

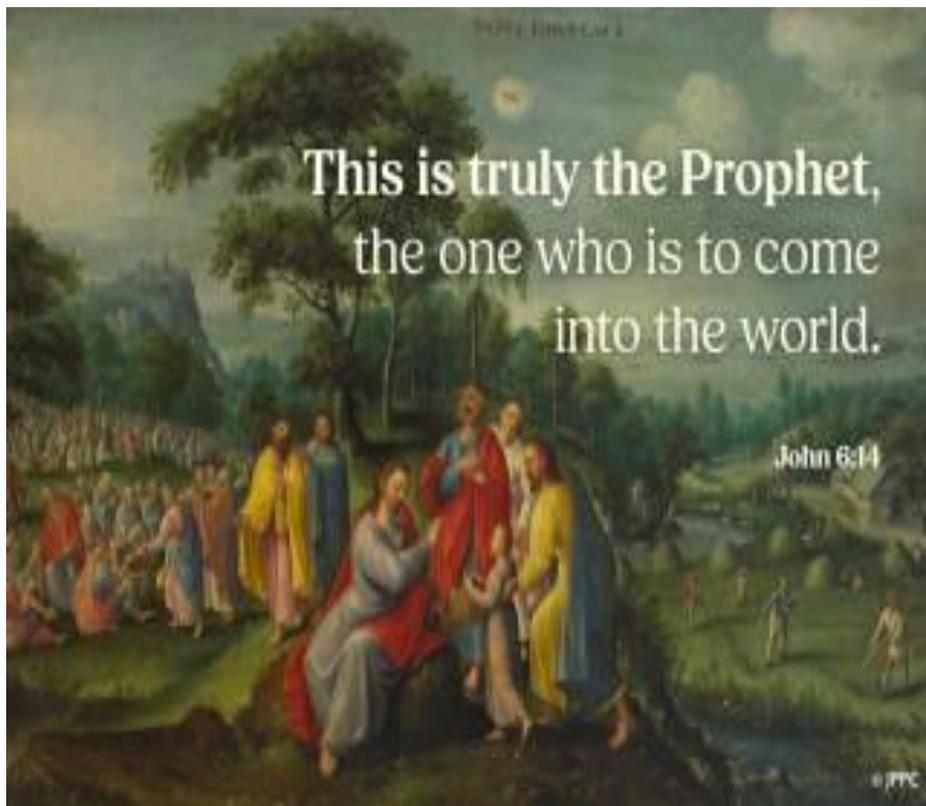


Our Lady of Sorrows

217 PROSPECT STREET, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

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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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July 28, 2024

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

My seminary years were like learning how to wrestle. I'm not talking about the sport of wrestling like we see in the Olympics, but rather about the feeling of turbulence the discernment of vocation entails. The question of "Am I called?" kept following me, and that feeling weighed upon my heart until I became a transitional deacon.

I think that much of that had to do with fear: the fear of the unknown and fear of myself, whether I could live out the vocation of priesthood wholly in holiness. I remember opening this up to one of my close brother seminarians, who is now a priest in the Paterson diocese, telling him, "I am not sure if I can do it; I'm too afraid to die to myself...and isn't being a priest all about dying to myself for others?" His answer was priceless, and I don't think it will ever leave my heart. He asked me, "Are you a Christian?" I replied, "Yeah! Of course!" Then, he said, "Then you gotta die to yourself anyways no matter what your vocation is! So why not as a priest?!"

What a crystal clear and wise answer that was! Yes, sometimes we think of the imitation of Christ in holiness and sanctity as something designated for canonized saints. Sometimes, we fool ourselves by assuming that the life of seeking joy and happiness by entering the narrow gate is just for consecrated religious and priests. That is not true when we reflect upon today's second reading, written by St. Paul. This is what he teaches,

"I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; One Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all..."

I attempted to rephrase this paragraph, but every word in it is crucial to our lives as disciples. However, if I were to encapsulate this paragraph in one sentence, I would say: that the call to holiness is UNIVERSAL, irrespective of your specific vocation. It's a call that unites us all in our journey towards God.

The imitation of Christ and holiness entails dying to self and rising with Christ. Only then others and ourselves will find life through the death we embrace (like a grain of wheat that must die to produce fruit – John 12:24). When we connect the words of St. Paul and my priest friend, we can conclude that, regardless of our specific calling, whether that is marriage, consecrated single life, religious or priest, we all share one primary calling: to be holy as our one Father is holy, and to live in a manner worthy of the call we received.

Like Father, like son; Like Father, like daughter. This should be the guiding principle of our lives as Christians. As sons and daughters of God, adopted through the love of Christ who shared His Father with us, we are called to something greater than the divisions that exist on earth. St. Paul's words resonate more powerfully than ever, especially amid today's political and social upheaval. In the universal call to holiness, may you and I continue to strive to maintain our unity with God our heavenly Father, in one spirit, one truth, one Church, and one Lord.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

July 21	Week 4	YTD
Collection	\$10,549	\$44,557
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$48,656
Archdiocesan Retired Priests Food Pantry	\$3,105 \$1,821	

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.

Email scams involving clergy



Please be vigilant about any email that appears to be from one of our priests asking you to take an unusual action - e.g., manage a matter "discreetly," purchase gift cards, wire money, send a check, click a link or download an attachment, or simply to reply.

There seems to be an uptick in these fraudulent emails as of late. The scam involves creating a fake email address (Gmail, Yahoo, AOL, etc.) in a priest's name and then sending you a bizarre request from that priest. The emails may seem harmless as they often have the priest's name and an email address that looks legitimate, but upon further inspection, it is different from the one the priest uses.

Do not respond to these emails, and never click on a link in these emails. Simply delete them. Please note our priests' (and parish staff) emails as listed in the bulletin. You will then be able to recognize an authentic email from one of our priests if you get one.

Keep the Pantry Stocked in the Summer!

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We serve close to 500 families each month. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of OLS parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you!

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (canned/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Donations can be dropped off in the lower church (inside the 4th Street entrance) Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4:00pm or in the church vestibule on Saturdays from 8:00am-5:00pm and Sundays from 8:00am until noon.

Monetary contributions are also accepted by check (payable to OLS Food Pantry) and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street or online at: olschurch.com/parish-giving/

Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call (973) 370-0458



Don't Forget to go to Mass!

Sunday is Sunday wherever you are. To find a Mass while away, visit www.masstimes.org



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?



Our Lady of Sorrows School is Hiring!

Calling all kind, caring and dedicated individuals! Our superlative school is seeking staff of the same measure for full-time teaching and support positions this Fall. Inquiry details below.

WE ARE HIRING!

Our Lady of Sorrows School



**Full-time teacher positions as well as
Part-time support staff positions.**

Please contact the office if interested.

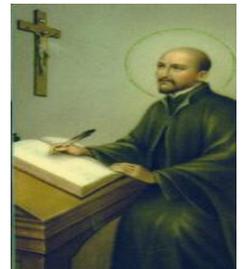
office@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org

or

973.762.5169

Saint of the Week

July 31st is the feast day of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of The Society of Jesus, the religious order more commonly known as the Jesuits.



The Society of Jesus found its niche in education. Before Ignatius died in 1556, his order established 35 schools and boasted 1,000 members.

Today, the Society of Jesus is known for its work in educating the youth around the world. Several universities have been founded in the name of Ignatius and in the traditional Jesuit spirit including New Jersey's own St. Peter's University in Jersey City.

He is the patron saint of the Society of Jesus, soldiers, educators and education.

- Excerpts adapted from www.catholic.org



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 Kathleen and Leonard Schmieder, Jr.

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

7:00 AM Ruth Louie
12:00 PM Albert Dickerson

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

7:00 AM Bernadette Gales
12:00 PM Michael Cocco

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

7:00 AM Margaret Rivera
12:00 PM Beatriz T. Tecson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

7:00 AM Gertrude Faynor
12:00 PM Frank Cinexi

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

7:00 AM Crysta Smith Casthely
12:00 PM Jacqueline Johnson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

8:30 AM Rudy and Betty Marzano
12:00 PM Batoo Ambouroue

VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

5:30 PM Ellen Hergen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024

8:00 AM Mary W. Sullivan
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Marilynn Cucciniello

Mass Requests

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



Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Let us remember our deceased loved ones in our prayers. St. Paul of the Cross wrote, *"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."*



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.



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



Please Consider Giving Blood

Please follow the donor guidelines and scan the QR code on the flyer to register. All blood types are needed, especially during the summer months when supplies run low.

If you are unable to make it this time, our next blood drive will be in late September.

Blood Drive



GROCERY GIVEAWAY

Donate July 28 - Aug. 29
for a chance to win
one of two \$10,000 gift cards

PLUS get a \$10 Gift Card

* Donors must have an online donor account and be opted into the Donor Rewards Program to redeem points for the \$10 gift card. vitalant.org/GroceryGiveaway

Sponsored By:
Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday, July 30, 2024
4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

St. Joseph's Hall
217 Prospect Street
South Orange, NJ 07079

Appointments strongly recommended

You may use the phone number below, go to donors.vitalant.org (using blood drive code: **XOLS**) or the QR code and link to the right to schedule your appointment!

Join The Vitalant Donor Recognition Program
Earn points for each donation. Points can be redeemed for e-gift cards to a variety of national retailers & restaurants.
Enroll Today!
1. Visit Vitalant.org/Recognition or
2. Call our Customer Care Center at 1.877.258.4825

Donor Guidelines:

- * **Weigh at least 110 lbs**
- * **Bring ID**
- * **Eat a meal before donation**
- * **Drink plenty of water before and after donation**

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BLOOD RECIPIENT:

"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what became of your donation well, it saved my life."



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* Donors must be enrolled to participate.

Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me.” (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families in the South Orange/Maplewood area who are temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.



Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.

Email OLSSStvincentdepaul@gmail.com if you are in need of assistance.

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.