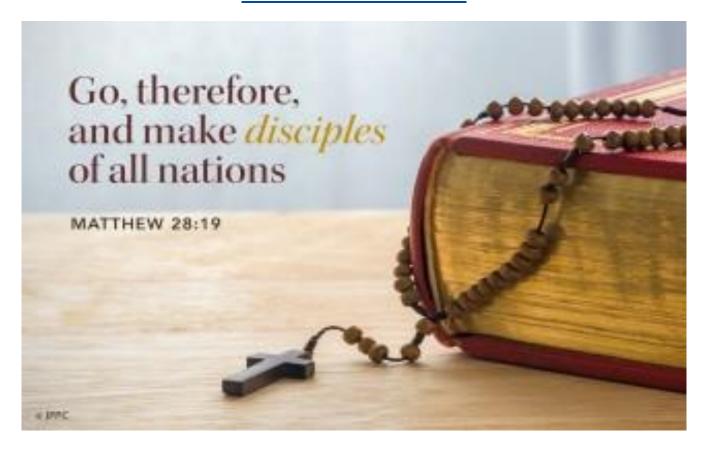


Our Bady of Sorrows

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MASSES: 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 26, 2024
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

A Message from Fr. Brian

The number of galaxies in the Universe is estimated to be between 200 billion and 2 trillion. We humans inhabit the Milky Way Galaxy, which contains 100–400 billion stars. The number and size of galaxies and stars and planets in the Universe remain mind-baffling mysteries in spite of all our latest astronomical discoveries and studies.

Well, if the Universe is so mysterious, it's no wonder why the nature of the Triune God Who created it is also a mystery. Together with the Incarnation of Jesus, God being a Trinity is at the center of what we believe as Christians. Yet the more we try to speak of it, the more complex and mysterious it seems to become. Our language limits. We know that 1+1+1=3, but in the mathematical logic of the Trinity 1+1+1=1. That's a mystery.

We could be like Muslims and Jews and simply believe in the one true God. Wouldn't that be much more rational and logical? But it's not being faithful to the Scriptures. It's true that Jesus never said to His disciples, "Listen up, guys, today I want to tell you about the Trinity." But He did say: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19). He also said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30) and "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9) and "He who beholds Me beholds the One who sent Me." (John 12:45).

Now, even though we can't understand the fullness of the mystery of the Trinity, we can begin to understand the <u>how</u> of the Blessed Trinity. That is, *how* do the individual Persons of the Trinity relate to each other? They do so in a perfect communion of life and perfect love. The Trinity, at its most basic level, is about relationships. In the relationships between the 3 Persons, there's a perfection and fullness of life and love. This communion of life and love isn't something that stops within the Trinity. It opens itself out to us. The Trinity desires communion with us. And so, at a certain point in history, God created man and woman. And He created us in the image and likeness of the Trinity.

This should inspire us to form relationships in our lives that mirror the beautiful relationship and communion that exists in the Trinity. We ourselves can be fully human only when we live in a vertical relationship with God and a horizontal relationship with one another. In that way our life becomes Trinitarian like that of God. What does that look like?

Like God the Father, we're called to be productive and creative persons by contributing to the building up of the fabric of life and love in our family, our Church, our community, and our nation.

Like the Son, we're called to reconcile, to be peacemakers, to put back together that which has been broken, to restore what has been shattered.

Like God the Holy Spirit, it is our task to uncover and teach truth and to dispel ignorance and to show others the way to holiness and sanctification.

When we do these things, we are living a Trinitarian life. And that's not so mysterious. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!

Trinity Blessings,

Fr. Brian

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THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>May 19</u>	Week 47	YTD
Collection	\$12,109	\$577,712
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$563,175

Food Pantry \$1,062

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.



You are invited to a Celebration for our many Volunteers who give their time and talent to our Parish and School.



Saturday, the Eighth of June, 2024 following the 5:30 pm Mass St. Joseph's Hall Wine & Cheese and finger foods will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. by June 1st
Colleen McDonald
at 973-763-5454
or email sorrowschurch@gmail.com

or email sorrowschuren@gman.com

Name		
Address		
Phone number	E-mail	

Memorial Day - Monday, May 27th

Our parish offices will be closed, and we will have only one Mass, at 9:00 am. Join us as we pray for those who gave their lives in defense of our nation's freedoms.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal WE ARE WELL BEHIND OUR GOAL

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



Last year on this date, we had raised \$81,513

The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 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.

We are running far behind last year's progress at this point. As you can see from the graphic above, \$55,457 has been pledged, of which \$39,818 has been collected. 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 all of this means is that, in helping countless people within the Archdiocese who benefit from the many ministries and programs of the Archdiocese, we also aid our own parish.

If you have not yet had the chance to contribute to the Annual Appeal, we urge you to consider doing so now. You may scan the QR code or visit: https://www.rcan.org/sharing (please be sure to designate Our Lady of Sorrows as your parish). Thank you!!!

Meet Our Staff

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"For to have the fruition of God the Trinity, after whose image we are made, is indeed the fullness of our joy, than which there is no greater."

- St. Augustine

Summer Faith Formation Opportunities

While they may not be on the Times' list of beach reads, they're certainly on the top of ours! Get out of the shallow end and dive deeper into your faith this summer by joining one of our groups below.

Be bold! Take a step in your faith during the summer with one of our

SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS



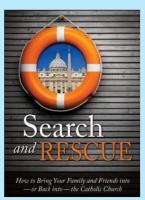
Looking for greater depth and understanding in your prayer life?

Join us for <u>8 Weeks on the</u>
<u>Ignatian Adventure</u>, a guided group "retreat in daily life" based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola. These Exercises have helped millions develop a closer relationship with God in their daily lives - here and now!

This group will meet in person **once a week for 8 weeks** on Mondays from 7-8:15pm, starting on June 24th. Contact Brendan January (bdjanuary@msn.com) or Stephanie Sonnick (olschurchministries@gmail.com) by June 17th with questions or to sign up.

Seeking guidance to bring others back into their Catholic faith (or help them keep it)?

Join us for a group reading of Search and Rescue, where renowned Catholic author Patrick Madrid explains effective, time-tested ways to bring family & friends into (or back into) the Church.



This group will meet virtually once a week for 8 weeks on Wednesday evenings, starting on June 26th. *Please join us even if you can't make every session!*

Contact Rob Harrigan (robharrigan@yahoo.com) or Stephanie Sonnick (olschurchministries@gmail.com) by June 17th to sign up or inquire.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

5:30 PM Fr. Rich Pfannenstiel – Special Intention

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Rose Shoemaker – 5th Anniversary

11:30 AM Cade Beach

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024

9:00 AM Those who died in defense of our country

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024

7:00 AM John Cupper 12:00 PM Sean Needles

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024

7:00 AM Oliver Lee – Special Intention 12:00 PM Jacques Frantz Jean-Charles

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

7:00 AM Androcles Clitus and Parnel Clitus 12:00 PM Robert Antinozzi –

Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024

7:00 AM Joseph Preston 12:00 PM Dottie Booth

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

8:30 AM Edward A. Antinozzi 12:00 PM Susan Santoliquido – 17th Anniversary

VIGIL SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan & Salvante Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Robert and Joan Pascual -

Special Intention

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!

YOUTH GROUP REUNION AND SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY



Youth Group Reunion

and

Saturday, June 22, 2024 Kaiser's 25th Anniversary as Youth Minister

Your Presence is Requested

At the 5:30PM Mass followed by a reception

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

RSVP by June 12

