



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 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Brian

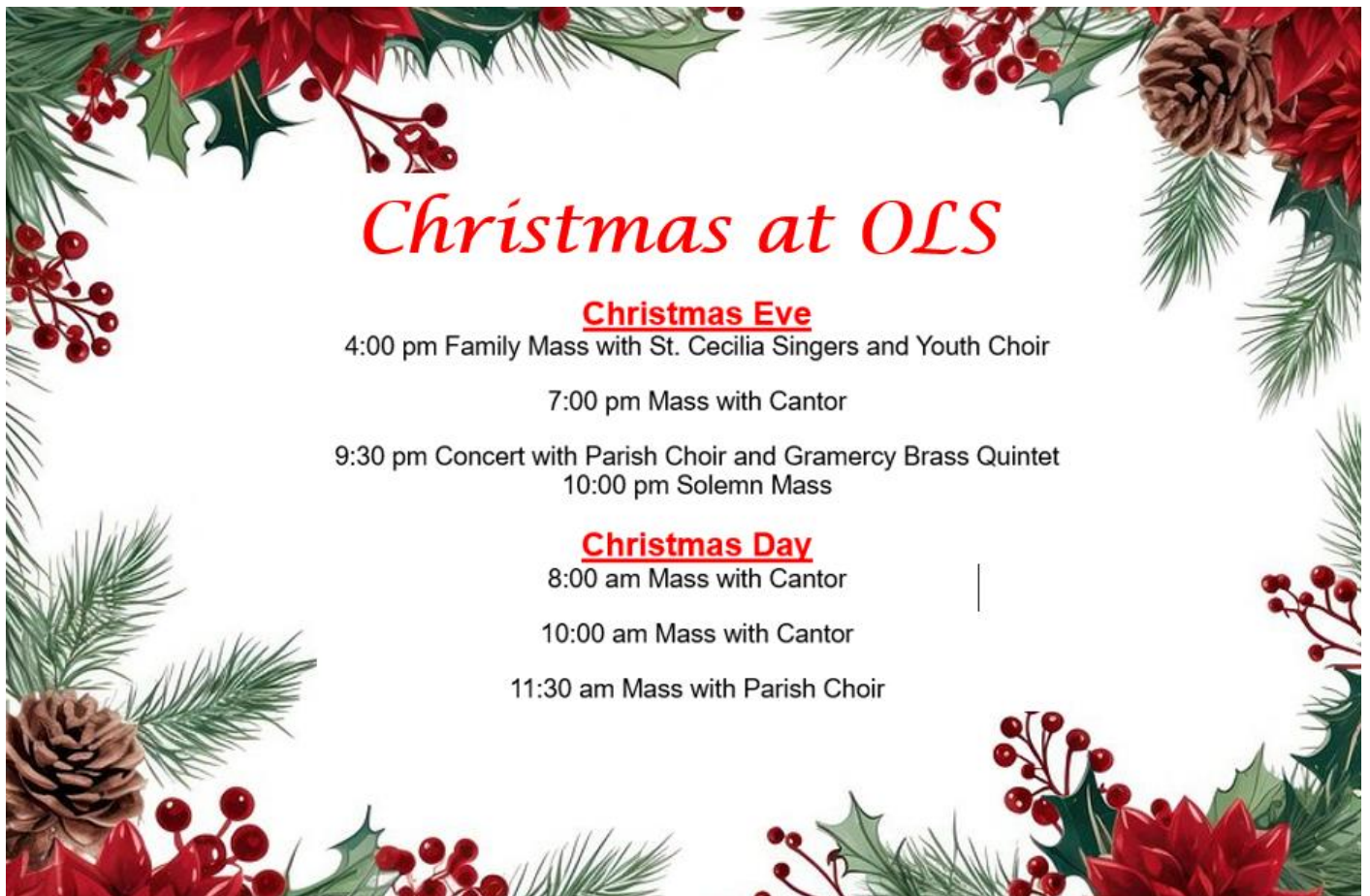
On behalf of the priests, deacons, and staff of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and School, I wish upon you all the joy and peace of this holy season. My friends, let God give you the Christmas gift that only He can give and that He has prepared for you, and from the beginning of time: His Son, Our Savior, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. He is the Prince of Peace and He is the One who brings Joy to the World.

May you and your families forever experience the love and blessings of the Christ Child and the maternal protection of His Blessed Mother.

A very Joyous and Merry Christmas to all!

Christmas Blessings!

Fr. Brian



Christmas at OLS

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm Family Mass with St. Cecilia Singers and Youth Choir
7:00 pm Mass with Cantor
9:30 pm Concert with Parish Choir and Gramercy Brass Quintet
10:00 pm Solemn Mass

Christmas Day
8:00 am Mass with Cantor
10:00 am Mass with Cantor
11:30 am Mass with Parish Choir

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

December 8	Week 24	YTD
Collection	\$15,523	\$293,803
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$291,936

Repairs and Maintenance - \$3,130
Retired Fund for Religious - \$2,963
Christmas Flowers - \$569

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Due to accelerated bulletin deadlines for Christmas, the numbers are delayed and will be reported in subsequent bulletins.

Bagels and Coffee and Donuts... Oh My!



Our last Bagels, Coffee and Donuts of 2024 will be in St. Joseph Hall today (12/22) after the 10:00am Family Mass

and 11:30am Mass.

We will have a special Christmas-focused children's activity after the Family Mass. Please join us as we look forward to Christmas and bid farewell to 2024. We will resume Bagels, Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, January 12, 2025. Hope to see you today!

Thank You Notes!

A note (get it?!) of gratitude to all who attended our Christmas Carol Sing and Living Nativity last Sunday.



This event is a jewel in the crown of OLS' Advent and Christmas activities. Our superlative choir and guest musicians truly shine and inspire us to lift our voices and hearts up to the Lord in praise and thanksgiving. *Sursum Voces, Sursum Corda!*

And a very special thank you to all who contributed to the recent collection for our Music Ministry. We received \$3,307. Your generosity helps to sustain and enrich our choirs, which bring joy to Sorrows!



Merry Christmas

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Meet Our Staff

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Christmas and New Year's Office Schedule

Please note that the parish offices will be closed December 24th through the 27th, as well as December 31st and January 1st.



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.

If we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever he has given to us, we shall receive according to his promise a hundredfold in eternal happiness. - St. John of God, religious



Masses For The Week



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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

7:00 AM Elizabeth and Lyndon Bryce
12:00 PM Kettie Leroy – Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

7:00 AM James Thomas Cryan
4:00 PM Rosetta Giuliano – 13th Anniversary
7:00 PM People of the Parish
10:00 PM Eleanor Ann McGovern Burke

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

8:00 AM Donato Cruso
10:00 AM Christopher Impomeni
11:30 AM John M. Izzolino

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

7:00 AM Adrianna Cannone –
Special Intention
12:00 PM Msgr. Philip Morris

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

7:00 AM Eileen Schmidt
12:00 PM Lucas Soto Pascual and
Max White – Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

8:30 AM Carole Eggert
12:00 PM Lorraine and Bob Giles

VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

8:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih –
Special Intention &
All Souls in Purgatory
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Leonard and Kathleen Schmieder, Jr.

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.

This week's candle is in memory of Carole Eggert requested by Lynn Bryce.



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



Bereavement Ministry: **A Support Group for Those Grieving**

*Led by Deacon Walter Wiggins and other trained
facilitators*

If a loved one has passed away, either recently or years ago, please join us for our series of six sessions. Each session includes information, grief support and mutual sharing in a spiritual, confidential setting.

First meeting: Sunday, January 12th 2025.

in the Lower Church, from 1pm-2:30pm
(following the 11:30 Mass)
Refreshments will be served.

Pre-registration is required: if you are interested in joining us or hearing more about the group, please contact Terri or John via email below:

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To address the capital needs of our parish property, we have begun our *Forward in Faith* capital campaign. Our \$1 million goal is aimed at addressing the structural needs of our parish campus. ***It is exciting to share with you that we have more than \$967,000 pledged towards our \$1 million goal and this from 163 of our parish families.*** Their generosity and sacrifice should give us the confidence that together we will meet and even surpass our parish goal!

We are very grateful for those who have already participated in the campaign! **And we urge the remainder of our parish families to consider making a gift/pledge to the campaign.** Especially during this season of giving when we celebrate the greatest gift our Father in Heaven could ever offer us - Jesus Christ - we encourage you to offer your own gift to your parish church.

To discover more about our capital campaign (including our Case Statement) or to make a gift or pledge, please visit our parish website (olschurch.com) and from there you will be directed to our capital campaign page. You may also fill out one of the pledge cards which can be found in the pews of the church. Additionally, you may scan this QR code to be brought directly to our payment page.



Please know that our capital campaign is based on equal sacrifice and not equal giving. Everyone has different fiscal means and responsibilities. Please be assured that whatever pledge amount you make, we are very grateful for your support. All pledges and gifts are gratefully accepted. It is truly a sacrifice, and your participation will be an essential part of our parish's success.

Our campaign is named *Forward in Faith*, which indicates that, with great faith, we desire to advance our mission of making Christ better known, loved and served. At the same time, we give homage to the wonderful legacy of faith left to us by previous generations of OLS parishioners. Our hope and dream is that every parish family will participate in this campaign so that OLS will continue to be a beacon of faith and hope in our community.