



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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May 12, 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Brian

One of the cutest emails I ever received and which I have not deleted is one with the subject heading: "Things my Mother Taught Me." For example:

My mother taught me LOGIC: She used to say, "Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me RELIGION: When I spilled grape juice on the carpet, she said, "You better pray that stain will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me FORESIGHT: "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My mother taught me about WEATHER: "It looks like a tornado swept through your room."

My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION: She'd say: "Just wait until we get home."

And my favorite: My mother taught me about JUSTICE: "One day you'll have kids ... and I hope they turn out just like you!"

To all our mothers, grandmothers, and those who "mother" us in any way, we salute you and thank you. Happy Mother's Day! We're offering all our Masses this weekend for our mothers, whether they are present with us or far away, whether they are living or deceased. Today is a beautiful day to remember them and to pray for them.

At our 10:00am Mass this Sunday, the young people of our parish will crown the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the Mother not just of Jesus, but of all of us and she is the very best of all mothers. We should continually seek her intercession in our prayers and model our own lives after her life of humility, holiness, and simplicity. The old hymn urges us to "*Bring flowers of the rarest... O Mary! We crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*"

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Until 2 years ago, this Solemnity was always celebrated on the Thursday between the 6th and 7th Sundays of Easter, 40 days after Christ's Resurrection.

Whatever your thoughts might be about this change, I offer you the official reason given for this change: the Paschal Mystery encompasses the entirety of the death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, the Ascension of the Lord, and Pentecost are hinge feasts of the Easter Season and are important to the spiritual formation of the faithful. Therefore, celebrating the Ascension on a Sunday promotes a fuller participation in the entirety of the Easter Mysteries because of the greater number of worshipers at Sunday Masses compared to weekday Masses.

The Ascension of the Lord commemorates that historical day when 40 days after Christ's Resurrection from the dead He ascended into the glory of Heaven, taking His place at the right hand of the Father. This is a truth of our faith that we profess every Sunday at Mass when we recite the Creed. As this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm puts it, "***God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.***"

Ascension Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

May 5	Week 45	YTD
Collection	\$15,087	\$554,287
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$538,291

Food Pantry \$729
Candles \$372

Thank you for your generosity!



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

We can do this!
Please help OLS to reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 4-5-7-24:
112

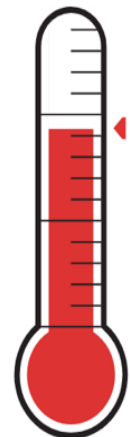
Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:



Annual Appeal Goal

\$75,607



Raised
\$50,107

Please Remember OLS

Beginning the estate planning process? We hope that you will consider a bequest to OLS. Legacy gifts enable our parish to continue to thrive and minister to our parishioners.



Next weekend, May 18-19, is the Solemnity of Pentecost and we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birthday of the Church. Be sure to wear something RED to Mass next weekend!

Meet Our Staff

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Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

Join our summer Small Group
and Deepen Your Life of Prayer



The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola have helped millions of people develop a closer relationship with God in their daily lives – here and now.

Join us this summer for **8 Weeks with Ignatius**, a guided small group “retreat in daily life” based on the Spiritual Exercises.

*This small group will meet once a week for eight weeks and use the lauded text *The Ignatian Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien S.J. as a guide.*

This opportunity is perfect for those with an existing prayer life who are seeking depth and understanding in prayer.

Space is limited!

Email Brendan and Stephanie by **June 3rd** with questions or to sign up:

[Brendan: bdjanuary@msn.com](mailto:Brendan.bdjanuary@msn.com)

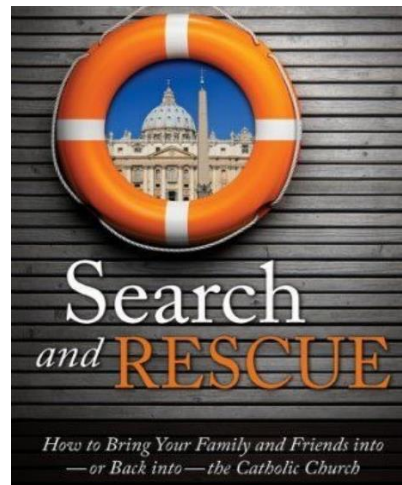
[Stephanie: olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanie.olschurchministries@gmail.com)

HAPPY
Mother's Day

The loveliest
masterpiece of
the heart of God
is the heart
of a mother.

St. Therese of Lisieux

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Summer is the
perfect time to
pick up a new
book...
why not make it
spiritually
fruitful?

Join us for an eight-week reading of **“Search and Rescue: How to Bring Your Family and Friends Into - or Back Into - the Catholic Church.”** In this book, renowned Catholic author Patrick Madrid explains effective, time-tested methods for bringing family and friends into (or back into) the Church.

This practical and enlightening read won't waste your time and will connect you with other parents and parishioners striving to bring their children, relatives, and friends (back) to the Lord!

The reading group will meet **virtually** once a week for eight weeks on Wednesday evenings. Please join us even if you can't make every session!

Email Rob or Stephanie by June 3rd with questions or to sign up:

Rob Harrigan:
robharrigan@yahoo.com
Stephanie Sonnick:
olschurchministries@gmail.com



Mass Intentions

VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

5:30 PM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

8:00 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

10:00 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

11:30 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

7:00 AM Samori Etienne

12:00 PM Norma Hermann

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

7:00 AM Edward Silliere

12:00 PM Emmet Harrigan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

7:00 AM The DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families

9:30 AM School Mass and May Crowning

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

7:00 AM Julia Tutunjian

12:00 PM Kiwa Deshpande

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

7:00 AM William Aumand

12:00 PM Jean Hoptay

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

8:30 AM Peter Shapiro

12:00 PM John Kerwin

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

5:30 PM Mary Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

11:30 AM Elizabeth Giuliano Magnes – 39th Anniversary

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

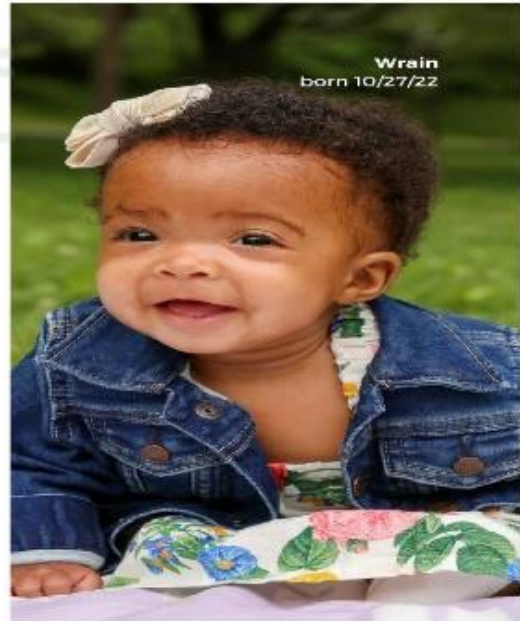
Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill Aber, Rita Arena, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Mark F. Davonski, Alan Droppa, Michael Elliot, Patricia Evanic, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Judith Gordy,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





Baby Bottle Boomerang 2024

RETURN BY
JUNE 16, 2024



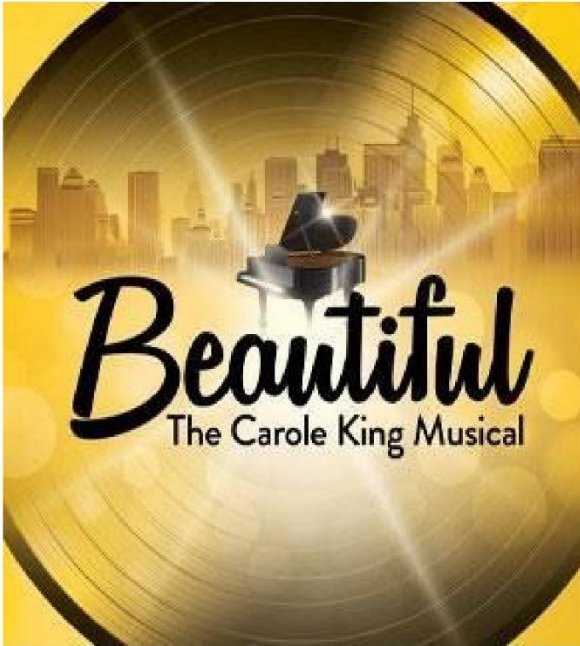
Baby Bottles will be distributed after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend (May 11/12) and be available for pickup in the OLS Church vestibule through Father's Day (June 15/16) weekend. Return bottles by Father's Day. A portable baby crib will be setup in the vestibule for bottle returns. Additional empty 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**