



Our Lady of Sorrows

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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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November 3, 2024
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

On Friday, we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints. Not one, or some, but ALL saints of God. Some of us might think saints are people recognized and canonized by the Church for their holy and heroic lives, which prompted many conversions of others and led them closer to Christ. However, in our Catholic understanding, saints also include those who are in heaven but never got the recognition. In that, on the glorious Solemnity of All Saints, we joyfully celebrate the great work of God expressed in and through all men and women in heaven, in their lives on earth. Although we honor everyone in heaven on this beautiful day, the focus is primarily on those who are canonized. We remember the heroes of our history whose lives teach us timeless lessons, inspiring us to greater ownership and citizenship for our nation. Likewise, commemorating the lives of canonized saints teaches us priceless lessons and values. Their lives instill in our hearts that a Christ-like life is not theoretical or an imagined fairytale, but rather a reality that can be lived out by all of us today.

So, who were saints? They were sinners who kept walking in God and with God. They are the ones who believed in God's greatness more than their own, and they were the ones who walked by faith, not by sight. Some gave witness through their blood, some preached the Gospel in every corner of the earth, some led the flock entrusted to them during the most challenging times, and some served God by serving the poor while living a life of poverty. Some became saints by committing themselves to the most minor task but with great charity. Some were ordained and made their vows, but some were lay people. Perhaps what makes them so great isn't all the great works they accomplished with God's help, their continual conversion, awareness of their nothingness, desire to decrease so God may increase, and desire to share with others what they received from God: the hope for eternal life in heaven.

Who is my favorite saint? I have a few, but the one I like most is St. Dismas, the repentant thief crucified next to Christ. Some may ask how if he was a terrible criminal who was sentenced to die on the cross, how can he be a saint? I will say two things. First, Christ Himself said, "You will be in paradise with me" (although paradise could also be interpreted as the place where the righteous souls waited for the gate of heaven to open through the death of Christ). Second, he was made worthy of Christ, not because of how he lived but through faith-filled, sincere repentance.

St. Dismas' life shows us how there is no saint without a dark past nor a sinner without a bright future. Some are, but not all are called to reform a religious order or become the best preacher the Church ever had. Not everyone is called to become a pope, for sure. There are so many ways to be saints, the glorious citizens of heaven. If you and I are tempted to think being saints is impossible, let's remember St. Dismas. Of course, it will require perseverance, and it won't be easy. Yet, we must never forget that we aren't created for comfort but for greatness: the imitation of Christ.

Yours in Christ,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

October 27	Week 18	YTD
Collection	\$10,714	\$215,199
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$218,952

Thank you for your generosity!

Pancake Breakfast Today!

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a pancake breakfast today (11/3) after the 10:00 and 11:30am Masses in St. Joseph's Hall.

They are requesting monetary donations (cash or check made payable to Regina Pacis Council 4066) to help defray the cost of winter coats to be donated to Mercy House and Franciscan Charities in Newark. Join us!



Save the Date

Our Lady of Sorrows is hosting Advent by Candlelight on Wednesday, December 4th from 7-9pm. Mark your calendar!

Advent by Candlelight is an evening set aside for women to pray and embrace the real reason for the season amidst the busyness of holiday preparations.

Last year's celebration was a big success. Please plan to join us this year for prayers, reflections, music and fellowship. More details to follow soon!



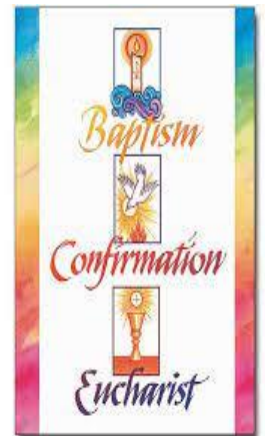
Welcome to the Family!

Six new members were initiated into our Christian Community last Sunday. They are: Charles William Tamayo, Valentina Santos Zavala, Owen Murphy McKean, Dakota Maria Franzonia, Alexander Damola Fasoro, Zoe Adjoja Williams. We congratulate their parents, godparents, and families.



Does your heart desire something more?

That Something more is the Person of Jesus Christ and a deeper share in the Divine Life. St. Augustine said, "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee, oh God." He had a major turning to God. If you desire to come into the fullness of Faith in the Catholic Church,



please call Sr. Mary Selina at (973) 763-5454. If you are a Catholic but have never been Confirmed, please call and start the process in which the Holy Spirit will come to you in a powerful way as to help you live your Catholic faith more fully.

"The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life...The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1212

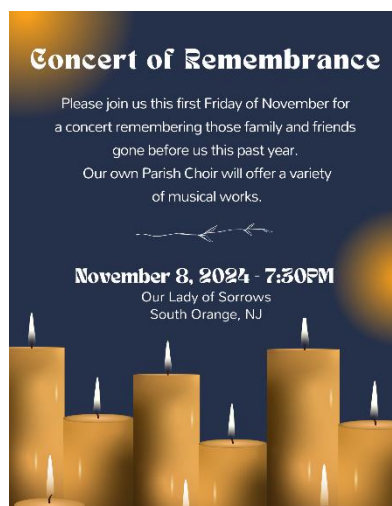
Meet Our Staff

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Music Reminder

A reminder that our Concert of Remembrance is this Friday, 11/8, at 7:30pm.

Our superlative choir is always a joy to hear. It's a lovely way to start your weekend! And it's also a beautiful way to remember and pray for our beloved dead.



Pray for Seminarians

Celebrate **National Vocations Awareness Week (Nov. 3-9)** by encouraging prayers for our Newark seminarians!

O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them... Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown.
– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

*Pray for
Our Seminarians!*

Lord, give us priests!
Lord, give us holy priests!
Lord, give us many holy priests!

Abraham Nicolas Ortiz	James McElroy	Mario A. Reyes
Agustin Diaz	Jerrold Nishimura Calvo	Matthew Rodriguez
Alan de Almeida Barreto	Jesus Miguel Cruz Polanco	Michael Bollinger
Andres Vasquez	Jonathan Benigni	Michael Oasheim
Angel Varela	Jorge Arauz	Misael Landa Garcia
Anthony Torres	Jorge Humberto Diaz	Moises Hernandez
Antonio Galindo	José Bruno Marquez	Moises Morales
Brian Cadag	José Eduardo Sanchez	Owen Cumiskey
Carlos Martinez	José Escamilla	Pablo Santiago
Darien Figueroa	José Miguel Serafini	Rafael Romero
David Andrade	José Vasquez	Raymond Walsh
David Pitsenberger	Joseph Grabowski	Ricardo Padilla
Diego Rodriguez	Joseph Silva	Ruben Campos
Erik Gonzalez	Josué Betancourt	Samuel Dilone
Fabian Perez	Josué Jimenez	Samuel May
Felipe Perez	Justin Lind	Samuel Pirela
Giovanni Cuzziol	Kevin Bornemann	Victor Mendoza
Gonzalo Martinez	Konrad Kosiek	Victor Muwonge
Jacob Ballway	Leonardo Casamayor	Yanluka Trujillo
Jacob Ramirez	Marek Chmielewski	Zachary Barajas



Rosary Society Meeting

The next Rosary Society meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00pm in the lower chapel. Everyone is invited to pray the rosary and gather for light refreshments and fellowship.



As we continue our support of Mercy House, we ask everyone to bring items for their Thanksgiving food drive: stuffing and mashed potato mixes, gravy, canned cranberries, corn, green beans. If you have a frozen turkey you'd like to donate please email Kathy Shelffo at kathyshelffo@kathyshelffo.com



VIGIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family
Special Intention and All Souls in Purgatory

10:00 AM Manuel Fernandes

11:30 AM Tommy Fuss

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

7:00 AM Carter Falzarano

12:00 PM Isabelle Fernand

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

7:00 AM William Cody, Jr. and Alice Cody

12:00 PM Cecilia Ezuduemoih – Special
Intention and All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

7:00 AM Lenore M. Antinozzi

12:00 PM Vivienne Mompremier – Special
Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

7:00 AM Joseph Preston

12:00 PM Inez Eckhoff

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

7:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Yvonne Hilaire – Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM All Souls in Purgatory

VIGIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan & Salvante Families

10:00 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

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.



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



Advent Wreath Decorating & Prayer Service for Parish Families



*Celebrate the beginning of this Holy time as a family.
Bring your own wreath to be blessed and decorated
after Mass, or purchase one from us that day!*

Sunday, December 1st

Following 10am Mass, Parish Hall

Cost per family: Includes donuts, bagels & coffee, and a family Advent prayer book:

- \$20 with own wreath & candles
- \$25 if only candles needed (own wreath)
- \$30 if both wreath & candles needed

Cash/check payment at the door

RSVP by
November 26th

To Reserve a Spot, email Teresa
at teresa.geis@gmail.com



Join fellow OLS Families For a
fun evening at the

Paper Mill Playhouse

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

7:30pm

to see

**White Christmas
the Musical**

OLS has reserved a limited number of tickets at the special
group rate of \$35.00 per ticket (adults and kids).

Seats are on the rear sides of the orchestra.

Complete the tear off form below and mail/deliver your check
to the parish office c/o Joan Delaloye. Questions: j6delaloye@yahoo.com

Orders are due by Wednesday, November 13th

Please print clearly, Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to:
Our Lady of Sorrows
Parish
217 Prospect Street
South Orange, N.J. 07079

**Tickets will be
mailed to your
home 2-3 weeks
before the show**