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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November 1, 2026

Solemnity of All Saints

A Message from Fr. Brian

The old *Baltimore Catechism* asks the question: "Why did God make you?" The answer given is: "God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in heaven." We were created for Heaven. We were created to be saints. God creates every single soul – including you and me – to be a saint.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and in so doing we honor those holy men and women who in this life realized that sanctity – holiness – is the thing that matters most and because they lived their lives with that realization they made it to Heaven. They worked at it and wanted it, and by cooperating with God's grace during their lifetimes, they are now saints, basking in the glory of God's presence in Heaven.

The stories that we often hear about saints can give us the impression that they were born into this world wearing halos. But that's not how it is at all. Saints aren't born; they're made. They don't drop down from the sky as ready-made saints. They work at it.

If we only want to be average, run-of-the-mill Christians, that's probably all we'll ever be. That doesn't take much effort. But the difference between saints and non-saints is the fact that saints desire Heaven, and so they keep working at it. We too have to work at it. We have to desire it above all else. We have to want it.

What are some of the characteristics of saints? Well, we know that:

- Saints value people above profit.
- Saints live out the Beatitudes that we hear about in this Sunday's Gospel.
- Saints avoid sin like the plague, but if they do happen to sin, they ask for and receive God's forgiveness and they move on.
- Saints serve others, especially those they seek to lead.
- Saints feel responsible for making things better for everyone.
- Saints forgive and they don't hold grudges.
- Saints speak the truth, except when it comes to the failure of others, in which case they remain silent.
- Saints find it hard to give up on people or relationships.
- Saints treasure this life, but they realize that another life awaits them.
- Saints do ordinary things, but with extraordinary love.

This Sunday our parish choir will lead us in praying sung Evening Prayer at **5:00 pm on November 1st**. If you've never participated in sung Evening Prayer (also called Vespers), you have no idea what you've been missing! This Sunday, we will pray Vespers in the presence of the relics of many different saints, which will be on display in our sanctuary. We will have 24 relics of various saints for you to venerate. Included are relics of: St. Benedict, St. Dominic, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Bernadette, St. Therese of Lisieux, and even the relics of 3 of the Apostles. You'll have to join us on **Sunday at 5:00 pm** to find out which 3 Apostles!

This will be a beautiful way to seek the intercession of the saints and to ask God to give us the desire to be saints ourselves. If those saints can be holy, why can't we? After all, that's why God created us. All we have to do is want it and work at it. God will do the rest. All the saints of God, pray for us!

All Saints Day Blessings,

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

October 25	Week 17	YTD
Collection	*$11,572*	*$220,063*

Food Pantry - *$676*

Needed every week: *$16,946*

Average weekly collection to date:
$12,945

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Pancake Breakfast TODAY!

Our Knights' beloved Pancake Breakfast will be held after the 10:00 and 11:30 am Masses today (11/1) in St. Joseph's Hall. Payment is accepted at the door.

The Knights are also accepting monetary donations for their national "Coats for Kids" collection. You can donate by check in person or via PayPal.

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)**

Pray for our Seminarians and Vocations

November 1st - 7th is annual National Vocation Awareness Week: a celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education. Let us renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Help at November Family Masses

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

OLS FAMILY MASS
10:00 AM

This November, We Need Help On:
November 8th
November 22nd

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!

Meet Our Staff

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Get your Tricky Tray tickets today!

Scan to purchase your tickets and donate today!

Please join us!

Mary's Yes, My Yes

Advent Reflection

God prepared and called Mary to be the Mother of God, and she freely said "yes."

Through our baptism, God prepares and calls each of us, like Mary, to a unique and irreplaceable role in God's ongoing creation.

Our new Ministerial Associate, Palma Anton, will be presenting this reflection on Mary's "yes," and how her example can inspire us to embrace our own call.

Join us in the Lower Chapel
Wednesday Evening - November 18th at 7pm

Reach out to Palma Anton with any questions.
Space may be limited.
Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
panton@olschurch.com

OLS Food Pantry Needs

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026
5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026
8:00 AM Brother Stanley Michael – Special Intention
10:00 AM Agnes Agusta Marshall
11:30 AM Marlena Faria – Special Intention

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2026
7:00 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026
7:00 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2026
7:00 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026
7:00 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026
7:00 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
8:30 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

VIGIL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026
5:30 PM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026
8:00 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11: 30 AM The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Pray for the Departed

Let us remember those who have recently passed away at OLS: Albina Retemiah

Eternal rest grant unto Albina, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine 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.

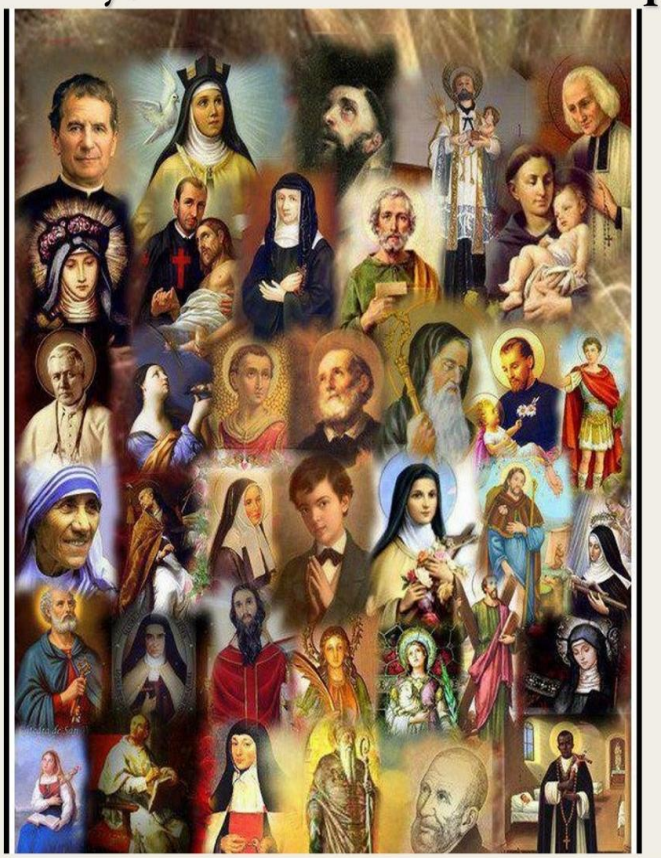
REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Carolyn McGee Mohn, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Kathleen Roche Muscle, Ludgarda Rosa, 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**

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

Mass *of* Remembrance

We would love to have you with us
for our Mass of Remembrance.

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 2025 and October 2026.

Saturday, November 7, 2026
12:00 PM

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 your own departed loved ones.

Refreshments will be served immediately following Mass in St. Joseph's Hall.

This is a parish event. 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 November 4th, 5th or 6th.

Thanks ever so much!
Sr. Mary Selina