

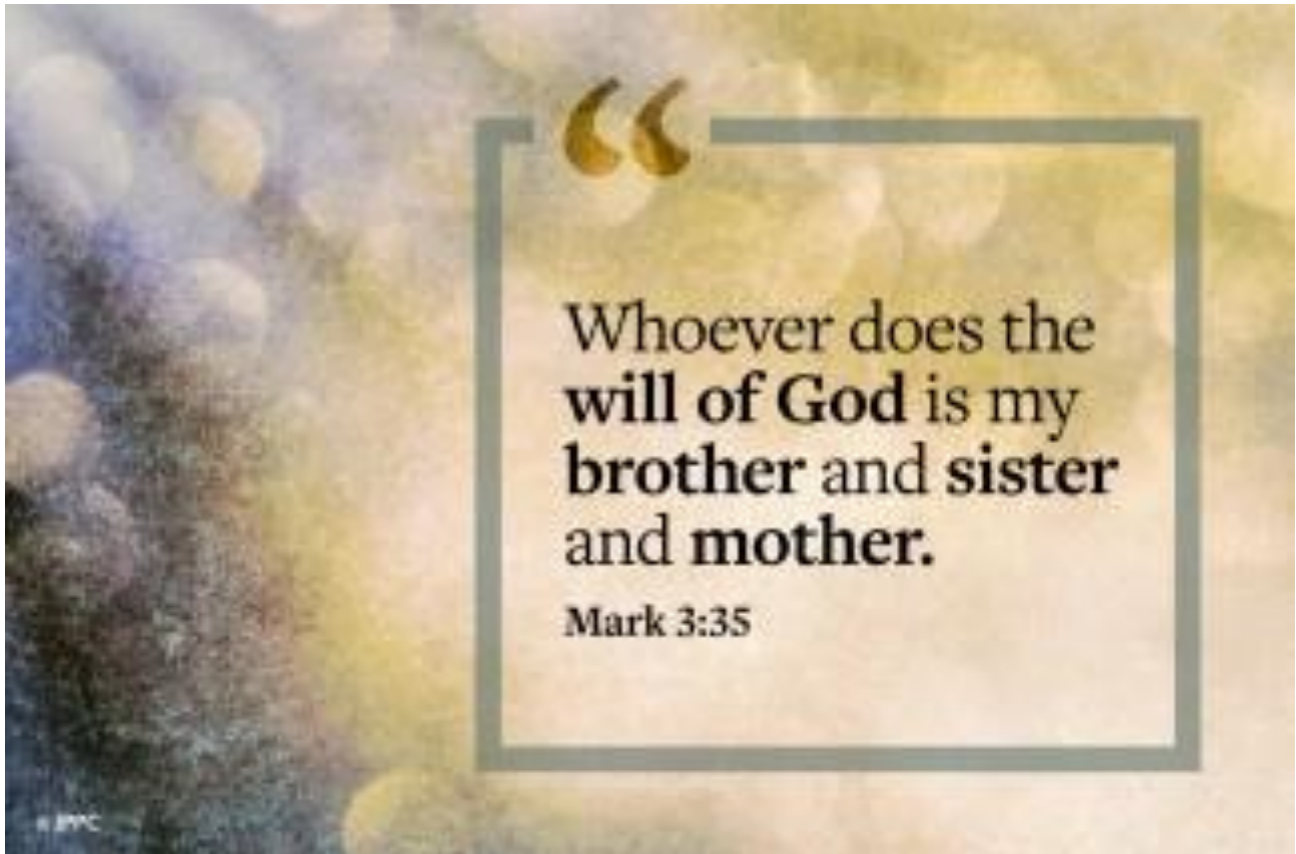


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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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June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Stephanie Sonnick

Fellow parishioners,

The warm weather is finally here, and summer break is fast approaching! Many congratulations to all of you who are celebrating a new milestone. Cheers and many prayers to our newly Confirmed parishioners, to our OLS graduates and those parishioners who are graduating from other schools and moving on to high schools and colleges, and to those celebrating weddings and anniversaries. Life is on the move!

Now, let's take a look at the first reading the Church gives us to celebrate this Sunday. Most of us are familiar with what precedes this part of the story: Adam and Eve, dwelling in perfect harmony in the Garden of Eden, are beguiled by the serpent and eat of the tree of which God forbade them to eat. Today's first reading picks up in the aftermath of this cosmic event. I want to draw your attention to one epic line here in Genesis 3, which is one of my favorite lines in the Old Testament: **"...the LORD God called to the man and asked him, 'Where are you?'" (Gen 3:9).**

This verse is epic because it teaches us something about God's nature. Think about it: God is all-powerful (omnipotent) and all-knowing (omniscient), and so in this moment in time, He undoubtedly knows where Adam is. (*Obviously! He knows everything!*) So, why does He ask this question? The LORD asks Adam this question out of His love for mankind. He speaks first; He makes the first move; through His words He invites Adam into a conversation that leads to clarity, mercy, and justice.

Friends, the Lord asks us this same question every day. He knocks on the door of your heart and of your life, and asks, **"Where are you?"** As a human being with free will, the choice is yours whether or not you respond. Like Adam, we are fallen. We have sinned - by what we have done and what we have failed to do - and we *need* to be restored and redeemed. God's response to that place is not to ignore us, and not to force us to accept His salvation. God's response is to see us and invite us into relationship with Him.

How do you feel called to answer His question of "Where are you?" This summer at OLS, we have two opportunities launching at the end of this month that will help you respond to God's invitation. For those seeking depth in their prayer and a closer relationship with God in daily life, 8 Weeks on the Ignatian Adventure will be a great use of your time. This guided group "retreat in daily life" will meet in-person on Monday evenings at 7pm and teach you how to use Scripture and the wisdom of Saint Ignatius to encounter the Lord in daily life. This opportunity is back by popular demand from last summer, so don't miss it!

For those seeking a good summer book and some guidance on how to bring others back into the faith (or simply to keep it), you're invited to join us for the Search and Rescue reading group. This eight-week group will meet virtually once a week on Wednesdays to unpack author Patrick Madrid's effective, time-tested ways to bring family and friends into (or back into) the Church described in his famous book, Search and Rescue.

If you're interested in one of the opportunities above, please reach out to me at olschurchministries@gmail.com by June 17th. It would be a pleasure to have you! I, Father Brian, and the rest of our staff encourage you to join us. Let this summer be a time to respond to God's question, "Where are you?"!

In the Peace of Christ always,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>June 2</u>	<u>Week 49</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Collection	\$10,373	\$598,261
Budgeted	\$12,442	\$588,058

Repairs and Maintenance \$3,105

Thank you for your generosity!


Archdiocesan Annual Appeal WE ARE WELL BEHIND OUR GOAL

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

Total donors
as of 6-4-24:
123

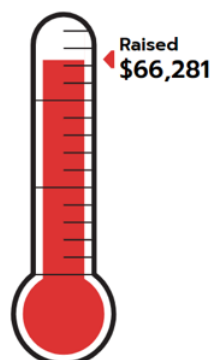
Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:



Funds COLLECTED

\$75,607



Deadline to make goal for parish rebate: June 30, 2024

Thanks to the extremely generous contribution last week of one of our parishioners, we have made our parish goal for the Annual Appeal in terms of funds pledged. However, we are still about \$9,000 short of our goal in terms of funds collected. If we meet our goal in funds collected by June 30th, our annual assessment due to the Archdiocese will drop from 18% to 16%. Because we made our goal last year, this saved the 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: <https://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**



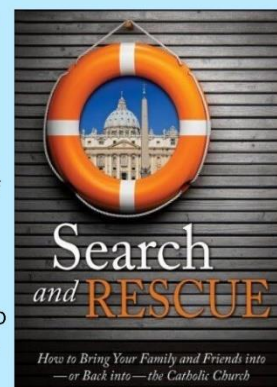
Looking for greater depth and understanding in your prayer life?

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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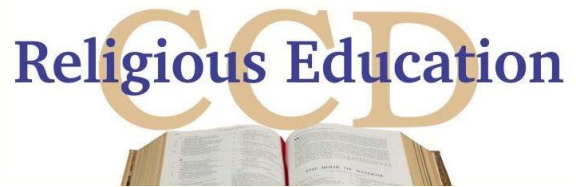
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Have Kids? Let Us Help You!



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.

Graduations!



On Friday, June 7th, the 8th graders from Our Lady of Sorrows School graduated. We also congratulate all other students who have recently or will soon graduate from grade school, high school, or college. May God continue to guide them on their journey through life and may they continue to grow in knowledge and faith. Please accompany them with your prayers.

Rosary Society Meeting

Please join the Rosary Society for their next meeting on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 pm in the lower chapel to pray the Rosary together. A brief meeting and light refreshments will follow. Everyone is welcome. This will be their last meeting before summer break. Hope to see you there!



Weekly Mass Intentions

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VIGIL, SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

5:30 PM Georgina Aguilar Santos

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Maria Caridad Parlade –
70th Anniversary

11:30 AM The Brutofsky Family

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

7:00 AM George Blair

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024

7:00 AM Briand Eugene

12:00 PM Veronica Akaeke and
All Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024

7:00 AM Joann Copeland

12:00 PM Marjorie Basil

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024

7:00 AM The Brutofsky Family

12:00 PM Rev. Anthony Azzarto, SJ

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024

7:00 AM Frantz Jean-Charles –
Special Intention

12:00 PM Mary Ann Fusco

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

8:30 AM Battistino and Antonietta Monformoso

12:00 PM Robert I. Contrada

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

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



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BABY BOTTLES REMINDER!

Bottles for the Baby Bottle Boomerang benefitting First Choice Women's Resource Centers are due back next 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*

YOUTH GROUP REUNION AND SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

RSVP by JUNE 12th

**YOUTH GROUP
REUNION** *and* **KAISER'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY AS
YOUTH MINISTER**

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 22,
2024**

Your Presence is Requested

At the 5:30PM Mass
followed by a reception

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

RSVP by June 12

