



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 19, 2024
Solemnity of Pentecost

A Message from Fr. Andrew

You're lucky if you don't have allergies. Spring can be very challenging if you do. As pollen spreads everywhere, it brings forth both abundant life and tears. I live this truth because I start my day with sneezes and teary eyes if I don't take allergy pills. As the peak of life-giving pollen surrounds us, which also causes us to shed tears, we celebrate the coming of the life-giving fire that makes countless people shed tears of joy.

Today, on this awe-inspiring solemnity of the Pentecost, we recall the descent of the Holy Spirit, a promise fulfilled by Jesus, and the profound gifts He bestows. This is a day of immense significance in the life of the Church. Why? Because through it, the apostles' ministry of spreading the Gospel commenced, proclaiming to the entire world that the Kingdom of Heaven is accessible to all through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The initial fear that locked the apostles within the upper room has transformed into a fervor that ignites the entire world with the message of salvation. Can you believe it? We are the living testament of their works!

At times, it's easy to think that the gifts of the Holy Spirit we receive today aren't as active as they were during the apostles' time. This is not true. The Holy Spirit still touches our hearts, wanting to enflame us with the same zeal the apostles had. The only difference is this: like the apostles, are we willing to go all-in with our life as disciples of Jesus? Our faith must be total, and every aspect of our lives must reflect the heart of Jesus. Can we do it? Of course, but not on our own. We must be willing to cooperate with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

However, we can't stop there. Receiving the gifts is not enough. We **MUST** bear fruit because the gifts we are given are not only for ourselves but for the whole world's salvation. The gift of the Holy Spirit is like pollen (not in the negative sense of bringing allergies, but in the good sense of bringing life!), and we are the pollinators. The Holy Spirit engulfs us with His gifts at baptism. With these gifts, opening ourselves to the working of the Holy Spirit with and through us, we must make ourselves available for them to be used. How do we keep ourselves open to the Holy Spirit? Living according to the will of God rather than our flesh means seeking things of God rather than bodily and earthly pleasures.

We must bring the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth, starting from the streets we live on. Only then, like pollen, can we spread God's love to the world by spreading the fruits of the Holy Spirit: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

At baptism, we all received the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. God never wants those gifts to go to waste. We can do so many things to help each other get closer to heaven. So, what are we waiting for?! Life is short and we only live once. Just like the apostles who couldn't help but burst outside to preach the Gospel, may we do the same, letting the name of Jesus Christ be known to the whole world. The clock is ticking!

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

May 12	Week 46	YTD
Collection	\$11,316	\$565,603
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$550,733
Repairs	\$3,584	
Food Pantry	\$279	

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

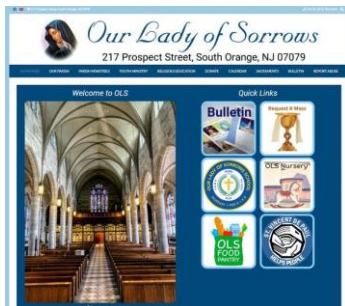
St. Vincent DePaul Society

The OLS St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, as well as the Maplewood/South Orange communities, on a confidential basis. If you know of someone in need of financial assistance, or if you would like to donate to this fund, please contact our parish office at (973) 763-5454 or email: OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com



New Parish Homepage!

Check out the newly updated and much improved homepage of our website! You'll find it to be a much "cleaner" and user-friendly homepage, where you can easily see and click on the most visited pages of our website. We extend our gratitude to parishioner Dan Shellfo who worked so hard to redesign our parish homepage! Thank you, Dan!



Over time, we will also update the other pages of our website. In the meantime, please visit us: <https://olschurch.com/>

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
WE ARE WELL BEHIND OUR GOAL**

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

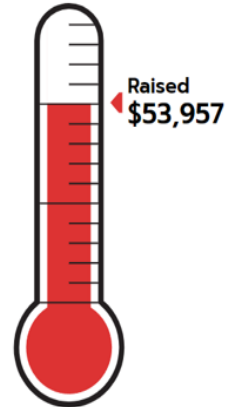
Total donors as of 5-14-24: 116

Total # of OLS families: 2248

To make a gift:

Annual Appeal Goal

\$75,607



Last year on this date, we had raised \$81,108

Young Adult Group

Are you between the ages of 20 and 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, call or email Stephanie Sonnicks at (201) 470-2904; olschurchministries@gmail.com



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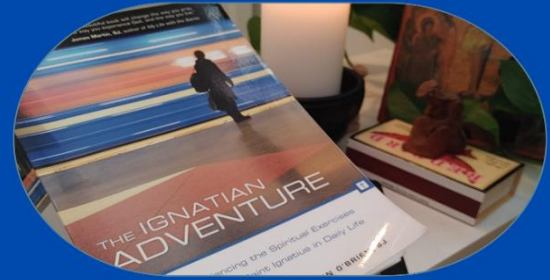
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Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

Join our summer Small Group
and Deepen Your Life of Prayer



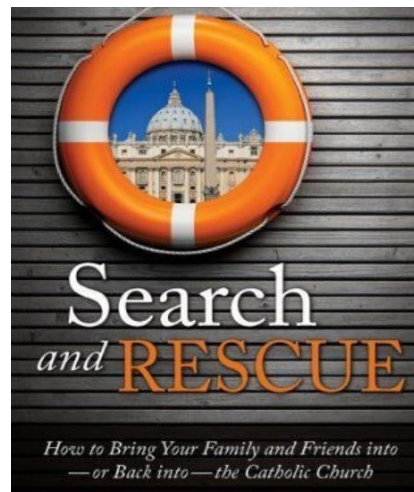
The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola have helped millions of people develop a closer relationship with God in their daily lives – here and now.

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)
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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:
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“Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.”

Acts 2:3-4



Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024

7:00 AM Jerry McElroy
12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee – Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

7:00 AM Cathy Craig
12:00 PM Jerry McElroy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

7:00 AM Joseline Cenatus
12:00 PM Yvonne Hilaire

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

7:00 AM Antoinette Mantone
12:00 PM Raymond Cantwell

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

7:00 AM Mary W. Sullivan – 1st Anniversary
12:00 PM Josephine Clemens

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

8:30 AM Infant Jesus of Prague
12:00 PM Immanuel and Aloysius Ezuduemoih – Special Intention
All Souls in Purgatory

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

5:30 PM Fr. Rich Pfannenstiel – Special Intention

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Rose Shoemaker – 5th Anniversary
11:30 AM Cade Beach

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 Evanik, 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





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!

Only
five spots left!
Register ASAP!



PROROME



REGISTER TODAY

A Fall Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange NJ

This pilgrimage features five nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi, with day-trips to Orvieto and Loreto along the way. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a touring program that immerses the pilgrims in the incredible history and culture of the Catholic Faith and Italy itself. Highlights include an Audience with the Pope in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Pantheon, the Duomo of Orvieto, the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi and the Papal Sanctuary of the Holy House in Loreto.

Roundtrip direct airfare from New York (JFK) on Delta Airlines, and beautiful, centrally-located four star hotels have been arranged for this trip. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours, tickets, daily breakfast and one additional daily meal (either lunch or dinner - see itinerary) are included in the price.

November 10-19, 2024

\$4490 per person (includes roundtrip airfare from JFK Airport)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/ourladyofsorrows/ or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com