



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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December 15, 2024
Third Sunday of Advent

A Message from Preston Dibble, Director of Music

Rejoice again I say rejoice!

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday; the mid-point in our Advent journey where we rejoice. The opening prayer for today's Mass invites us to "...attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing..." Signs and symbols are everywhere today; a rose advent candle will be lit, the clergy wear rose colored vestments, our liturgical music will all speak to rejoicing as our Savior's birth is near.

At a 2012 gathering of the Italian Sacred Music Association, St. Cecilia, Pope Benedict XVI offered several thoughts on the role and importance of Sacred Music in our lives as Catholics. The Holy Father said, "Sacred music can bolster people's faith and help lapsed Catholics rediscover the beauty of God." He went further to say, "Sacred song united to words form a necessary and integral part of the solemn liturgy." Let us take a moment to consider two of those words; necessary and integral. I think those words could be applied to all music this Advent and Christmas season; Sacred or otherwise.

As much as we like to complain about Macy's playing Christmas music in November, imagine going to Macy's to do your Christmas shopping, enjoying the beauty of elaborate displays of decorations, with nothing but silence in the air – no music. Can you imagine something so foreign to us? The Holy Father is reminding us of the same here in our Liturgy. He even went a step further, "Sacred music is not an accessory or embellishment of the liturgy but is the liturgy itself."

We are truly blessed here at OLS to have such dedicated parishioners of all ages in our St. Cecilia Singers (3-8), Youth Choir (9-12), Adult Choir and cantors who lead us in song at all of our liturgies, but it is important to remember that they are not there as an accessory, or embellishment but to engage the faithful into the mysteries being celebrated. That engagement can be external as we all sing together but can also be internal as the choir offers a piece for prayerful reflection.

This Sunday is our parish's annual Carol Sing where all of our music ministry combines together in the many great texts and melodies that are the Christmas spirit! Our Youth Ministry also helps us to enjoy the nativity scene with a live nativity following the concert. The choirs at OLS truly are first rate and similar programs of music are offered at churches and concert halls throughout the month of December, but nowhere else can you engage in such musical beauty, in your own parish church with your own parishioners and without a \$35 ticket charge! I invite all parishioners, friends and family to come together this December 15th at 4PM for our Carol Sing as we truly rejoice in thanksgiving for our newborn Lord.

Happy Gaudete Sunday!



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

December 1	Week 23	YTD
Collection	\$12,855	\$278,280
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$279,772

St. Vincent de Paul Society - \$2,741

Due to an early deadline, the numbers for 12/8/24 will be reported in the next bulletin.

Last Chance – OLSS Wreath Sale

Today is the last day that representatives from Our Lady of Sorrows School will be selling wreaths as well as grave blankets after all Masses. If you have not already decked your halls, then here's your chance. Shop "local" and support our school!

OUR LADY OF SORROWS



WREATHS WILL BE SOLD 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"*24") \$25.00
 MEDIUM GRAVE BLANKET / PILLOW - (24"*26") \$40.00

YOU CAN ALSO ORDER ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.OURLADYOFSSORROWSSCHOOL.ORG/WREATH-SALE](https://www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/wreath-sale)

CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL!

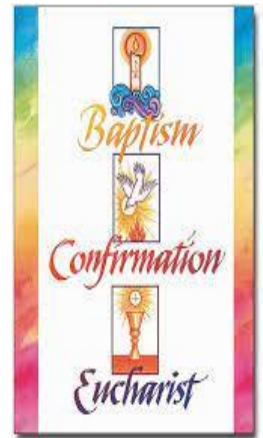
Welcome to the Family!

Four new members were initiated into our Christian Community on December 1st. They are: **Julian Gilson Brown; Thaddeus Pine Jaworski; Reese Penelope Mulhall; Isabella Mae Pamiloza**. 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

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Rejoice! Christmas is coming!



Today is the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (*Gow-day-tay*) Sunday. Gaudete means “rejoice” in Latin. We light a pink or rose-colored candle today to represent joy and anticipation of Christmas.

Fun fact: Gaudete Sunday’s counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope in the risen Christ.

So do not despair! The Light of the World will soon be here. – Adapted from www.catholicextension.org

Regifting Project – Spread the Joy!

This year we are once again participating in the **Christmas Regifting Project** to benefit Mercy House (www.rcan.org/mercy-house) in Newark.



Few of us need or even want all the gifts we receive at Christmas. Instead of rushing to the store on the 26th to return them, or letting them sit in your closet, why not spread Christmas joy and regift them?

This is a great opportunity to give a gift to someone who might not have received anything on Christmas, as well as a valuable lesson in altruism for adults and children alike.

Please bring your gifts to the church and leave them in the vestibule on the weekends of December 28/29 and January 4/5. There is no need to wrap them. They’ll be delivered to Mercy House and then given directly to those in need.

If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson: annanelson202@gmail.com or (973) 477-9546.

Speaking of Requests...

There’s been a noticeable uptick in fraudulent emails. The scam involves a fake email (though often from a legitimate service such as Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, etc.) in a priest’s name (or something approximating his name) making a bizarre request. A staff member received one from a “Fr. Noodles(!)” asking that a matter be handled “discreetly.”



Do **NOT** respond to these emails, and **NEVER** click on a link in these emails. Simply delete them. Please note our priests’ (and parish staff) emails as listed in the bulletin. You will then be able to recognize an authentic email from one of our priests if you get one.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

5:30 PM Jean Kubilus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

7:00 AM Wm Cody Jr., Mary Cavallaro and Michael Standing

12:00 PM Kashia Francois – Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 AM Elizabeth Bryce

12:00 PM Ruth and Kevin O’Neil – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 AM Mariola Thiel

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

7:00 AM Nancy Ryder Brissette

12:00 PM Frank Maloof

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

7:00 AM Edward Silliere

12:00 PM Amy Baltin

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

8:30 AM Betty Ann and Ed Duthie

12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins – 5th Anniversary

VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

5:30 PM Jay Moran

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM All Rosarians, living and deceased

11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

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Pray for the Departed



Let us remember those who have passed away recently at OLS.

Eternal rest grant unto them, 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. If you would like to do so, please contact the parish office.



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



Christmas Carol Sing and Living Nativity

Join us TODAY! (12/15) for our annual Carol Sing and Living Nativity.
It is truly a highlight of the season and jewel in the crown of our Advent activities.

“Singing itself is almost like flying, rising up to God; it is in some way an anticipation of eternity when we will be able to unceasingly sing God’s praise.” – Pope Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

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Please join Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Music Ministry for our annual Carol Sing and Living Nativity presented by the parish Youth Ministry. Our parish choirs will lead us into the Christmas Spirit with the Gramercy Brass Quintet, Harp, Flute and Kristin Johnson at the organ.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:00PM



Christmas Giving Tree Reminder

Gifts from our Christmas Giving Tree are due back **TODAY (12/15)** in order to be delivered before Christmas. Please be sure to wrap the gift(s) with the recipient tag securely attached. Your generosity will bring great joy to many children who might not otherwise receive a gift.

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. – George Matthew Adams

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.

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