Our Lady of Sorrows

217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

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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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October 4, 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

We hear one of the most consoling lines in Scripture in the 2nd reading for this Sunday. St. Paul tells the community of believers in Philippi: *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Phil 4:6-9).

St. Paul urges us not to be anxious, not to worry, but rather to bring all our cares before God, to open our heart to Him, and allow His peace to guard our hearts and minds. This week, we have a wonderful opportunity to open ourselves up to the peace which only God can give. On **Tuesday and Wednesday (Oct. 6-7)**, our parish will once again participate in the annual Archdiocesan Rosary Congress. We will have 24 hours of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Mass at 7:00pm on Tuesday and concluding with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm on Wednesday. At the top of each of those 24 hours, we will pray the Holy Rosary. All are welcome to sit in our church in prayer and in peaceful reflection for any part of the 24 hours. If you have any questions, please email rosarycongressols@gmail.com

The homilist at the 7:00pm conclusion on Wednesday, which is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, will be Brother Charbel Pio, C.F.R., a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal. The theme of his talk will be supernatural hope. Who doesn't need to hear that message?!?

We all know that our world, country, Church, and perhaps even our families are in turmoil right now and that we are all anxious and worried about what the future holds for us. There's one thing that we need more than anything to deal with this anxiety: prayer. An especially powerful form of prayer is spending time before Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When we combine that time with Him in the Eucharist with prayers to Our Blessed Mother by means of the Rosary, we are assured of finding peace, a peace which "surpasses all understanding."

Worried? Anxious? In turmoil? Jesus understands what you're going through. Accept His invitation to spend some quiet time in prayer with Him and Our Lady. Our faith is strengthened when we spend time with God in prayer, as we pour out our hearts to Him and even more importantly as we allow Him to speak to us. This week, we will have a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our faith and open ourselves up to the peace which only God can give. Accept Jesus' invitation to spend some quiet time in prayer with Him and Our Lady. They guarantee you one thing: it will be your most productive and peaceful time of your week.

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

September 27	Week 13	YTD
Collection	$9,371	$163,234

Additional Repairs & Maintenance: $714

Several of our expenses this month:

Boiler water treatments (monthly) - $131
Severance (quarterly) - $365
Internet/WiFi (monthly) - $159

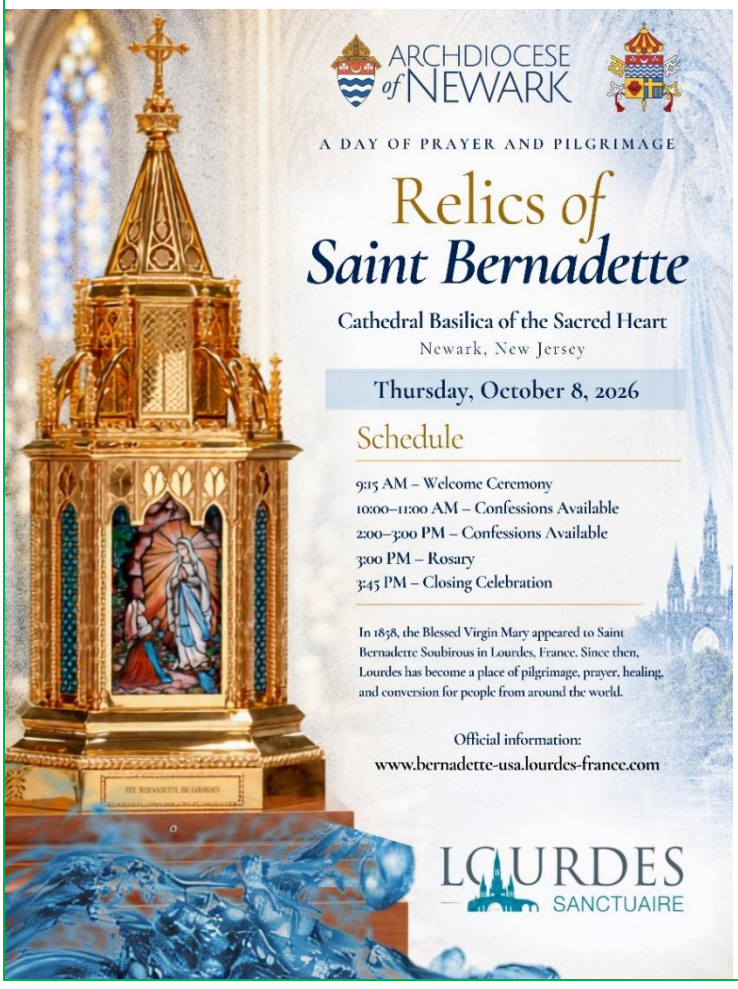
Needed every week: $16,946

Average weekly collection to date: $12,556

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Pilgrimage and Prayer Opportunity

The relics of St. Bernadette Soubirous, seer and witness to Our Lady's message at Lourdes, will be on display this Thursday, October 8th at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. See flyer below for details. This is a once in a lifetime experience that you do not want to miss, most especially if you have a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette.



Rosary Society Diaper Drive

IT'S A...

DIAPER DRIVE!

Hosted by the OLS Rosary Society in recognition of Respect Life Month to benefit The Mercy House

WHEN: OCTOBER 3RD - OCTOBER 25TH

WHERE: Collection bins are in the church vestibule and inside the 4th St. door

WHAT'S NEEDED: Diapers sizes 4 and up; Pull-ups also accepted

Questions about the Diaper Drive or the Rosary Society?

Email Kathy Shelffo (kshelffo@olschurch.com). OLS' Rosary Society meets monthly to pray the Rosary and foster a deeper relationship with Christ through His Blessed Mother, Mary.

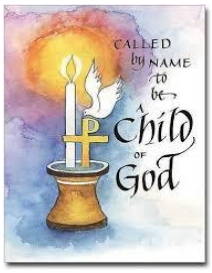
The Mercy House (rcan.org/mercy-house) is a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark. The mission of the center is to offer a welcoming space for individuals, and families in need, and to provide emotional support and healing in a comfortable faith-filled environment.

Welcome to the Church!

Six new members were initiated into our Christian Community on Sunday, September 27th. They are:

Beau Rose Castronuova, Dean River Castronuova & Calie Marie Madry
Erik Wojcik Delgadillo
Ethan Ikechukwu Norbert Okafor
Jack Martin Scalera

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and families!



If you feel a movement in your soul to learn more about the Catholic faith or have not received all your sacraments and desire to return "home" to the Church, please reach out to Sr. Mary Selina at (973) 763-5454.

Youth Group Meeting Reminder

Youth Group for all members meets tonight (Sunday, October 4th) from 7:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph's Hall in the lower church. Email Colleen McDonald with any questions: cmdonald@olschurch.com

Meet Our Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Pastor
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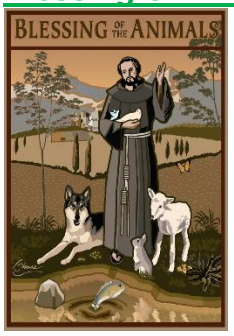
Blessing of Animals



In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a blessing of animals today (*tomorrow if you're reading this at the Saturday vigil*) at 1pm. Bring your furry, feathered, or scaly friends to the statue of the Blessed Mother on 4th Street to receive a blessing.

Volunteers needed!

As introduced in last Sunday's bulletin, we are seeking volunteers to shepherd a new hospitality ministry – ***Martha's Ministry***.

This ministry will oversee our bi-weekly Coffee & Donuts as well as various other parish social events throughout the year.

Most immediately, we are seeking volunteers to assist with next Sunday's C&D. If interested, please email Palma Anton at panton@olschurch.com

Bereavement Group at OLS

Bereavement Ministry:

A Support Group for Those Grieving

Facilitated by Deacon Walter Wiggins and other trained facilitators.

If a loved one has passed away, either recently or years ago, please join us for our series of seven sessions.

Each session includes information, grief support, prayer, and mutual sharing in a spiritual, confidential setting.

First meeting: Sunday, October 18th, 2026
Our Lady of Sorrows Church
217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079
(We will gather in the Lower Church)
1:00–2:30 p.m.
Following the 11:30 a.m. Mass
Refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration is required.
To register or learn more about the Bereavement Ministry, please complete our brief registration form by scanning the QR code or contact us using the email address or phone number below.
choiralto18@yahoo.com or 973-517-5966.

To scan the QR code:
Open your phone's camera, point it at the QR code, and tap the link that appears.

Family Promise Reminder

For those who signed up to prepare meals and grocery shop for families served by Family Promise: Please remember to bring everything to the lower church (4th St. entrance) the evening of Monday, October 12th between 5 and 7pm or the morning of Tuesday, October 13th between 9 and 11am.

All gift card donations will be accepted then as well. Volunteers will be present to accept all donations.

Everything will then be delivered directly to the Family Promise office on the 13th.

Questions? Contact Anna Nelson: (973) 477-9546 or annanelson202@gmail.com

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

5:30 PM Richard Inbert

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

8:00 AM William Brown
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Agnes Agusta Marshall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

7:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family – Special Intention and All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Barbara Harrigan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

7:00 AM Edward Silliere
12:00 PM Richard and Shirlee Needles

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

7:00 AM Elizabeth Muller
12:00 PM Donna Henderson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

7:00 AM Joseph Muller – 11th Anniversary
12:00 PM Steven Greydanus – Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

7:00 AM The LaRocca Family
12:00 PM Dennis Gallagher

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

8:30 AM Geraldine Fernand
12:00 PM Brian and Angela McArthur – Special Intention

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

8:00 AM Deceased members of the DePaola Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM Ida Benigno
11:30 AM Charles and June Lynch

Pray for the Departed

Let us remember those who have recently passed away at OLS:
Joan Hamel

Eternal rest grant unto Joan, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

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, Robert Chmiel, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Michael Elliot, Nicholas Elliott, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Xavier Hartman, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Carmen “Guy” Juliano, Elizabeth Mary, Patricia McDonnell, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Kathleen Roche Muscle, Ludgarda Rosa, Anne Sanchez, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Donna T., Kathi Thiemer, Quentin Tiemeyer, Stephanie Windsor

Kids in Grades K-8 are Invited to Help at an Upcoming

OLS FAMILY MASS

10:00 AM

This October, We Need Help On:

October 11th
October 25th

Students in K-3: Greet and Welcome Before Mass,
Hand Out Bulletins after Mass

Students in Grades 4-8: Usher or Read the Prayers of the Faithful

If your children are interested in sharing their gifts with the parish, please email Colleen McDonald at cmcdonald@olschurch.com. Thanks!

We are so Happy to Invite You to
Our Lady of Sorrows Healing Mass
October 17, 2026 – 12:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

217 Prospect St.

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This sacrament is administered by a priest who lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then anoints the sick person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, while praying: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who frees you from your sin save you and raise you up."

Who can receive this Sacrament?

- Anyone suffering any kind of mental, physical, spiritual or emotional illness
- Facing serious surgery
- Advanced age
- Anyone in danger of death

**** There will be a special lunch served this year******

We would really love to have you join us.

Sign-up Deadline: October 12th

(We would be grateful if you could RSVP by the 12th. This way we can ensure that enough food is ordered)

Names of those attending:

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Name and address of contact person:_____

Phone # of contact person:_____

Number staying for a light lunch [ ]

Please make sure to indicate if you will be staying for lunch. **Only those who indicate that they will be staying for lunch will receive lunch.**

Please note: The area near the baptismal font will be set aside for those who need to have Holy Communion brought to them. If anyone has a concern just let us know and we will work out a way to help you. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Mary Selena at 973-763-5454.