Our Lady of Sorrows

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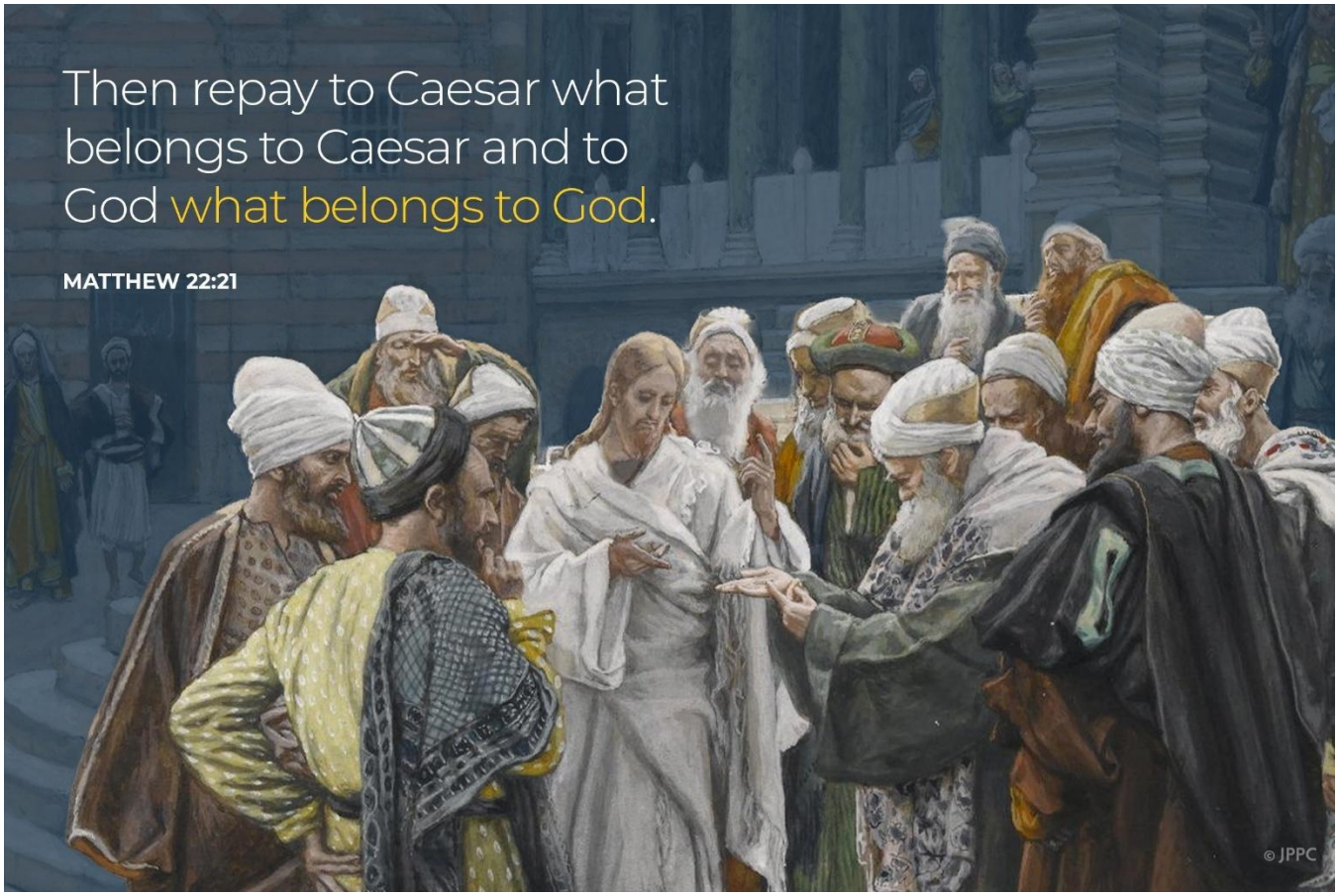

MASSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

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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October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Have you heard the one about the two women who were walking through a cemetery and looking at all the tombstones and headstones? They came upon one tombstone that said, “Here lies John Smith, a politician and an honest man.” “Good heavens!” the one woman exclaimed to the other, “isn't it awful that they had to put two people in the same grave!” It is not fair, of course, to claim that a person can’t be both a politician and an honest person. But our political system sometimes makes one wonder.

While we’re now up to our eyeballs in politics during this election cycle, it’s fitting that this week’s gospel reading is Jesus’ famous teaching about politics. During His 3-year ministry, Jesus spoke very little about political and government topics. Jesus said, *“My kingdom is not of this world.”* Instead, Jesus focused primarily on spiritual matters, not earthly matters.

But this Sunday, Jesus offers His well-known teaching about what we owe to the State and what we owe to God. In response to the Pharisees and Herodians who wanted to trap Jesus by forcing Him to either support the hated Roman authorities or to deny God’s sovereignty, Jesus confounded them by responding, *“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”*

In giving this answer, Jesus was not saying that God and Caesar are equal. As Christians, our very first loyalty belongs to God. St. Thomas More, who was Lord Chancelor of England under King Henry VIII, famously said, “I am the King’s good servant, but God’s first.” If we don’t have to compromise our first loyalty to God, then we are to exercise good citizenship, by giving to Uncle Sam what is due to him, for protecting and defending our security, for paving the roads, for funding schools, for taking care of the most vulnerable among us, and so forth. In addition, those who govern us need our prayers and our example of holiness and virtue. Our first president, George Washington, knew that without right religion, our freedoms could not be truly promoted and maintained. He said, “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable.”

Our holiness of life is an essential component of good citizenship. On Sunday, November 1st, which is just two weeks away, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. We will honor those men and women who lived lives of heroic sanctity. The witness of the saints should inspire us to repay to God what belongs to Him and to repay to Caesar (the government) that which rightly and justly belongs to it. The lives of the saints are shining examples to us of getting our priorities rightly ordered and being good and holy citizens.

We will honor and seek the intercession of the saints in a particular way this coming November 1st. At the 10:00 am Mass, we invite the young people of the parish to divest themselves of their Halloween costumes and to dress up as saints. They will form part of the opening procession of that Mass. After both the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses, our phenomenal Knights of Columbus Council will serve us a delicious pancake breakfast! My mouth is watering already! And then, at 5:00 pm on November 1st, our amazing choir will lead us in praying sung Solemn Evening Prayer. If you’ve never taken part in Evening Prayer (also called Vespers), join us on November 1st and you will be totally inspired by the transcendent beauty of this type of prayer. On this evening, we’ll also have a display in the sanctuary of the relics of many different saints. Please see elsewhere in this bulletin for more information. Mark your calendars and be sure to join us on November 1st!

Blessings,

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Due to the Columbus Day holiday weekend, the collection numbers for 10/11 & 10/18 will be reported in the October 25th bulletin.

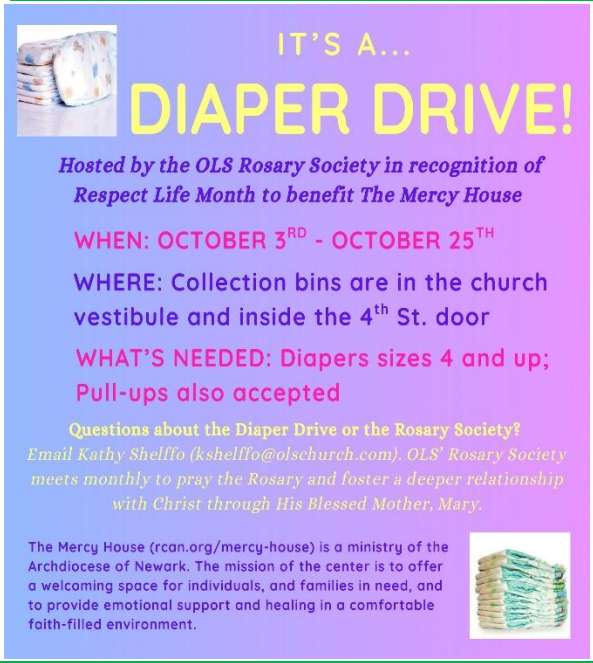
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Tricky Tray is back!

Our Lady of Sorrows School's single biggest fundraising event of the year - Tricky Tray - returns on Saturday, November 14th. Scan the QR Code in the flyer to purchase tickets, or visit: *www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/trickytraydonate*

Scan to purchase your tickets and donate today!

Support the Rosary Society Diaper Drive



Mass of Remembrance

Bereavement Group Reminder

The first meeting of our Bereavement Group is today (10/18) at 1:00 pm in the lower chapel. Though pre-registration was preferred, we will welcome walk-ins on the first day.

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.
bereavement@olschurch.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.

Meet Our Staff

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Help Needed at Family Mass

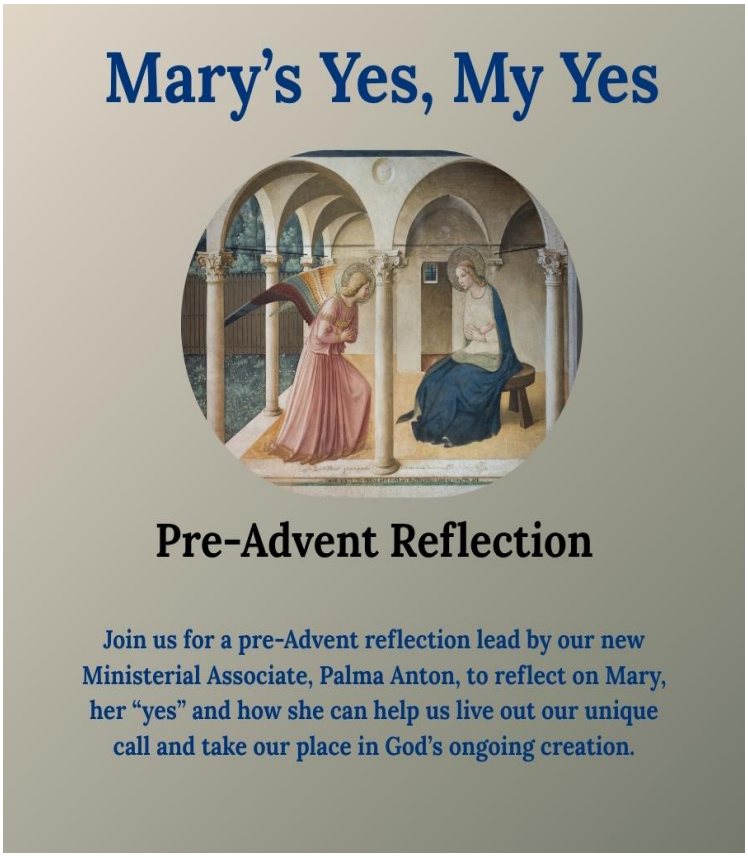
We need help at our Family Mass next Sunday – 10/25 at 10:00 am. If your child would like to help serve as a greeter (grades K-3), usher or reader (grades 4-8), please email Colleen McDonald cmcdonald@olschurch.com

Save the Date…

for these upcoming OLS events. More information to follow in future bulletins.

Mary's Yes, My Yes

A pre-Advent reflection coming in November.



Advent by Candlelight

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
5:30 PM Margaret Glenn

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026
8:00 AM All Rosarians, living and deceased
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Sheila Lynch

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026
7:00 AM Dr. Claro Asprec
12:00 PM Paul Joseph Mastrangelo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026
7:00 AM Fr. Brian Needles – Special Intention
12:00 PM Paul Joseph Mastrangelo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
7:00 AM Nancy Jean-Charles – Special Intention
12:00 PM Michael L. Meyers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026
7:00 AM Anthony Schiavone and Family
12:00 PM Donald J. FitzMaurice

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026
7:00 AM Edward Silliere and
All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Karen Gozzi

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
8:30 AM Hugh and Joan Sheridan
12:00 PM Rev. Msgr. Philip D. Morris

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026
5:30 PM Alison Isenberge – 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026
8:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family –
Special Intention and
All Souls in Purgatory
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11: 30 AM James J. DeMeo

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.

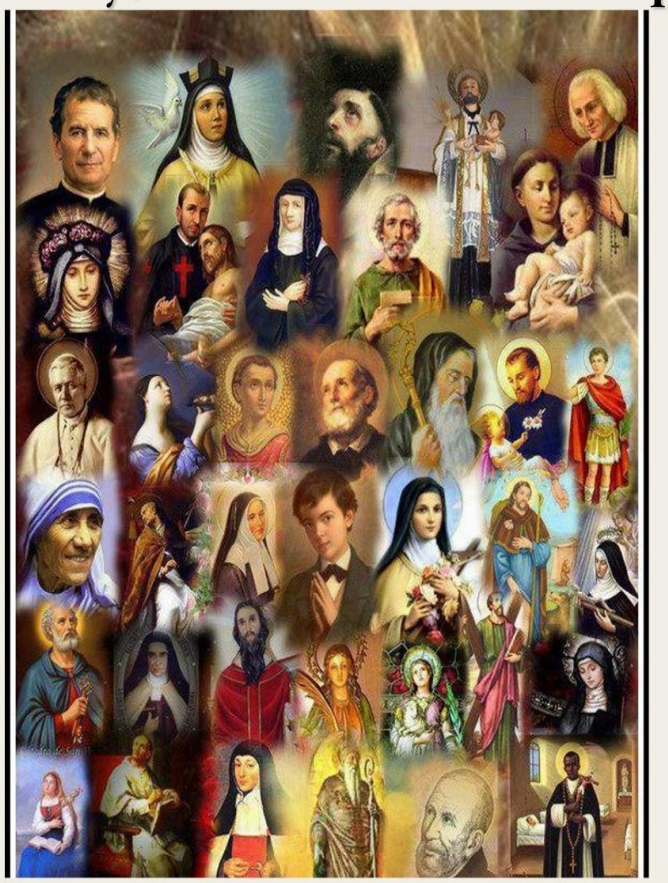
REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, 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

CHORAL VESPERS AND VENERATION OF RELICS

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 1st at 5pm



Join our Parish Choir in this solemn service of prayer and music on the Solemnity of All Saints.

"I feel that our souls are moved to the ardor of piety by the sacred words more piously and powerfully when these words are sung than when they are not sung, and that all the affections of our soul in their variety have modes of their own in song and chant by which they are stirred up by an indescribable and secret sympathy." – **St. Augustine**

Knights' Pancake Breakfast – November 1st

Our Knights' beloved pancake breakfast will be held after the 10:00 and 11:30 am Masses on 11/1. Scan the QR Code in the flyer to pre-pay.

In honor of All Saints' Day, we are inviting all children who attend the 10:00 am Family Mass that day to come dressed as their favorite saint. They can participate in the procession as well as the costume pageant at the breakfast.

The Knights are also accepting monetary donations for their national "Coats for Kids" collection. You can donate by check in person on 11/1 or via PayPal in advance. See flyer for details.

ALL SAINTS'/ALL SOULS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST
With Children's *Saint Costume* Pageant
November 1, 2026 after 10:00 am & 11:30 am Masses

Cost:

- Individual (17 & over): $20.00
- Family (Parents with children 16 & under): $50.00

To pre-pay, link to PayPal:

(accepts Venmo, ApplePay, and credit/debit cards)

(Payment also accepted at door)

Children's *Saint Costume* Pageant

We invite all children to dress like a Saint. Maybe they have a favorite.

Children are invited to attend the 10:00 AM Mass in their Saint costumes. Please be in the back of the Church before Mass to be in the Procession.

Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus, Council 4066, Regina Pacis

Council4066@gmail.com

"Coats for Kids" Collection

The OLS Knights of Columbus Council is taking donations to purchase children's winter coats to be donated to needy children. This is part of a national Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program. Since 2009, the Knights have given away over 1 million coats to children in need. Any donated amount will help to keep a child warm.

Cost to purchase a coat: $35.00

Cash & Checks accepted (Please make checks payable to: Council 4066 Regina Pacis)

Link to PayPal for donations: **(separate from paying for breakfast)**