



Our Lady of Sorrows

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For the Son of Man did not
come to be served but to
serve and to give his life as a
ransom for many.

MARK 10:45

MASSES: *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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October 20, 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

The decades of experience of well-known American journalist Sebastian Junger taught him what war truly is. He presented a TED talk on the topic with a seemingly controversial title: *Why veterans miss war*. Yes, you read it correctly. Why do veterans MISS war? The initial reaction of the crowd reading the title might be - this American journalist is an apathetic maniac who likes to portray our service members as lovers of violence. However, when you listen to him talk, I am sure you will nod towards the end.

He isn't saying that war is a pleasing experience. Nor is he saying that soldiers love life without running water, spare clothing, internet, cooked food, or entertainment. Nor do they miss combat: having to dodge bullets and see their friends fall, or themselves almost being killed and having to live in threat of enemy snipers in Korengal Valley, Afghanistan. They miss the genuine camaraderie of trust, a true sense of brotherhood, knowing that the brothers next to them will carry them away from enemy fire when they are down. What they miss is the lifegiving and sacrificial friendship shared in foxholes they do not see in the lonely society of their homes. This shared experience unites them; it is what they long for in the civilian world.

Junger says that many of them face harsher realities when returning home to the US. They are returning to better living conditions. Yet, unlike in war zones with their brothers, their psychological wounds are met with apathy - not knowing who they can count on, who loves them, and feeling alienated from not knowing if they can find somewhere they could belong. Trying to talk to people to get help but no one around you knowing what you are talking about because they weren't there with you can be scary. Junger states that psychologically speaking, for some veterans, a war zone filled with brotherhood might be easier than being home without any.

Having someone near us who really gets what we are going through is such a great gift. Whether that be our siblings, relatives, or friends, we all want that kind of companionship. Today's second reading assures us that we do. We have Christ. Jesus Christ is not our Lord far away from us, but he is our high priest who can sympathize with our weakness because He was tested in every way like us. His understanding and empathy are unwavering, and He is always there to comfort and support us in our struggles.

We often say to one another, "Don't judge others unless you have walked in their shoes." In that regard, Christ alone is the one who can judge because He has put his two feet in every one of our shoes. Because of this, He alone is the one who fully gets us. Brother Juan Francisco, on Tuesday, in his beautiful reflection, shared with us that Christ shares our same desires: To be seen, known, and loved. How is that possible? Not just because He is all knowing God, but because He shares our humanity.

Each one of us is fighting a battle one way or another. In those endless battles only known to ourselves and God, we must understand we never fight alone. His name is Jesus Immanuel, God who saves, and God who is with us. So, why not stay near Him? We must remember to stay near Him, for He isn't going anywhere.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

October 13	Week 16	YTD
Collection	\$10,197	\$192,153
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$194,624

Assessment \$2,192

Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You from Family Promise!

Thank you to all who volunteered to support the Family Promise of Essex County (www.fpessexnj.org) families this month, especially OLS parishioner Anna Nelson who spearheaded this effort.

OLS provided two families with a healthy home-cooked meal and food staples as well as other needed household items. In addition, we supplemented these items with gift cards, which will not only be used for the families from our host week, but also to help other families in need.

Everyone who prepared meals, shopped for groceries, donated a gift card, received the meals and groceries at the church, and drove these items to the Family Promise office in Montclair did their part in providing care and comfort for these families in their time of need.

We intend to work with Family Promise again in the spring during Lent. In the interim, if you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com or (973) 477-9546.



Family Promise
@family.promise
"What will stick in my mind is that my family was blessed to be together as we got back on our feet."

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

A campaign of prayer and fasting



Sept. 25 through Nov. 3, 2024

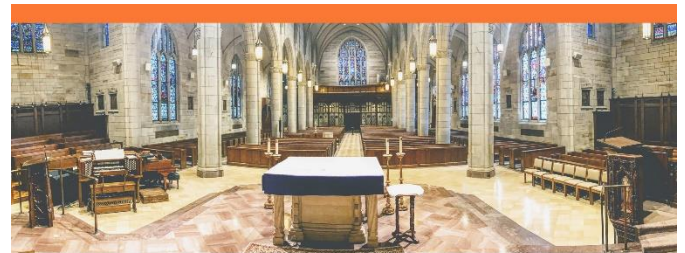
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

396 Bloomfield Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042

in the public thoroughfare across the street from a high-volume abortion facility (Pilgrim Medical Center)

To sign-up on-line: 40DaysforLife.com/Montclair or contact Lisa Hart at:

LisaHartPT@yahoo.com or by cell: 973-769-4422



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
FAMILY MASS**



Every Sunday at 10:00 am

What to expect: family-focused preaching, kid's bulletins, music led by our youth choirs, and family members of all ages serving in the liturgy as gift-bearers, ushers, greeters, and proclaimers.

Coffee & Donuts and Catholic kid's craft downstairs after Mass on 2nd and 4th Sunday!

Serve at this Mass as a family:

For more information & to sign up to serve, contact a staff member below or scan here:

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Seton Hall Prep Open House

Seton Hall Prep, New Jersey's oldest Catholic college preparatory school for boys is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 27th.

All boys in the 7th and 8th grades and their families are invited to tour the campus, learn about the application process, meet faculty along with current students, and discover The Prep - *"a truly special place where students are molded into men of character and faith, and are given the tools to become contributing members of society."*

For more information, please contact Michael T. Zinsmeister, Director of Admission, at (973) 325-6640 or visit www.shp.org

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm – 3:00pm, 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 Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



2025 Mass Intentions

The 2025 Mass book is now open. You may call (973) 763-5454 to request a Mass, visit our parish office between 9:30am - 4:00pm Monday through Friday, scan the QR code, or complete the Mass request form on our website: www.olschurch.com



St. Vincent DePaul Society

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

If you know of someone in need of financial assistance, or if you would like to donate to this fund, please contact our parish office at 973-763-5454 or email: OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com



'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'



VIGIL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

8:00 AM Frank Cavallaro and Alice Cody
10:00 AM Stanley and Mary Milewski
11:30 AM James J. DeMeo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

7:00 AM Marvin and Carrie Pfannenstiel
12:00 PM Linda Georges – Special Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

7:00 AM Nancy Jean-Charles –
Special Intention
12:00 PM Msgr. Philip Morris

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

7:00 AM Maria Guarente
12:00 PM William J. Bowling

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024

7:00 AM Hugh and Joan Sheridan
12:00 PM William J. Bowling

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

7:00 AM Debra Flynn
12:00 PM Evelyne Marie Leroy Georges –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

8:30 AM Michael Di Prenda
12:00 PM Philip and Teresa Wilderotter

VIGIL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

5:30 PM Theodore and Paul Kubilus

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan & Salvante Families
10:00 AM John Peter Aurora
11:30 AM People of the Parish

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 for a special intention.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle is in memory of John Peter Aurora requested by Maggie and Don Bender & Girls



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill Aber, Rita Arena, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Mark F. Davonski, Alan Droppa, Michael Elliot, Patricia Evanik, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Agnes Marshall, Elizabeth Mary, Patricia McDonnell, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Melissa O’Brien, Ludgarda Rosa, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Sullivan, Donna T., Mary Jane Tannen, Stephanie Windsor



An Invitation Especially for You

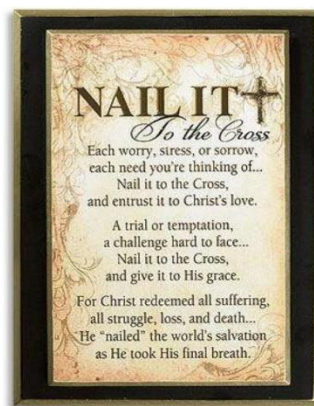
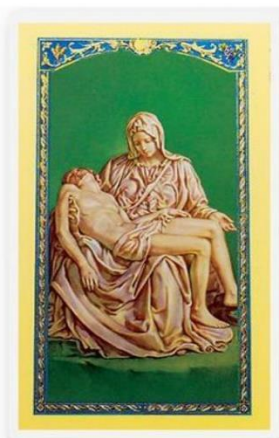
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will be celebrating its Mass of Remembrance in memory of departed family members, friends and parishioners who had their funeral Mass here at Our Lady of Sorrows between October 2023 and October 2024. The Mass will be on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at 12:00 Noon.

Please save the date to come together in prayer. All are welcome. A Book of Remembrance will be available two weeks before the Mass to list the names of one's own departed loved ones.

As a family we will gather in St. Joseph's Hall for refreshments following the Mass.

****Anyone who wishes to bake or buy a cake, or some cookies, or fruit that would add to our family gathering of prayer and fellowship for our deceased, please call the office letting us know what you will contribute.**

Please bring items to the office on Thursday, October 31st.
Thanks ever so Much!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sr.Mary Selina



To Jesus
Through Mary

Concert of Remembrance

Please join us this first Friday of November for a concert remembering those family and friends gone before us this past year.

Our own Parish Choir will offer a variety of musical works.



November 8, 2024 - 7:30PM

Our Lady of Sorrows
South Orange, NJ

