

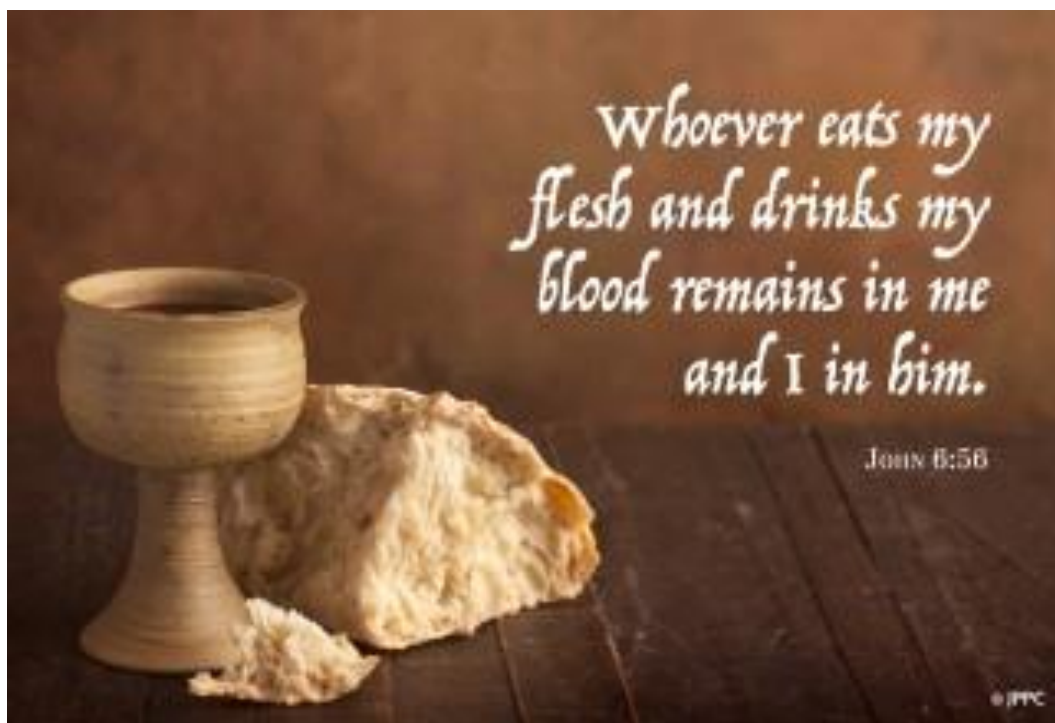


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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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August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Both the Sacred Scriptures and the Sacred Tradition are crucial elements of our Catholic faith. Unlike most of our Protestant friends who believe that Sacred Scripture is the only mode of God's revelation, we believe that "both Scripture and Tradition must be accepted and honored with equal sentiments of devotion and reverence" (CCC 43). Sacred Scripture is divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and God has entrusted His Catholic Church to preserve, interpret, and spread it according to His will (Sacred Tradition). We believe both the Scriptures and Traditions are like the lungs working in harmony through which God's revelation breathes life into His people.

As Catholics, we are called to uphold firmly several Marian dogmas that are not mere theological constructs but divine truths revealed to us. These dogmas, such as Mary's role as the Mother of God, her perpetual virginity, Immaculate Conception, and her Assumption, were developed through reference to Sacred Scripture, theological reasoning, and Church tradition. We are to hold these truths about Mary as not just true but divinely revealed and further defined and expounded by the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. On the recent Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother (August 15th), we didn't just celebrate her being assumed to heaven. This solemnity is more about the salvific mystery of our Lord Jesus. Jesus, as the new Adam and God the Son Incarnate, reversed original sin by dying on the Cross. He chose an immaculate vessel, Mary, to undo Eve's disobedience with her obedience at the Annunciation. Her yes brought God the Son to us as our savior born of a virgin, and in the singular grace of her sinlessness, she was fully united with Christ.

Through the Incarnation, Mary was chosen not only as the Mother of God, but as Mother of the Church as well as the new Eve – the Mother of all mankind. When Christ suffered unimaginably on Good Friday to give birth to His Church through the blood and water that gushed forth from His side, so too did His mother who suffered tremendously as she witnessed her Son's excruciating death. But that was not the end of the story. Just like Christ defeated death and rose again on the third day, our Blessed Mother too was given the honor of sharing her Son's glory by being taken body and soul into heavenly glory at the end of her life. She was then crowned queen of heaven and earth. In reward for giving everything to God, God rewarded Mary by giving her everything.

We will never have the singular grace Mary had. However, her story gives us great hope. If we, like her, persevere in faith despite the challenges ahead of us as members of the Church, we, too, will share the glory of resurrection and life in heaven. So, as children of the Blessed Mother, may we all bring ourselves to her protection under her mantle of love and compassion. There are no greater protectors than mothers because no one loves their children more than them.

Mary is God's most remarkable creation. The choir of Seraphim and Cherubim revere her as their glorious queen, and the whole army of devils that fell through their pride and disobedience tremble with fear when facing her. The mother of God and mother of the Church; The greatest mother and the most excellent guardian of all time: this is who Mary is. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death!

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

August 11	Week 7	YTD
Collection	\$12,729	\$82,862
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$85,148

Archdiocesan Assessment \$1,804

Thank you for your generosity!

Is God Calling You...
to become a catechist?

Each year a dedicated group of men and women help roughly 200 children encounter Jesus through their vocation in the catechetical ministry. Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a catechist and helping to bring the youth of our parish to Christ through your faithful service and witness.

Volunteers are currently needed to lead a 7th grade class and to act as a co-teacher for a 5th grade class on Tuesday afternoons from 3:55 to 5:15pm. Classes begin the week of September 23rd and run through the beginning of May. Teaching manuals, curriculum resources and support are provided to all catechists.

If you are interested in bringing the children of our parish into an encounter with Christ, please email Jen Noll jennollols@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Jesus said, *“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”*
(Matthew 19:14)



Youth Group News



We are all excited to begin the 2024-2025 Youth Group Year! It is shaping up to be an exciting one and we look forward to your involvement. Here are some important events and dates to note:

- Our first Group Leader meeting will be on Wednesday, September 4th from 7:30-9:00pm in the youth group room – lower church. Please arrive promptly at 7:30. Applications will be available that night for those who have not yet received one. If you cannot attend but would still like to be a leader, please contact Chris Kaiser at kaiser@shu.edu or (862) 216-1885.
- Our first event is our parish picnic on Sunday, September 15th from 12:30-5:00pm. Leaders, save the date!
- There is a mandatory parent meeting for the incoming Freshman class on: Wednesday, September 18th at 8:00pm in the upper church.
- Freshman Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 22nd from 7:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph's Hall (lower church). This is a Freshman and Leader event only!
- Youth Group for all begins on Sunday September 29th from 7:30-9:00pm in St. Joseph's Hall (lower church).

Please bring your openness and excitement for developing a closer relationship with Christ!

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?



Upcoming Trainings for Volunteers



If you are over 18 and interested in volunteering at our church or school this year, you must complete mandatory archdiocesan

trainings: Protecting God's Children® (PGC) and Keeping the Promise Alive™ (KPA). Luckily we're hosting these here this fall!

PGC is for new volunteers and KPA is a recertification training for individuals who have already completed PCG but have not volunteered in at least five years. Both trainings are conducted by a VIRTUS® certified facilitator and focus on the prevention of child sexual abuse. PGC and KPA make participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures that include the reporting of child sexual abuse as well as victim advocacy.

To attend, you must register in advance on VIRTUS® - www.virtus.org. If you have any questions or need guidance on the registration process, please contact our parish secretary, Mary Beth Zurat at (973) 763-5454 or marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com

Protecting God's Children® for Adults

Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church—St. Joseph's Hall
Estimated duration: 3 hours

Keeping the Promise Alive™ Recertification Training

Wednesday, September 25th at 7:30pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church—St. Joseph's Hall
Estimated duration: 2.5 hours

Caveat Voluntarius!

You must be on time! No one will be admitted once the first video starts.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2024

5:30 PM John McTernan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

8:00 AM Stanley A. Milewski
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Deceased members of the Pizzillo and Ferrace Families

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

7:00 AM Edward Silliere
12:00 PM Mildred Delaloye

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

7:00 AM Emmet Harrigan
12:00 PM John Leroy – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024

7:00 AM Melissa McArthur
12:00 PM John Santoliquido –
18th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024

7:00 AM Valice Laramée
12:00 PM Christyan Frantz Jean-Charles –
Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2024

7:00 AM Ellen L. Wageman
12:00 PM Juliana Celony Phillipe and
Deceased Members of
the Celony Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

8:30 AM Karen McDonnell
12:00 PM Gabe Navarro - Special Intention

VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

5:30 PM Anna Timmons

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM John Pilagonia
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.



Welcomed Home by God



Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Sandra Wotanowski.**

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.



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, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Sullivan, Donna T., Mary Jane Tannen, Stephanie Windsor



Please join us for our Parish and School Picnic!



**Sunday
September 15**

12:30-
5pm

\$15 per person

\$30 for couples/
families

Please RSVP



Email Michelle Dixon
medixon8@gmail.com



Games and activities for children. All food (including appetizers, sides and desserts) will be provided by the Parish.

We will also supply water, soda and coffee. BYOB



SAVE THE DATE!

**Our Lady of Sorrows
5th Annual Rosary Congress
October 7th and 8th**

*"No prayer is more meritorious for the
soul and more glorious for Jesus and
Mary than a well recited Rosary."*

- Saint Louis de Montfort