



# Our Lady of Sorrows

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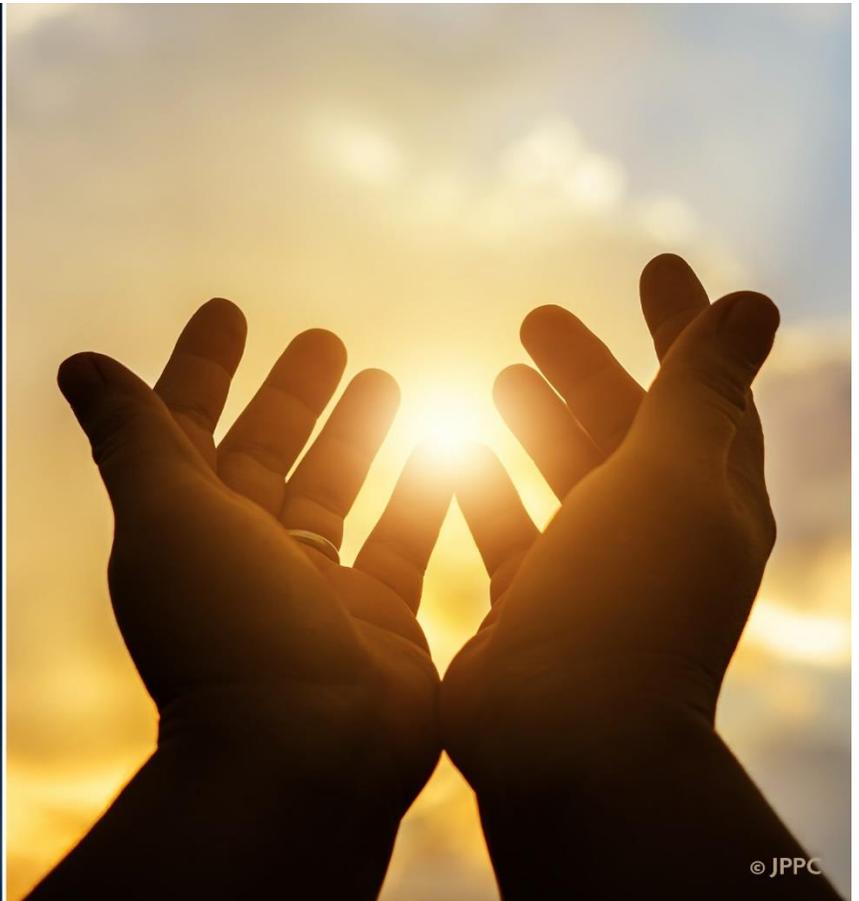
THIS IS MY  
COMMANDMENT

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LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER AS  
I LOVE YOU

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*John 15:12*



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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 5, 2024**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## *A Message from Fr. Andrew*

As a young man, I hear my male friends' concerns when Valentine's Day is near. They are genuinely concerned about whether their Valentine's Day surprise and gift will make their girlfriends happy enough. What flowers to get, where to go for dinner, what gift to get, and what time to get out of work to pick her up, etc., fill up the list of their considerations. They want to show their loved ones how much they love them and what they are willing to do to express their love. Sometimes, wanting to treat their loved ones well comes from wanting to love them in return. Perhaps some of the stress comes from wanting to prove their love.

At times we tend to fall into the trap of seeing love as a competition or contract: "I love you this much, so you should love me in return at least the same amount;" "I did something nice for you last Valentine's Day, so I have high expectations this year;" or "Is this what I get in return for all the love I poured out while raising you!" Often, the idea of "we gave, and we should receive at least the same amount in return" hinders us from loving like God.

Unfortunately, sometimes we apply this logic to our spiritual journey, thinking that the amount of love we get from God depends on how much we give Him. God's love for us does not function like a bank. We are not offered better deals depending on how much money we deposit, nor are we being asked to "pay off a loan" on our call to love God first, above all.

As the second reading teaches us, it is not we who have loved God, but HE who loves us. It is He, our Father in heaven, who sent us His only begotten Son to pay our debt of eternal death, and His infinite love is fully expressed in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate God the Son. Yes, we ought to love God the way we should, and yes, God loves us, but not our sins. However, we must remember that God loves us not for what we do but for who we are. Each of us is irreplaceable, precious, and uniquely created by God's hands, and God rejoiced as He was making us. For each of us, too, He sent His Son as the expiation for our sins.

Our love, in return, must come from the heart filled with gratitude and joy because of the infinite love we receive, not from the dismay of "having to pay our debt." Can we love God as perfectly as we should? No. However, we can and should always strive to do so. Like a child who picks flowers to present to her parents, it is about the heart that desires to remember what we receive from God. May our holiness start from joy and gratitude: the gratitude that transforms our hearts and inspires us to share the same love we receive from God with others. Only then can we say, "We know God."

Blessings!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Andrew", written in a cursive style.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>April 28</b>	<b>Week 44</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Collection	\$11,593	\$539,200
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$525,850

First Communion Offering \$3,518  
Catholic Home Missions Appeal \$2,156

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal  
Catholic Stewardship in Action**

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

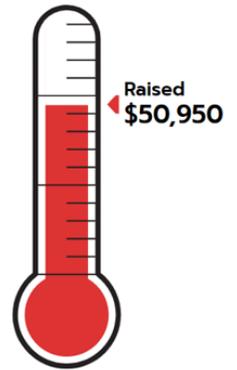
Total donors as of 4-30-24: 106

Total # of OLS families: 2248

**To make a gift:**



Annual Appeal Goal  
**\$75,607**



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!



**REGISTER BY MAY 8TH!**



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**  
(Register by May 8th)

**6:45 AM - 7:00 PM**  
(transportation to-and-from OLS via Charter Bus)

**Daily Mass, Pray the Chaplet, time for personal reflection, and more!**  
Bring a packed lunch along for the day (no food on site).

**MORE INFO:**  
For questions/ to register please call, text or email Joan Pascual at 201-259-7092 or Jtpascual@aol.com.

*"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**

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## Meet Our Staff

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## Welcome to the Family!

Five new members were initiated into our Christian Community on April 28th. They are: Patrick James Zerella, Henry Edmund Chiodo, Eloise Catherine Pepin, Ella Marie Russell, and Jaxson Spencer Greenaway. We congratulate their parents, godparents, and families.



## May Crowning

Please join the OLS Rosary Society and our parish First Communicants as we honor Our Lady on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day) at the 10:00am Mass. Coffee, donuts, and bagels will be served afterwards. This gathering will be in place of the Rosary Society's regular monthly meeting.



Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the lower chapel. All are invited to attend and pray the Rosary.



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 set up 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*



## *Mass Intentions*

### 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

### MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024

7:00 AM Frank Wynn

12:00 PM Joan Ballsmith

### TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

7:00 AM Travis and Carolyn White –  
Special Intention

12:00 PM Vivienne Mompremier –  
Special Intention

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

7:00 AM John Kerwin

12:00 PM Christine Corpion – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

7:00 AM Jonny Gilbert

12:00 PM Brandon Cody – Special Intention

### FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

7:00 AM Joseph Cady Jr.

12:00 PM Marie Yvrose Bertrand

### SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM Ngu Quoc “Peter” Tran

### 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

### [Request a Mass](#)

We now have an easier way to request Masses. Either visit: [olschurch.com/request-a-mass/](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.



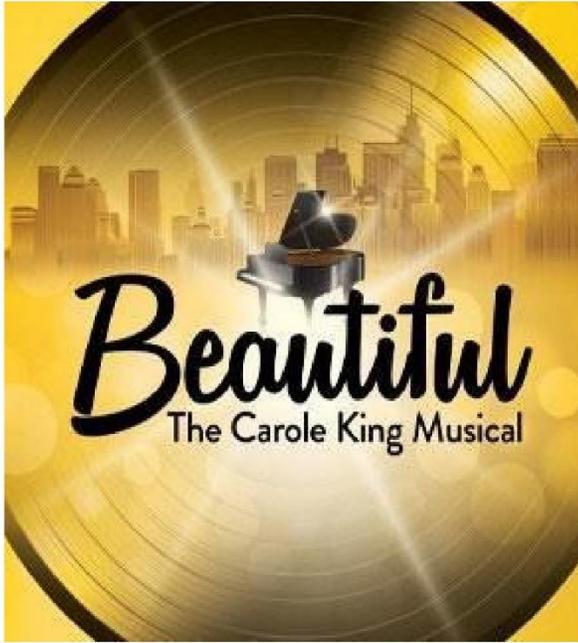
### [REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK](#)

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 Cosack



*Congratulations to Our Lady of Sorrows  
First Communicants*

<i>Harry Rocco Argiro</i>	<i>Reed William Keenan</i>
<i>Cassandra Dree Britt</i>	<i>Oliver James McGuire Lee</i>
<i>Elíja Michael Catanzaro</i>	<i>Louis Zancan Mathis-Lilley</i>
<i>Frances Rose Chamberlin</i>	<i>Luke John Koikara Lindal</i>
<i>Chloe Kay Conway</i>	<i>Luca James Marrano</i>
<i>Madeline Olivia Danser</i>	<i>Eleanor Rose Meade</i>
<i>Olivia Ugomma Duruji</i>	<i>Clark Michael Murphy</i>
<i>Joseph James Esposito</i>	<i>Laura Elizabeth Napoli</i>
<i>Augusten Thomas Fasolo</i>	<i>Ryan James Napoli</i>
<i>Charles Walsh Gachko</i>	<i>Altaí Nguyen</i>
<i>Jack Richard Garrity</i>	<i>Frankie Roux Osborn</i>
<i>John Francis Gedeon</i>	<i>Emmett Adler Pearce</i>
<i>Olivia Aidan Gedeon</i>	<i>Lucy Maria Peralta</i>
<i>Hailey Michaela Geis</i>	<i>Christopher Benedicto Pietruszewski</i>
<i>Sophia Irma Geis</i>	<i>Beatrice Katherine Roth</i>
<i>Julien Peter Gousse</i>	<i>Joseph Ralph Russell</i>
<i>Greta Rose Guando</i>	<i>James Thomas Russell</i>
<i>Connor Huang Hoelscher</i>	<i>Alexander Matthew Russo</i>
<i>Eleanor Mary Jean Hooks</i>	<i>Daniel Thomas Russo</i>
<i>Gregorio Cruz Avila Hubschmann</i>	<i>Cyrus Jesse Sanchez</i>
<i>Otakar Rudolf Hubschmann</i>	<i>James Michael Squilla</i>
<i>Paloma Paz Hubschmann</i>	<i>Donato Matthew Tierno</i>
<i>Gemma Irene Hughes</i>	<i>Lorenzo Franco Torasso</i>
<i>Olivia Mary Jackson</i>	<i>Samuel David Walker</i>
<i>Hanya Allyncia Mary Johnson</i>	<i>Isabella Marie Williams</i>
<i>Liam Tyler Jones</i>	



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](mailto:j6delaloye@yahoo.com)

***Orders are due by Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>***

*Please print clearly. Thank you!*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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**