



Our Lady of Sorrows

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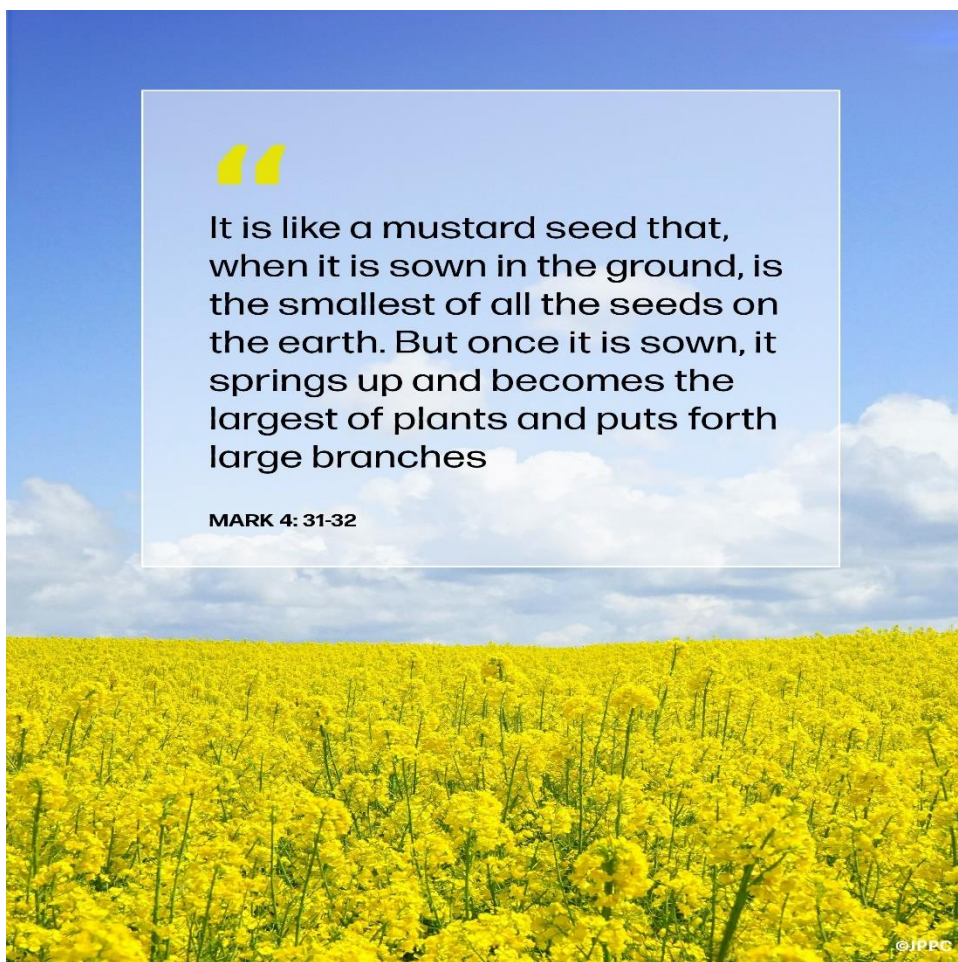
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It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches

MARK 4: 31-32



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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June 16, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Harmon Killebrew was a great slugger for the Minnesota Twins. When he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984, he began his induction speech by paying tribute to his father. He wrote:

I grew up in this small town in Idaho, and my father used to like to go to the movies, and I'll never forget that a lot of times on warm summer evenings like this my father would take my brother, Bob, and I to the movies. And then after the movie was over, he would race us home. He'd always win. He was a man that took a great deal of pride in his children. I'll never forget, we used to play a lot of ball out in the front yard, and my mother would say, "You're tearing up the grass and digging holes in the front yard!" And my father would say, "We're not raising grass here, we're raising boys."

To all our Fathers and Grandfathers and other father figures who are busy raising kids, a very blessed and happy Father's Day! And thank you! All our Masses are being offered for our fathers, living and deceased.

On my 2nd trip to Israel, I clearly remember coming across a bush. It was enormous and as you can imagine it was quite fragrant with the smell of mustard. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. Just as the mustard seed is something very small but grows into a very large bush, so too the Kingdom of God begins as something small but develops into something so large that it encompasses all of creation.

In our modern society, we often value what is big, splashy, and impressive. But God's Kingdom can be traced to humble beginnings: Jesus born in a humble stable. In the same way, our small acts and gestures can be the beginning of something much larger and even life changing. For example, a word of love or support to one's spouse can lead to something larger than just that moment. Our encouragement to a young person to grow in faith can be the seed that develops into something beautiful. A phone call to a friend who is grieving the death of a loved one can have a large and lasting impact. Even a thankful smile instead of a vacant stare as we approach the cashier can become the catalyst for something bigger.

These little things matter. These acts of kindness can be important because God can choose to use them to build up people in our lives and to beautify the garden of His Kingdom. God is the best of gardeners, and He knows how to multiply our little efforts and contributions into something bigger, more beautiful, and longer lasting.

As you prepare to take your summer vacation, enjoy the chance to rest, relax, and recharge. As you do so, remember that we must never take a vacation from our faith, our prayer life, or our obligation (privilege!) to attend Sunday Mass and receive the Eucharist. To find a church near your vacation spot, visit: <https://masstimes.org/>. And please remember to support OLS throughout the summer.

Summer Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>June 9</u>	<u>Week 50</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$14,858	\$613,119
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$600,500

Assessment \$2,539

Thank you for your generosity!

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Please help OLS to reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 6-11-24:
126

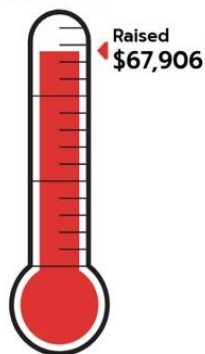
Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:



Annual Appeal Goal

\$75,607



Deadline to make goal for parish rebate: June 30, 2024
Making our goal will save OLS \$18,000
Pledges not collected by June 30th
do not count toward the goal.

The temperature is rising; the heat is on! We have two weeks left to meet our goal of \$75,607. With less than \$8,000 remaining, we are so close! If we meet our goal in funds **collected** by June 30th, our annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will drop from 18% to 16%. This is a significant savings for our parish (about \$18,000).

If you have not yet had the chance to contribute to the Annual Appeal, time is quickly running out and we urge you to consider doing so now. You may do so by scanning the QR code above or visiting: www.rcan.org/sharing (please be sure to designate Our Lady of Sorrows as your parish). Thank you!!!

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



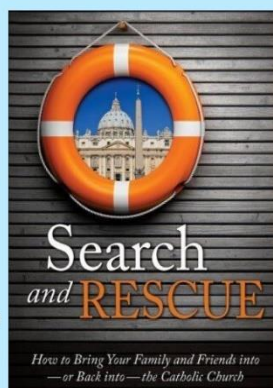
Looking for greater depth and understanding in your prayer life?

Join us for 8 Weeks on the Ignatian Adventure, 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.

Meet Our Staff

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"Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person." – Pope Francis

Religious Education



Have Kids? Let Us Help You!

While parents are the primary educators in matters of the faith, you don't have to do it all alone. Let your parish help you!

The OLS CCD program is here to help your child develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. But before we can assist your family, we need to know who you are! If your child will not be attending a Catholic school this fall, please be sure to visit the parish website and click on the "Religious Education" tab to register him or her for CCD. While most children begin formal religious education instruction in first grade, it is NEVER too late to begin to learn about the Lord. Older first-time CCD students are always welcome and financial assistance is available to all those in need of extra support.

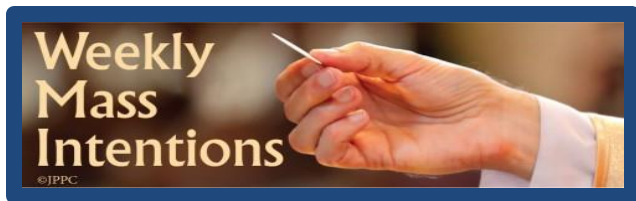
Our in-person Monday and Tuesday classes begin the third week in September and run through the first week in May. Please reach out to Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com for more information about how to take the next important step in forming your child's faith.

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?





VIGIL, SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

5:30 PM All Fathers, Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024

8:00 AM All Fathers, Living and Deceased

10:00 AM All Fathers, Living and Deceased

11:30 AM All Fathers, Living and Deceased

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

7:00 AM Jill Pascual – Special Intention

12:00 PM The Etienne Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024

7:00 AM Edward Silliere

9:30 AM School Closing Mass

12:00 PM Edward Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

7:00 AM Fr. Rich Pfannenstiel –
Special Intention

12:00 PM John Delaloye

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

7:00 AM Edmond Fernand

12:00 PM Marleine Charles –
Special Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

7:00 AM Raffaele Gallo

12:00 PM Cathy Craig

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

8:30 AM Genevieve Becht

12:00 PM Eileen Walsh

SATURDAY VIGIL, JUNE 22, 2024

5:30 PM Georgina Augular Santos

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024

8:00 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Ch. Colonel John J. Krozser

Request a Mass

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: olschurch.com/request-a-mass/
Or scan the QR code.



Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Anthony “Tony” Griffin** and **Kathryn L. Johnson**.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

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



BABY BOTTLES REMINDER!

Bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang benefitting First Choice Women's Resource Centers **are due this weekend** - Father's Day weekend – **June 15th and 16th**. Bottles should be placed in the playpen located in the church vestibule.

If you would like to donate online, please visit firstchoicebottles.com and select Church of Our Lady of Sorrows under the "Sub Fund" drop down menu. Thank you for your generosity! Your support helps mothers to choose life for their babies.



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*

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