

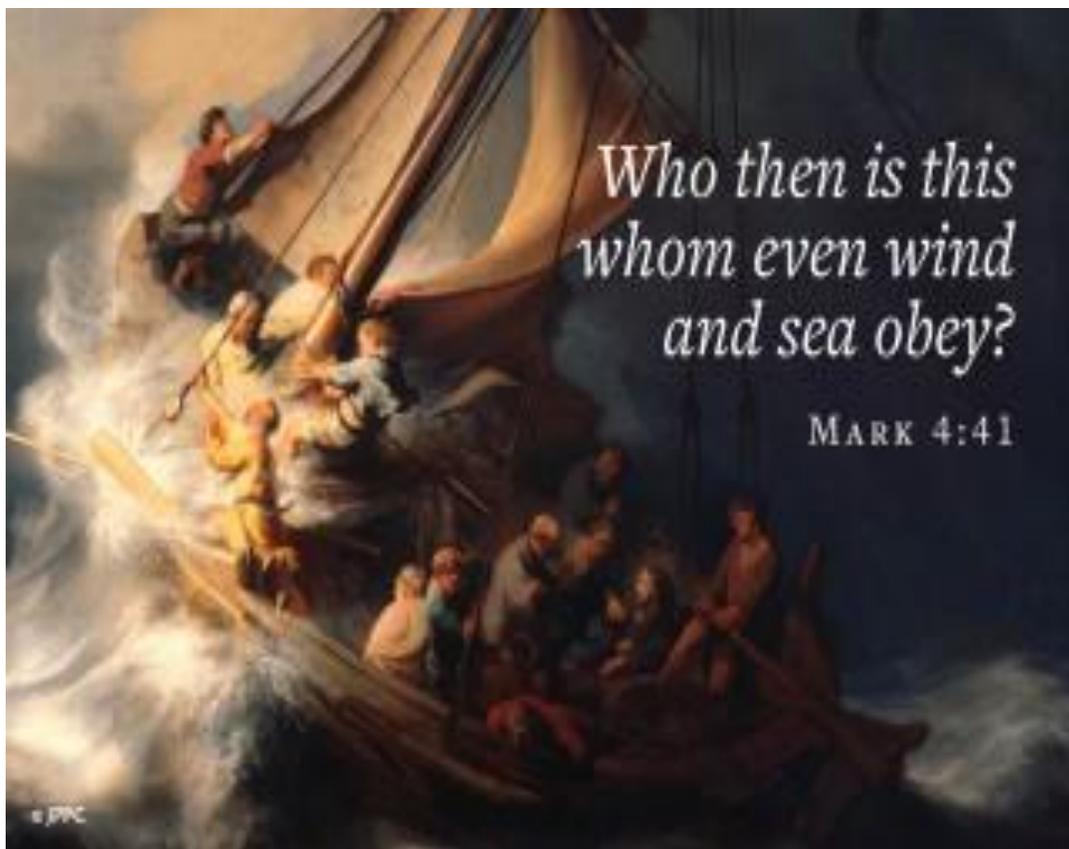


Our Lady of Sorrows

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www.olschurch.com



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 23, 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

"Let us cross to the other side."

When reading the Gospel, this sentence stood out to me. It seems as though Jesus knew where He was going, leading the apostles out of where they were to something better. This theme of a journey from darkness to light is prevalent in the apostles' experience with Jesus. They followed Christ's call, "*Come, follow me*" and were led into the light from the darkness. However, their story did not end there. Even with Jesus in the boat, the apostles faced a relentless storm that threatened to engulf them. We can imagine their fear, desperate cries for help, and attempts to wake Jesus.

I think this story summarizes both the apostles' and our life story as Christians. Just like the apostles, we are called to be His disciples. We, like them, struggle throughout our journey with Christ. Despite being the chosen ones, the apostles faced the brutality of persecution and the suffering associated with healing the divided communities of the early church. Things didn't seem to get "easy" just because they were the followers of Christ. It was quite the opposite. In many ways, their lives got harder because they were Christians and the first apostles of Christ Himself, the *sharers of His Cross*. Once again, we hear how they overcame the violent storm by crying out to the Lord, who seemingly remained silent throughout the storm. This might feel familiar to us in our prayer lives as there are times when God seems to be silent and inactive amidst turmoil. We question why our lives don't get easier when we believe in the true Lord who saved us and why He doesn't give us simple answers. But what if that was because we failed to trust in His power more than ours?

Today, let us focus on the fact that it was only after the storm that the apostles' faith grew. This event may have remained in the hearts of the apostles until their last day on earth, giving them hope that, in the end, the Lord will be on their side to calm the violent ocean. Perhaps this particular memory of Christ showing them who the real King was allowed the apostles to endure all the tortures before their martyrdom.

Friends, we must have the courage to let go of our desire to control the boat, and allow Christ to calm the ocean. The same Lord who spent three years with the apostles has already embarked on the boat of our lives, however, we must ask ourselves: are we willing to give Him the chance to still the water? Are we willing to let Him steer the ship, or do we try to chart our own course, trusting our navigation more than His?

Only when we trust in His strength will we be able to cross to the other side: From darkness to light and from the stormy sea to the green pasture. But first, to have Him awake and still the water, we must never kick Him out of our boat. We must never cut our ties to Him because he is truly our lifesaver. Otherwise, we won't be able to cross to the other side, the land where we dream to be.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>June 16</u>	<u>Week 51</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$10,671	\$623,790
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$612,942

Thank you for your generosity!

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Please help OLS to reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 6-18-24:
130

Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:




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.

Calling all philanthropic procrastinators:
last call for donating to the Annual Appeal!
With only \$5,351 remaining, we are so close to
meeting our goal by next Sunday.

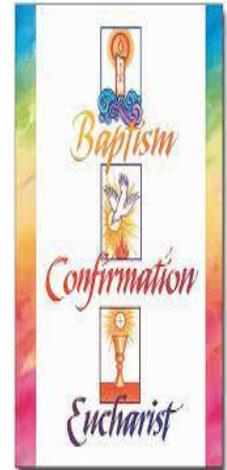
If we **collect** \$75,607 by June 30th, our
annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will
drop from 18% to 16%. This is a significant
savings for our parish (about \$18,000).

If you are a last-minute giver or thrive
under deadlines, now is your time to contribute!
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!!!

Does your heart desire something more?

St. Augustine said, "My heart is restless
until it rests in Thee, oh God." He had a major
turning to God. If you
desire to come into the
fullness of Faith in the
Catholic Church, please
call Sr. Mary Selina at
(973) 763-5454 to start
the process.

The Holy Spirit
will come to you in a
powerful way and help
you to live your Catholic
faith more fully.



Congrats to our Scouts!

Awards season is here and Scouts BSA
(Boy Scouts of America has changed its
name. See note below.). Troop 99G received
yet another award, this time from the Northern
NJ Council of Scouting America.

Troop 99G
earned Scouting
America's Unit
Journey to
Excellence award
- Gold Level, the
highest level that
can be achieved!



Kudos to our leadership as well as our
scouts who have dedicated themselves to
scouting at the highest level!

A scout is: *Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent*

If these sound like the values you want to
instill in your daughters, please reach out to us
at OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com. We'd love to
help you get involved in scouting.

*Troup 99 is a female only ScoutsBSA
troop in South Orange, NJ founded in 2019.*

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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



See you in September!

This Sunday is our last Coffee and Donuts (and Bagels too!). Don't worry though: we'll be back in the Fall.

In the interim, we hope you enjoy lots of ice cream at the Shore or wherever your summer travels take you.



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 Sonnick at (201) 470-2904; olschurchministries@gmail.com



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 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

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024

7:00 AM Maria Guarante
12:00 PM Robert Van Natten – 3rd Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024

7:00 AM Colin Pope – Special Intention
12:00 PM Elaine Marlowe – 41st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

7:00 AM Mary Regina LaRusso
12:00 PM Gail Cuoco

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2024

7:00 AM Carmen Tarantino
12:00 PM Peggy Auer

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024

7:00 AM Shelley Maher – Good Health
12:00 PM Rachel Georges-Navarro –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024

8:30 AM Frank Cuozzo
12:00 PM Mildred Ann Robertson

SATURDAY VIGIL, JUNE 29, 2024

5:30 PM The Kirk Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

8:00 AM William Holmok
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

Mass Requests

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: 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, 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



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

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Our parish has purchased a **Formed.org** subscription to give parishioners access to a wealth of content about Catholic teaching, spirituality, and saints.

If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. When prompted, sign up as a parishioner
3. Select your parish (using our ZIP Code – 07079 – is easiest)
4. Register with your name and email
5. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.

