

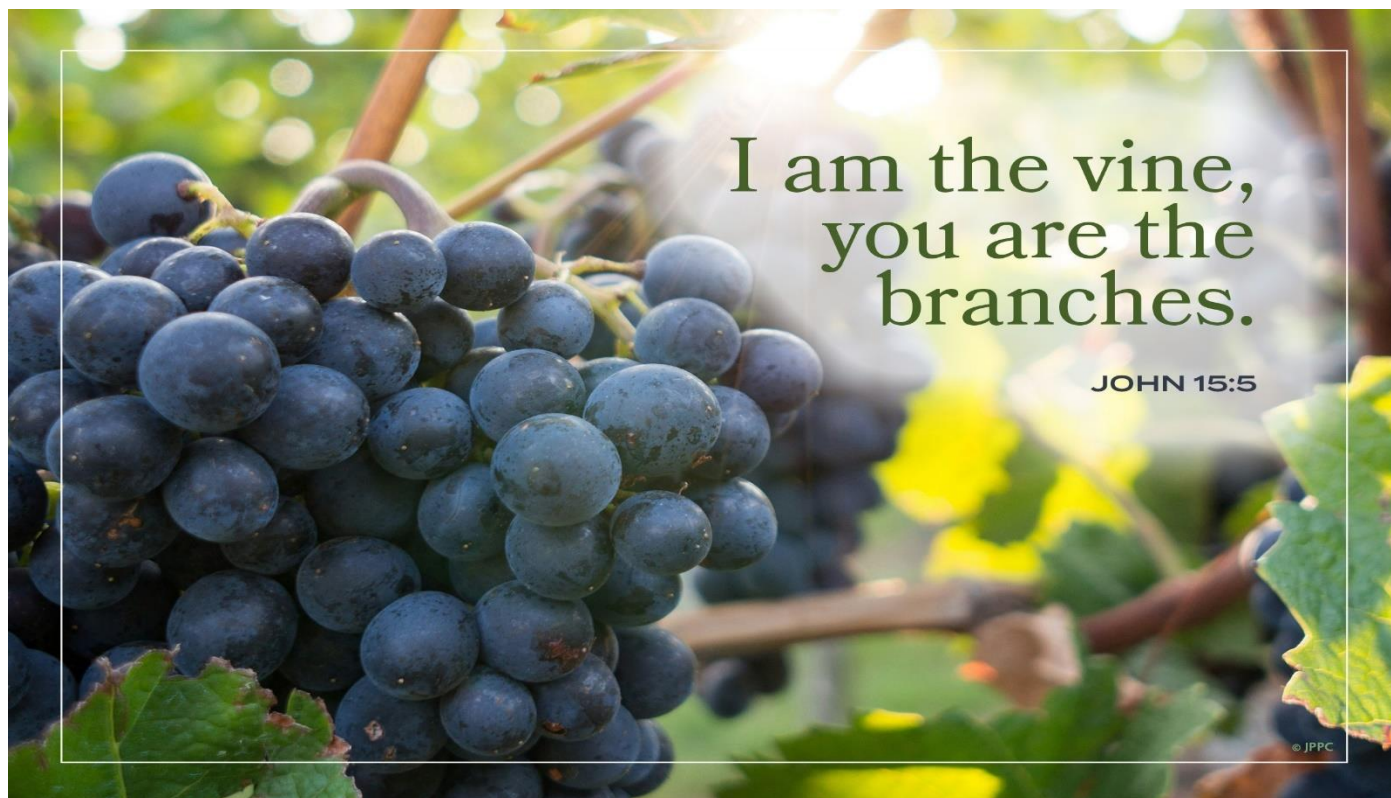


Our Lady of Sorrows

217 PROSPECT STREET, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

973-763-5454

www.olschurch.com



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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April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."* Abiding in Jesus and allowing Him to abide in us is the calling of every Christian disciple. When we remain connected to Jesus, we can bear much fruit in His Kingdom. When a branch is connected to the vine, it can flourish. When we stay united to Jesus, we can grow, flourish, and bear much fruit. Our 2nd reading from St. John makes the same point, and he connects this union with Christ with the keeping of the commandments, especially the command to love one another.

Some of the ways that we can remain connected to Jesus the Vine is through personal and liturgical prayers, especially our participation at Mass; by frequent reception of the Eucharist; by receiving His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; by daily reading of the Scriptures; by a lively devotion to Mary, His Mother and our Mother; and by serving one another through acts of charity.

Allow me to focus on that last one: acts of charity (love). I know that so many of you are so charitable, giving of yourself in countless ways, whether it be to your family, your neighbors, or even perfect strangers. God bless you for your charity! The world is in such desperate need of your acts of love. May I call upon you to continue to show charity (love) toward your neighbor and the stranger among us by your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal?

The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission. It supports the efforts of the Archdiocese in proclaiming the Gospel, of passing on the faith to future generations, and of caring for the poor and those on the margins. While we do an awful lot in those areas here at OLS, there are many other programs and ministries in which we are not directly involved but which we are nevertheless called to support. Without the Annual Appeal, our mission as a church would be hindered to a degree that none of us would wish to contemplate.

As you can see on the next page of this bulletin, our parish's goal for the Annual Appeal is \$75,607. As of April 23rd, a total of 101 families (representing about 5% of registered families) have pledged \$49,060, of which \$34,605 has been collected.

We are running far behind last year's progress at this point. If we make our parish goal in funds collected by June 30th, our annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will drop from 18% to 16%, which because we made our goal last year saved the parish about \$18,000. What this means is that, while we're helping countless people within the Archdiocese who benefit from the many ministries and programs of the Archdiocese, we are also aiding our own parish.

If you have not yet had the chance to contribute to the Annual Appeal, I ask that you now consider doing so. You may do so by going here: <https://www.rcan.org/sharing> (please be sure to designate Our Lady of Sorrows as your parish).

As you might imagine, calling upon your generosity is (by far!) the least enjoyable part of my role as pastor. I do feel an obligation, however, to encourage you to remain united to Jesus the Vine by means of your acts of charity. The wonderful thing of abiding in, and being united to Him, and allowing Him to abide in us is that we become more and more like Jesus in the process. As St. Paul said, *"It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives within me"* (Gal 2:20).

Wishing you a fruitful week,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Fr." and "Brian" being capitalized and prominent.

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>April 21</u>	<u>Week 43</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$12,498	\$527,607
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$513,408
Repairs and Maintenance		\$7,105
Food Pantry		\$802

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You're not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.



Please join us for our

Eucharistic Procession

immediately following the 11:30am Mass on
the Feast of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 2nd

All are welcome!

(Bring your family, children, and friends)

Light reception to follow.

Questions? Contact Peter Morin
at morinpete@gmail.com

Why a procession?

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. A eucharistic procession is a public witness of our veneration toward the holy Eucharist conducted through public streets. Please join us for this special moment of worship with your OLS family as we join in this sacred tradition!

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal **Catholic Stewardship in Action**

Please help OLS to reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 4-23-24:
101

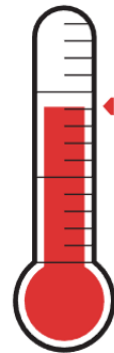
Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:



Annual Appeal Goal

\$75,607



Raised
\$49,060

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday from 12:30pm – 3:00pm concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?



Pilgrimage to Italy

We still have 6 spots left on our parish pilgrimage to Italy, which will take place from Nov. 10-19, 2024. Experience the rich history, faith, culture, art, architecture, food and wine (!) of this beautiful country. This pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Brian and Stephanie Sonnick, and we will visit Rome, Assisi, Orvieto, and Loreto. For the full itinerary and more information:

<https://prorometours.com/ourladyofsorrows/>

Meet our Staff

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JOIN OLS FOR A ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE **NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY** IN STOCKBRIDGE, MA

Come spend a day of prayer and reflection with other parishioners on 375 acres of land nestled in the beautiful Berkshire hills in western Massachusetts. Don't miss this chance to learn more about Jesus' miraculous message of Divine Mercy!



SATURDAY, MAY 18TH



6:45 AM - 7:00 PM

(transportation to-and-from OLS via Charter Bus)



Daily Mass, picnic lunch, time for personal reflection, and more!



MORE INFO :

For questions/ to register please contact

**Joan Pascual at Jtpascual@aol.com
or 201-259-7092.**

"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy." —Diary of Saint Faustina # 367

**\$50/person
\$80/family**

**PAYABLE BY
CASH OR CHECK**



Safe Environment Corner

Training Children

All our Catholic school children and all children in parish faith formation programs receive annual training in how to keep themselves safe. Do you know the risks children face from their use of the Internet and cell phone apps? Do you speak about these risks with the children in your life? Would you know how to report a disclosure? Find out more about this training by going to www.rcan.org, and clicking Protect/Report, and then Protecting God's Children, then scroll down to Empowering God's Children.

Young Adult Group

Are you between the ages of 20-35, and looking to connect with other people of faith? Join Essex County Young Adults for our next event!

We are a network of area parishes committed to building up community and discipleship for young adults.

For more information, text or email Stephanie at (201) 470-2904;

olschurchministries@gmail.com





Mass Intentions

VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM The Kirk Family

11:30 AM Charles Giani

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

7:00 AM Linda and Pierre-Michel Mompremier -
Special Intention

12:00 PM James Sullivan

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

7:00 AM Vivienne Mompremier –
Special Intention

12:00 PM Deceased members of the
Ezuduemoih Family and
All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

7:00 AM Colleen McDonald –
Special Intention

12:00 PM Robbie Pascual - Special Intention

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

7:00 AM Richard Jaeger

12:00 PM Maryann Capano

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

7:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Michael Leonard

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

8:30 AM Robert O'Connor

12:00 PM Patricia J. Smith – 25th Anniversary

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

5:30 PM All Mothers Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM John McGrath

11:30 AM Anna Jemas

Request a Mass

We now have an easier way
for you to request Masses.

Either go here:

<https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/>

Or scan the QR code.



In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate a Memorial
Candle in honor of a loved one. Please
contact the parish office for more information.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

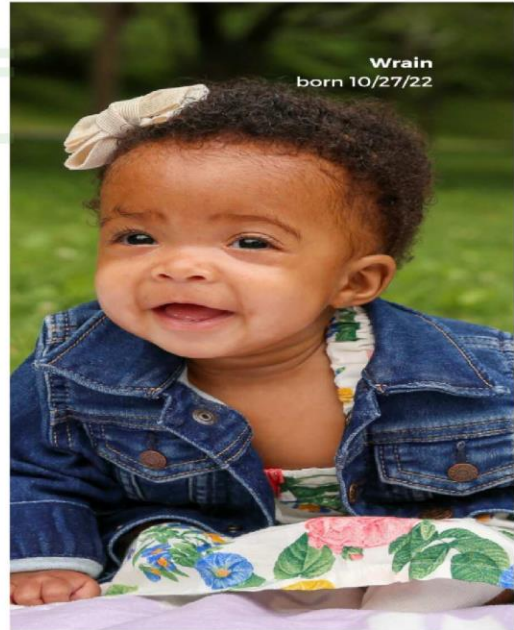
Please keep the following in your prayers:
Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth
Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville
Moore, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan
More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor,
Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Melissa
O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate
Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall,
Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen,
Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie
Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary,
Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi
Hermann, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan
and Kate Powis, Patricia Evanik, Michael
Elliot, Judith Gordy, Alan Droppa, Alice
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Baby Bottle Boomerang 2024

RETURN BY
JUNE 16, 2024



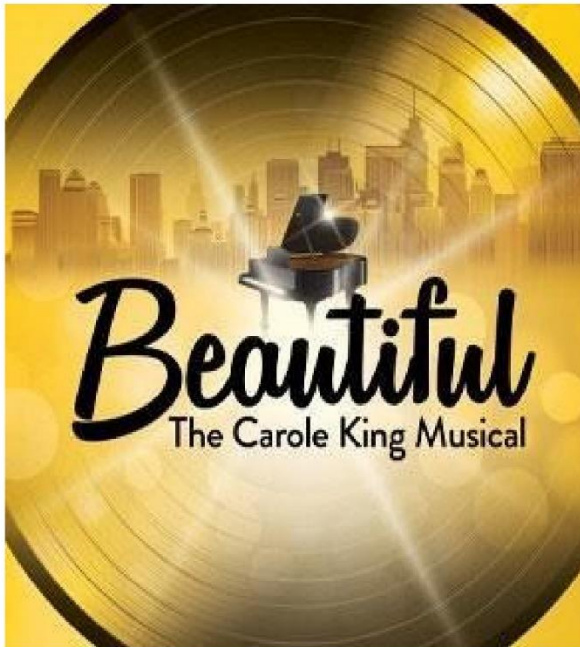
Baby Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 11/12) and be available for pickup in the OLS Church vestibule through Father's Day (June 15/16) weekend. Return bottles by Father's Day. A portable baby crib will be setup in the vestibule for bottle returns. Additional empty bottles will be available on a table next to the crib. Use QR code above to make an online donation.

Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves in unplanned pregnancy. When you return the bottles full of spare change, bills and checks, your gifts will help those served by



First Choice (1stchoice.org) has 5 locations in New Jersey. Last year, OLS parishioners and friends were very generous when we last had the Baby Bottle Boomerang at OLS. The Director of First Choice sends along her sincere thanks to all who contributed. 881 clients of First Choice chose LIFE for their babies last year and our donations helped to make that possible.

*The Knights of Columbus, Regina Pacis Council #4066
Hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange*



Join fellow OLS Families for a fun evening at

Paper Mill Playhouse

to see

Beautiful
The Carole King Musical

Sunday, June 23, 2024

7:00pm

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 form and mail/deliver check to the parish office c/o Joan Delaloye

Questions: j6delaloye@yahoo.com

Orders are due by Wednesday, May 15th

Please print clearly. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

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

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