



Our Lady of Sorrows

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Be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

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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December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Brian

It is now just 24 days until Christmas! These days will be filled with shopping, decorating, cooking, going to parties, and other holiday activities. But at the same time, in this Sunday's Gospel we are told that when Christ comes among us, powers will be shaken, that nations will be in dismay, and that tribulations are imminent. These words do not exactly conjure up chestnuts roasting on an open fire or cause us to dream of a white Christmas.

Instead, we are instructed to not let that day "*catch you by surprise like a trap.*" If we don't want to be caught by surprise, we need to know that Christ comes to us in various ways. The first way was on that first Christmas in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. We, of course, celebrate that first coming on December 25th. But we also celebrate it during the 12 days *after* (not before!) Christmas. The second way He comes to us is in daily and sometimes mysterious ways such as in prayer, Sacred Scripture, the sacraments, and each other. The third way He will come to us is at the end of time, as the glorious and majestic judge of the living and the dead. We hear about that coming of Christ in this Sunday's Gospel.

In other words, Jesus comes to us in history, in mystery, and in majesty. So, how do we make ourselves vigilant for these comings of Our Lord? First, we look into our own soul and see if we are in a state of grace. The world and the culture have lulled many of us into thinking that sin is no longer a serious thing. It is! And so, we must make a good confession during Advent to get us ready for Our Lord's coming at the end of time and at the end of our own lives. And a soul made pure by God's forgiveness would be a wonderful Christmas gift to the Christ Child. This Monday, December 2nd, we will have our annual Advent Penance Service. We will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions.

Secondly, let's use this Advent season to contemplate how Christ comes into our lives each day in mystery, in ways that can only be seen with the eyes of faith. You know, the great tragedy of that first Christmas in Bethlehem was that the Messiah's birth went largely unnoticed. Nobody recognized Him, ignoring Him so much so that He was born in a manger, in a stable. You know what? That's not just a tragedy in history. That tragedy continues today, because Christ comes to us in mystery every day and we usually miss Him! We miss Him because He usually comes to us in very soft, gentle, unassuming, and everyday ways. For example, He comes to us in our daily prayers, in Sacred Scripture, in the distressing cry of the poor and others in need, and in an imperfect Church and in a struggling world. Christ comes now – today – in mystery. It's so easy amidst the rush of our crazy, consuming world, to miss the everyday wonders and miracles of the transcendent seeking our attention, of Christ daily coming into our lives.

This year resist the urge to celebrate Christmas while we're still in Advent. Instead, use these four weeks to pull back, to retreat from the chaos. Find time to look within – to pray more deeply, and to live your faith more profoundly. And ask Jesus during this Advent season: How can I prepare for you? What can I do to welcome you more fully into my life today?

Certainly, let's look forward to a merry Christmas. But let's also use these next 4 weeks to enjoy a blessed and holy Advent as we celebrate and prepare for Christ's coming into our lives in history, in mystery, and in majesty.

Advent Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Due to an early bulletin deadline, these numbers will be reported in the 12/8 bulletin.

Women's Advent Activity

Our Advent by Candlelight evening of prayer and reflection for women is this Wednesday, December 4th at 7:00pm. Please email Colette Pierre at cpierre6860@gmail.com if you would like to attend.



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

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!



Join us tomorrow - **Monday, December 2nd** - for our **Advent Penance Service at 7:00pm**. We will have a communal penance service followed by individual confessions. Prepare your soul to welcome Our Savior into your heart this Christmas by making a good confession.

Provide Christmas Treats

In addition to the much-needed items listed in the flyer, our Food Pantry is collecting "Christmas Treats" - cookies, tea and hot chocolate between now and December 12th. Please consider donating!

FOOD DRIVE

For those in need this Holiday Season

DONATE to Holiday Produce and Specialty Items via this link
<https://givebutter.com/OLSProduceDrive>

SPICE Up Thanksgiving
Donate spices and seasoning until Nov. 21.
Cinnamon, Paprika, Pepper & Garlic Powder!

Christmas TREATS
Donate... Cookies, Tea & Hot Chocolate from Dec. 1-12.

Most Needed Items:

- Pasta
- Rice 1lb bags
- Oatmeal
- Tuna in water
- Peanut Butter
- (16oz plastic jars)

We DO NOT Accept:
Turkeys/Hams or items needing refrigeration, traditional sides such as can pumpkin, stuffing, cranberry sauce, or dry potato mix.

Drop Off Hours for Food Donations
Our Lady of Sorrows Church - 217 Prospect Street
4th St. entrance (lower Church)
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-4:00pm
Church front vestibule
Sat. & Sun.: 8:00am-12:00pm

Questions or to Volunteer:
Email: OLSPantry@gmail.com or call: 973.370.0458

OLS FOOD PANTRY

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Family Advent Wreath Activity... Today!

A reminder that our family Advent Wreath decoration and prayer service will be today (12/1) directly following the 10am Family Mass.



If you have not already RSVPed, you can still join us! Cost is \$20 if you have your own wreath and candles; \$25 if only candles are needed; \$30 if both wreath and candles are needed. Cash or check is accepted.

Our Christmas Giving Tree is back!

You can bring holiday joy to underprivileged families in our area. Over 300 children are in need so please be as generous as possible.

Grab a tag from one of the trees in the vestibule, fill it out and return the wrapped gift (with the tag attached) to the vestibule no later than December 15th.

Make generosity part of your Advent preparation for the Christ Child.

Christmas Giving Tree 2024 *2024 is a little different!*

Please select a tag
Choose Boy/Girl – Circle one
Write the age you are buying for on the tag
If you buy clothing write the size on the tag
Feel free to buy whatever you can donate, clothing, toys, games or gift cards!

You can bring holiday joy to underprivileged families in our area: Make generosity part of your Advent preparation for the Christ Child. **Over 250 children are in need** – please be as generous as possible!



Please select a request tag(s) from the trees in the church vestibule. **Fill out the tag with your gift information.** Deliver wrapped gifts, with tags securely taped to them, to the church vestibule by

December 15th no later than 12:30 pm

Though your generosity is greatly appreciated, timeliness is also key. Gifts cannot be delivered to the children if they are not on time.

Questions: Anne Moore
anneceliamoore@gmail.com or 973-763-5454

Jolly Old St. Nick!

St. Nicholas is a special patron saint of children. His feast day, December 6, is a great day of celebration for children. On the night before his feast, the Saint has been known to leave bags or shoes filled with gifts and treats for the children as a small foretaste of the graces God desires to give His children while they are in this world to help them attain Heaven. St. Nicholas, pray for us!
– Taken from www.catholicculture.org





Pray for the Departed



Let us remember those who have passed away recently at OLS: James Murphy and Juan Rego.

Eternal rest grant unto James and Juan, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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 candle is in memory of James E. Maloney requested by Kathryn Maloney.



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



VIGIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 AM Cooke and Clarke Families
10:00 AM Thanksgiving
11:30 AM Silano Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024

7:00 AM Betty Ann Duthie
12:00 PM Daniel Graf

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

7:00 AM Janina Huppenthal
12:00 PM Justine Feudale

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

7:00 AM Annabeth Ebert
12:00 PM Vivienne Georges –
Special Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024

7:00 AM The Brutofsky Family
12:00 PM Mary Theresa Berris

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

7:00 AM Armand Fernand
12:00 PM Robert Antinozzi –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

8:30 AM Helena Breda
12:00 PM Catherine Maughan McDermott

VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

5:30 PM Michael Francis Houghton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 AM Marvin Pfannenstiel
10:00 AM Filomena and Ralph Ferrace
11:30 AM People of the Parish

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**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.**

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL 2024 WREATH SALE



Volunteers from the Home-School Association will be selling Wreaths and Grave Covers
in front of the Church after Mass on the following Sundays:

DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 8TH -DECEMBER 15TH

Small decorated wreath (24") \$25.00

Large decorated wreath (36") \$50.00

Small grave blanket /pillow (24"x24") \$25.00

Medium grave blanket /pillow - (24"x26") \$40.00

This year we are also taking orders!

Order online

<https://www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/wreath-sale>

***We will have a limited number of grave blankets
so ordering early is encouraged in order to reserve!***

Or contact Todd Leslie at taleslie@mac.com to place your order.
You can pick up your wreaths the Sunday after you make your purchase or
let us know if you need to make alternate arrangements.

CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!