

Our Bady 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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July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Peter and Paul had quite different upbringings. One was a fisherman; the other was a scholar and a teacher. One spent most of his time on the water of Galilee, trying to put food on the table, and the other spent most of his time studying, teaching, and debating. One was a Jew living amongst Jews, and the other, although Jewish, lived within an inner circle of elites with Roman citizenship. Two completely different men, yet they served the great Master in such wonderful ways! It shows that we don't have to be precisely the same to serve one purpose.

It took me about sixteen years to become a U.S. citizen. Since becoming a citizen in 2023, I've traveled to one country abroad, Spain, in October 2024. I still remember returning to the U.S. for the first time as a citizen. The Customs and Border Protection officer at Newark International Airport told me, "Welcome home." It felt surreal, as those words truly affirmed in my heart that yes, this is my home, and I am so proud of it! Being a U.S citizen does not mean that my Korean heritage diminishes. It thrills me that I can use the gifts of my cultural heritage to contribute to this great nation. Isn't that what it means to be American?

We celebrated the 4th of July weekend with much joy. It was a time to gather with our loved ones and be mesmerized by fireworks. However, the Fourth of July is much more than that. As we celebrate our independence achieved by the blood of those who sacrificed themselves for it, we are called to remember who we are: we the people, the people who were handed down the values of our Constitution, the people who might differ in our race, culture, and history, but are united under our trust in God. The people who are called to see beyond the visible differences so as to achieve the invisible goals of justice, peace, welfare of one another, and liberty. That's who we are, the people of the United States of America.

Too often we are divided by differences; while diversity makes this nation great and prosperous, it's the gifts of thousands of cultures across the 50 states that fill in the potholes created by human weakness, allowing us to move forward despite these divisions. Don't we all agree that different parts are needed for the body to function as a whole? Isn't that true for both the Church and our country?

My friends, when differences discourage us, let us remember Peter and Paul's example. They did argue and disagree, but let's never forget that even the heartache of disagreement couldn't stop the Lord from using the two to build the Kingdom of heaven here on earth through the Church. As Christians, our goal is to become the citizens of heaven; our constitution is to embrace the Gospel: the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If we strive to become Christ-like, then becoming proud citizens of this great nation won't feel too difficult. May God bless America and each one of us.

Blessings to you all!

John

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Due to an early bulletin deadline in observance of Independence Day, the numbers for June 29th and July 6th will be reported in the July 13th bulletin.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Upcoming Mission Appeal

Fr. Joseph Lin, a Vincentian priest, will come to our parish for a *Mission Appeal* the weekend of July 19-20 in the name of the Chinese Province of the Congregation of the Mission.

Fr. Lin would like to ask all parishioners to support the needs of ongoing formation for priests and nuns, through a program designed for pastoral leadership for the Roman Catholic Church in China called "The Chinese Leadership Initiative." The program focuses on building a compassionate and collaborative ministry.

The Congregation of Mission, also known as the Vincentians, was founded by St. Vincent de Paul. Its central charism is to share the Gospel with those who have been marginalized in society. Fr. Lin served the Chinese community at the Church of St. Joseph in Manhattan until 2015 and now serves the Chinese community as parochial vicar at the Basilica of Regina Pacis in Brooklyn.

Please consider giving a generous financial gift to this program. Thank you!



Do I belong to you?

Some interesting things are left in our pews, vestibule and parish office: we could probably open a curiosity shop! In an effort to reunite them with their owners, we're posting the picture below.

Are any of these items yours? Do you have a car you haven't been able to drive because you couldn't find the key? Did your left hand freeze this winter because you couldn't find your glove's mate? Are you straining to see because you've misplaced your third pair of glasses? Have you wondered if someone out there is walking around wearing your beloved unicorn hat?

You get the idea. If any (or all!) of these misplaced treasures belong to you, please call Mary Beth in the parish office to claim them. We'll miss them but know that they're back where they belong!



Which version did you learn?

"St. Anthony, please come around, something is lost and it cannot be found."

"Tony, Tony, look around, something is lost and can't be found."

"Dear St. Anthony, perfect imitator of Jesus, who received from God the special power of restoring lost things, grant that I may find [name what is lost] which has been lost."

Meet Our Staff

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A Friendly Reminder...

that to receive a **Sponsor Certificate** for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that the individual is a registered member of our parish and a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.



Preschool Openings



Our Lady of Sorrows School's Preschool has several openings in the Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 classes for the 2025-2026 school year.

Founded on our commitment to Christian love and community, the preschool is a special place where children learn and grow in confidence.

The preschool's play-based approach encourages imagination and inspires joy in each child.

Daily activities include:

- Playground or gym time
- Sensory table to experiment with different materials
- Puzzles and building blocks
- "Pretend Play" time
- Drawing or painting at easels
- Story time

For more information or to tour the preschool, contact Marli Craig at registration@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org



"Early childhood education is the key to the betterment of society." – Maria Montessori



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

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

7:00 AM Yvette Desranleau 12:00 PM Venante Louis

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025

7:00 AM Sr. Mary Selina – Special Intention 12:00 PM Edward Silliere

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025

7:00 AM Ruth Hanson 12:00 PM Michael and Mark Santeramo

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

7:00 AM Jean Emmanuel Dorce 12:00 PM Katy Feeney

FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

7:00 AM Dorothy Frances Duncan 12:00 PM Helena and Marian Wozniak

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory 12:00 PM Susanne Sauer

VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

8:00 AM John Forrest
10:00 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased
11:30 AM Nicole Joseph



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.



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





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