



# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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**MASSSES:** *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 17, 2024**

***33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## A Message from Fr. Andrew

The fall season is indeed upon us! This year we experienced an exceptionally warm October with temperatures reaching 83 degrees on All Saints Eve! Now, however, the cold, piercing breeze surrounds us, as if trying to pull us into the winter chill. The sun setting before 5 serves as a reminder that another year is drawing to a close. As we witness the dramatic change of the season, it reminds us of one important thing: Advent is just around the corner. After today, which is the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, and next Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of a new liturgical year. Advent is a time for us to remember that the Lord, our King, is coming and that He is already near.

The Church teaches us that Advent is a period of preparation, directing our hearts and minds toward Christ's second coming at the end of time, as well as the anniversary of our Lord's birth at Christmas. Some may find the messages of "*the end is near*" or "*tribulations will greet us before the Lord returns*" frightening. Today's Gospel reminds us that we must always be prepared to run to the Lord upon His return. We must be ready, as the time of His return is known to nobody except the Father. Advent should not just be a season but a guiding principle in our lives, encouraging us to stay awake and welcome our Bridegroom, like the wise brides in the parable. As today's Gospel indicates, tribulation will come, the sun will be darkened, and our faith will be tested. We won't always enjoy the extended daylight, lush green forests, and blooming flowers. The end times will arrive before our Lord judges the world. Light will wane, forests will turn gray, and flowers will wither, much like they do in winter.

Some may wonder how we can find moments of joy and hope amid such uncertainty. If we must be ready to let go of the things we cherish before seeing the Lord's return, how can that be joyful? The answer is simple: what if everything we love in this earthly life—the gentle warmth of sunlight, the long days, blooming flowers, the colors of nature, the stars, and the moon—are merely visible reminders and signs of greater joy to come? What if, after enduring tribulations and darkness, the TRUE SUN is destined to rise?

Let us find joy within these challenges, for they pave the way to a deeper joy. In reality, this is the essence of our earthly existence. This is what we remember during the season of Advent. We must remember that the end times, filled with darkness and tribulations as described by Christ in today's Gospel, are not the conclusion of our story. The Son of Man, the True Light, will shine in glory, wiping away the tears of those who remain awake throughout the dark night to welcome Him.

What freezing falls and harsh winters, what darkness and tribulations are you currently facing? Whenever we might feel as though the sun is no longer shining upon us amid life's hardships, let us remember that our Lord never lies. He will come, and His light will envelop us if we continue to remain vigilant and do not fall asleep! Let us stay awake, alert, and be prepared for His coming.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF  
OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>November 10</b>	<b>Week 20</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Collection	\$13,424	\$243,330
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$243,280

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors**

This year's Thanksgiving dinner for seniors will be on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Please note that the location has been changed to the Elks Lodge, directly across the street from OLS, however, you are still welcome to park in the OLS lot.

To RSVP call the parish office at (973) 763-5454 or email Mary Beth Zurat [marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com](mailto:marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com)

**2024**  
**Thanksgiving**  
**FOR SENIORS**

**DATE** Sunday 11/24 ~ 2-4pm

**\*\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***  
**Elks Lodge - Prospect St. South Orange**  
directly across from Our Lady of Sorrows Church

**RSVP**  
Seniors can RSVP by  
• **phone:** 973-763-5454  
• **email:** [marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com](mailto:marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com)

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**Gifts that Give Back**

NOVEMBER 23-24  
AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS FOR  
FAIR TRADE SHOPPING WITH TRADES OF HOPE.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM TRADES OF HOPE WILL OFFER GIFTS THAT  
FIGHT EXTREME POVERTY AND TRAFFICKING IN 16 COUNTRIES  
AROUND THE WORLD.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
SUSAN JOHNSTON  
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**Christmas Shopping Opportunity**

Tired of the crowds and commercial consumerism of the Christmas season? Looking for gifts that are meaningful and truly make a difference? Then have we got a "store" for you!

Trades of Hope will host a pop-up shop in St. Joseph Hall after the vigil Mass on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and all Masses on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Gifts include handmade jewelry, handbags, home décor and more. Go over budget without the guilt and grab something for yourself too!

Trades of Hope supports female artisans around the world empowering them to provide for their families and rise out of poverty. If you have any questions, please reach out to OLS parishioner and Trades of Hope rep Susan Johnston at [sjohnston522@gmail.com](mailto:sjohnston522@gmail.com)



### Meet Our Staff

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### Family Advent Activity

Our first Advent activity will be on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> directly following the 10:00am Mass. See details in flyer and don't forget to RSVP by 11/26 to Teresa Geis at [teresa.geis@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.geis@gmail.com)

## Advent Wreath Decorating & Prayer Service for Parish Families



**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](mailto:teresa.geis@gmail.com)

### Calling all young choristers!

Our St. Cecilia Singers (grades 3-8) are welcoming new singers for our annual Carol Sing and Mass on Christmas Eve.



Our Youth Choir (grades 9-12) is also welcoming teens from the parish to join us this December.

Rehearsals begin immediately after Thanksgiving; please contact Preston Dibble [olsmusician@gmail.com](mailto:olsmusician@gmail.com) or (973) 763-5454 for more information.

### Did you know...

that the word Advent is Derived from the Latin "adventus," meaning "coming"? As we all know, Advent is the time when we wait for our savior to be born.

*In our fast-paced world, waiting is often unwelcome, but Advent teaches us that waiting is a spiritual practice. Like the Israelites who awaited the Messiah, we are called to wait with patience and hope.*

- Taken from [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org)



**VIGIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024**

5:30 PM Michael Francis Houghton

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024**

8:00 AM Bruno and Dolores Kurdyla  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Leonard "Ken" Berlinghieri

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024**

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins  
12:00 PM Kate Powis

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

7:00 AM Leonard Etienne – Special Intention  
12:00 PM Anna Pfeifer

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

7:00 AM Ilse Blythe  
12:00 PM Jean Cushing

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

7:00 AM Jeanne Rader-Bas  
12:00 PM Henry J. Bolivar –  
18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024**

7:00 AM Thomas Scanlin  
12:00 PM Walter A. Mattheiss

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

8:30 AM Ilse Blythe  
12:00 PM Donato V. Tecson Jr.

**VIGIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024**

5:30 PM Consolata Uzzi and Family –  
Special Intention and All Souls in  
Purgatory

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Manuel Fernandes  
11:30 AM Philip and Teresa Wilderotter

**[Scan here to request a Mass](#)**



**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 Emmanuel Ulysse requested by Burnette



**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



## **Women's Advent Event**



Advent by Candlelight is an evening set aside for women to pray and embrace the real reason for the season.

Please join us for a night of prayers, reflections, music, and fellowship. Women from any parish are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend!

**Wednesday, December 4th, 2024**

**7:00pm**

**Our Lady of Sorrows Church, St. Joseph Hall**

If you'd like to attend, or are interested in volunteering, please email Colette at [cpierre6860@gmail.com](mailto:cpierre6860@gmail.com)

**Please RSVP by November 30th & include attendees name, phone number & email**

We would appreciate a gift of a small box of tea to be donated to our parish food pantry.

**We look forward to seeing you!**



## Advent Morning of Reflection

**TAKE NEEDED TIME AWAY WITH GOD  
AT OUR ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION:**

# *Waiting for Jesus with Mary*

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH  
8:30AM-12:30PM**

*Hot breakfast followed by a presentation,  
discussion, and Eucharistic adoration,  
concluding with Mass at noon*



Guest presenter and  
preacher: Rev. Doug  
Milewski S.T.D.,  
Seton Hall University

**\$10 per person/\$20 per  
family (two or more)**

*Pre-register with John R. at  
maryleads2@aol.com  
or 862-224-1956*

**FREE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE!  
Register by December 3rd.**