

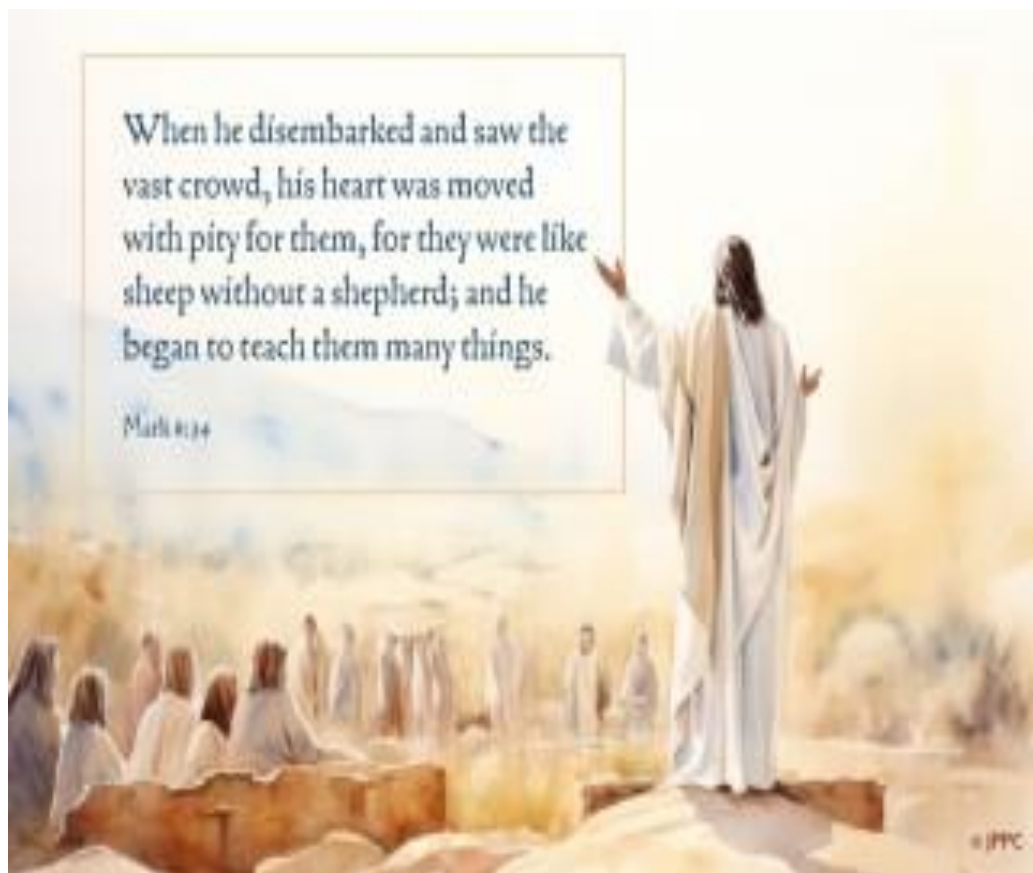


# Our Lady of Sorrows

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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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**July 21, 2024**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## A Message from Fr. Brian

For far too long, the people of our great nation have had to put up with politicians, celebrities, and media personalities who say, write, and do things that serve to divide us and that pit us against each other. We've all been asked to take sides on every issue that confronts us, and we often end up vilifying those with whom we disagree. No matter what our political and ideological leanings may be, we should be of one heart and mind in praying that the attempted assassination of former President Trump will be an opening for us regular folk to say "enough" to those who divide us and turn us against each other. We are better than that and we should work for the true unity, peace, and healing that comes, not from any politician or from political ideologies, but from living the fullness of truth in Christ Jesus.

In this Sunday's 1<sup>st</sup> reading, God speaks through the prophet Jeremiah and says, "*Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture...You have scattered my sheep and driven them away.*" Sound familiar? It should, because our "shepherds" have scattered us and caused us to be driven away from each other. But at the same time, Jeremiah prophesies that God will bring the sheep "*back to their meadow*" by means of a new shepherd.

We hear about the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy in this Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. St. Paul reminds the people of Ephesus (and us!) that Christ "*is our peace, he who made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh.*" The "both" he refers to are the Jews and Gentiles. Paul says that the Jews had been "*near*" and the Gentiles "*far off.*" By becoming Christians, those Jews who had enjoyed God's favor for so many generations, have now accepted Christ as the Messiah. And the converted Gentiles, who had long been estranged from God in their worship of pagan gods, now too have accepted Christ as their Savior.

St. Paul lets them know that the prophecy of Jeremiah of a new shepherd has been fulfilled in the person of Christ, who would gather those Jews and Gentiles – the dispersed and the divided – into the one people of God. Paul writes that Jesus brought reconciliation between these ancient enemies. The Jewish converts and the Gentile converts are enemies no longer, but rather brothers and sisters, one in Christ. If Christ could be the instrument to bring reconciliation to the Jews and Gentiles (something that was thought impossible), then He can and must be the One who we turn to when we seek to bring peace and unity to our divided land and lives.

Whether the divisions we encounter are of a national and political nature, or from divisions within our family, or the internal division within ourselves that we often experience, let us turn in prayer to Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Unlike the politicians, the media talking heads, and the so-called celebrities, Jesus always leads us in the right direction and He always offers us the right answers. Maybe we could take a page from a friend of mine who has memorized the beloved Psalm 23, which we hear in this Sunday's Mass. Whenever my friend is faced with the unexpected, he recites this Psalm, which includes the words: "*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want...He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side.*"

United in prayer to Jesus the Good Shepherd,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>July 14</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Collection	\$10,946	\$34,008
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$36,492

Repairs and Maintenance \$2,246

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Please Consider OLS**

Beginning the estate planning process? We hope that you will consider a bequest to Our Lady of Sorrows. Legacy gifts enable OLS to continue to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

**Electronic Parish Giving**

Please consider switching to online giving through Parish Giving. Electronic giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. You can register through our website or directly on [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org). If you decide to enroll and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please contact the parish office.

**Catholic Trivia**

Did you know that July 26<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also the grandparents of Jesus? Well now you do!

It was in the home of Sts. Joachim and Anne where Mary received her training to be the Mother of God. Thus, devotion to Anne and Joachim is an extension of the affection Christians have always professed toward our Blessed Mother.

We, too, owe a debt of gratitude to our parents for their help in our Christian formation. The Church invokes this saintly couple as the patron of grandparents.



– Adapted from [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

**Save the Date: Blood Drive**

On Tuesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:30pm we will host a blood drive in St. Joseph's Hall. All blood types are needed, especially during the summer months when supplies run low.



**Baby Bottle Boomerang Update**

Thank you to all who participated in the Baby Bottle Boomerang to benefit First Choice Women's Resource Centers ([1stchoicefriends.org/](http://1stchoicefriends.org/)).

Our Lady of Sorrows parishioners and friends contributed \$5,121 to the fundraiser. First Choice estimates that a child is saved with every \$1,400 raised, so OLS is responsible for three babies! Last year First Choice saved 881 children.

The OLS Regina Pacis Council #4066 of the Knights of Columbus is proud to have sponsored the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Online donations can always be made using the QR code on the flyer.



## Meet Our Staff

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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Eucharistic Adoration 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 (and air-conditioned) church?



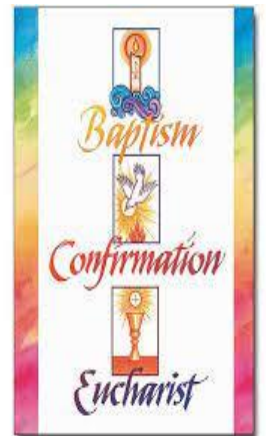
## Welcome to the Family!

Seven new members were initiated into our Christian Community within the last month. They are: Samuel Jack Jarratt, Agnes Mary Stepanek & Stuart Ambrose Stepanek, Mia Marie Goodyear-Palmer, Dylan Thomas Shaw & Miranda Ruth Sturman, and Eva May Babick. We congratulate their parents, godparents, and families.



## Does your heart desire something more?

That Something more is the Person of Jesus Christ and a deeper share in the Divine Life. 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. If you are a Catholic but have never been Confirmed, please call and start the process in which the Holy Spirit will come to you in a powerful way as to help you live your Catholic faith more fully.

*"The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life...The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and receive in the Eucharist the food of eternal life. By means of these sacraments of Christian initiation, they thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance toward the perfection of charity."*

*-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1212*



**VIGIL, SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024**

5:30 PM Mae Crimmins

**SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024**

8:00 AM John M. Plesnik  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Samuel Giuliano – 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024**

7:00 AM Dolores Emery  
12:00 PM Mary Beth Dixon

**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024**

7:00 AM Kay Johnson  
12:00 PM Christian Mompremier -  
Special Intention

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024**

7:00 AM Mary Connor  
12:00 PM Florentina Macatuno

**THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024**

7:00 AM James J. Kellerk  
12:00 PM James Handy

**FRIDAY, JULY 26, 2024**

7:00 AM William J. Zurat Sr.  
12:00 PM Vincent McNany – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024**

8:30 AM Frank Sanok  
12:00 PM Vera, William D. and  
William W. DeGazon

**VIGIL, SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2024**

5:30 PM Silano Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024**

8:00 AM Matthew F. Milewski  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Leonard and Kathleen Schmieder Jr.

**Mass Requests**

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: [olschurch.com/request-a-mass/](http://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: **Margaret Ames Auer**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

**In Memoriam**

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please contact the parish office for more information.

This week's candle is for **Dolores Emery**, requested by Lynn Bryce.



**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



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- Pope Benedict XVI

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