was crucified upside down on Vatican Hill and Paul was beheaded outside of Rome in a place now called Tre Fontane (Italian for "three fountains" after the legend that three fountains sprang up on the three places where Paul's head bounced after he was beheaded). Peter and Paul are important for different reasons. Peter was the first Pope and kept the Church united as it grew very rapidly in the years following Pentecost. In the first years after Pentecost, it was the Jewish people who accepted Jesus as the Savior and so the early Church was a very Jewish Church. But as time went on, Paul began to preach also to

non-Jewish people (the Gentiles). Through his preaching, Paul brought many non-Jewish people into the Church. So, both Peter and Paul had very significant roles in the early Church.

God called these two very different personalities to spread the Gospel. Peter's impetuous love was used to look after the flock entrusted to him. Paul's training as a Pharisee and his strength of character helped to ensure that the non-Jewish people would be welcomed into the Church. It is a reminder to us that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others, if we allow. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us; God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul. Through the intercession of these two great Saints, may we allow the Lord to make use of our talents (and even our weaknesses!) to help build up the kingdom of God.

Wishing you a blessed week (and summer)!

*Fr. Brian*

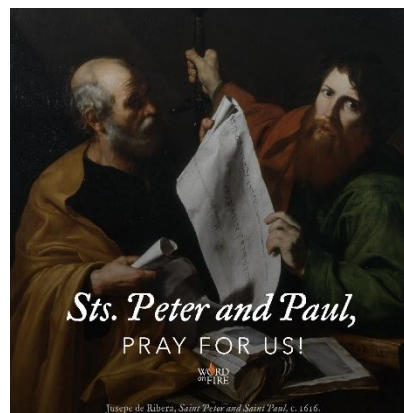
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### ***A Prayer to Sts. Peter and Paul***

O holy apostles, Peter and Paul, I choose you this day and forever to be my special patrons and advocates; thee, St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, because thou art the Rock, upon which Almighty God hath built His Church; thee, St. Paul, because thou wast forechosen by God as the Vessel of election and the Preacher of truth in the whole world.

Obtain for me, I pray you, lively faith, firm hope and burning love; complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be able to overcome the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy to appear before the chief and eternal Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for endless ages, to enjoy His presence and love Him forever. Amen.

Source: [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)





## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

June 22	Week 52	YTD
Collection	\$13,316	\$655,624
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$627,363

Food Pantry - \$821  
St. Vincent de Paul - \$432

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### Happy Independence Day!

Please note that we will have one Mass on  
Independence Day: Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am



### **A Prayer for the United States on Independence Day**

*Father of all nations and ages, we recall  
the day when our country claimed its  
place among the family of nations;  
for what has been achieved we give you  
thanks, for the work that still remains we  
ask your help, and as you have called us  
from many peoples to be one nation,  
grant that, under your providence, our  
country may share your blessings with  
all the peoples of the earth.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Source: The Roman Missal

### God Bless America



*And Pope Leo XIV!*  
For the first time in our  
Church AND Nation's  
history, we have an  
American Pope! What an  
exciting time to be an  
American Catholic!

### Did you know?...

that St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first  
American-born Saint? Here are some  
fun facts about this holy American:

1. Elizabeth was a Catholic convert. Born to an Episcopalian family in New York City, she became a Catholic after the death of her husband.
2. Her family strongly disapproved of her decision and rejected her and her five children. Disowned and impoverished, she moved to Emmitsburg in Maryland, the first state to offer a haven for Catholics who were widely persecuted at the time.
3. It was in Emmitsburg that she began the Sisters of Charity religious order, which adopted the rule of the Daughters of Charity founded by St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac.
4. Mother Seton established the first Catholic school for girls in Baltimore; she is considered the pioneer of Catholic education in the United States.
5. Our very own Seton Hall University was founded in 1856 by her nephew, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley who named the University after his aunt as "a home for the mind, the heart, and the spirit."

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** - Patron of  
*Catholic schools, educators/teachers,  
loss of parents, widows, and those  
rejected/persecuted for their faith –*

**Pray for us!**



### Meet Our Staff

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### Don't Skip Mass!



Remember, God never takes a vacation from us. Let's not take one from Him! As you travel and find rest for yourself, don't forget your Sunday Mass obligation.

Go to [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) to find a church near your vacation spot.

### A Prayer for Safe Travels

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing and give you a safe journey; wherever life leads you, may you find Him there to protect you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Jubilee News



This week in Rome is the Jubilee of Seminarians, Priests and Bishops. The events culminate with Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, presided over by the Holy Father in St. Peter's Basilica with priestly ordinations.

Here in South Orange, we honor our priests, Fr. Brian and Fr. Andrew, who bear witness to the fruitfulness and joy of dedicating your life to Christ. We pray that more young men hear the call to consecrated life with clarity and have the courage to answer it.

In the words of Cardinal Tobin at Fr. Andrew's ordination two years ago,

*"The mission does not end with Peter or Paul. It continues to invite men and women to witness, their Master, Teacher, Lord, Shepherd, Light, and Truth."*



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration continues in the summer – Mondays and Fridays – directly following the noon Mass and concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Jesus in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful (and air-conditioned!) church?

## Masses For The Week



### 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

### MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2025

7:00 AM William Holmok  
12:00 PM Max Philip Goldstein

### TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025

7:00 AM Ann C. McCormack  
12:00 PM Hank Walter

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2025

7:00 AM Joseph Mattingly  
12:00 PM Richard Wojtkowski

### THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2025

7:00 AM Mary Walter  
12:00 PM Fr. Brian Needles –  
Special Intention

### FRIDAY, JULY 4, 2025

9:00 AM Fr. Brian X. Needles –  
Special Intention

### SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025

8:30 AM Marie Therese Celony –  
Special Intention  
12:00 PM Carmen Franzonia

### VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025

5:30 PM Richard Rusiecki

### SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan &  
Salvante Families  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Cecilia Ukusare & Priscilla  
Ntigby and All Souls in  
Purgatory



### 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 Charles Chambers, requested by Eileen Smith.



### 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, Carmen "Guy" Juliano, 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





# Religious Education

Give your child the gift of faith!



## CCD REGISTRATION

2025 - 2026

Allow our catechists the privilege of helping your child develop a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ through the OLS CCD program.



### Calendar

**25 Total Classes**

#### Classes Begin

Last week in September

#### Classes End

First week in May

Homeschooling option available



### Timing

#### Monday Classes

Grades K-6 & 8  
3:55 - 5:15 pm

#### Tuesday Classes

Grades 1-8  
3:55 - 5:15 pm



### Cost

#### Register By July 15th

1 Child - \$150  
2 Children - \$240  
3 Children - \$325

#### Register After July 15th

1 Child - \$180  
2 Children - \$270  
3 Children - \$355

Register on the OLS website



[olschurch.com](http://olschurch.com)



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