

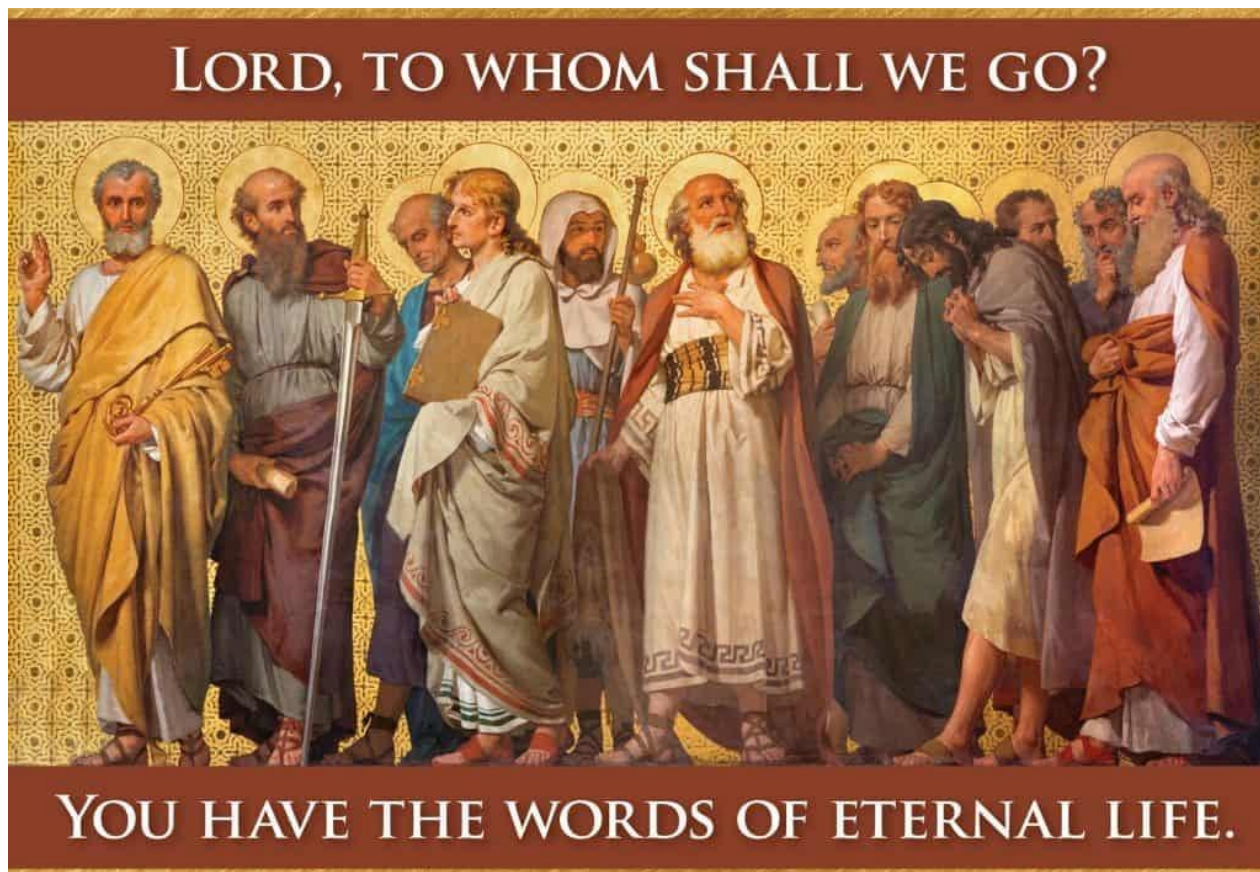


Our Lady of Sorrows

217 PROSPECT STREET, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

973-763-5454

www.olschurch.com



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 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

An often-times told story tells of a person who wrote the following to his local newspaper's Letter to the Editor section: "I've gone to church for 30 years now and in all that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

In reaction to that letter, many other people wrote letters to the Editor in support of or against that sentiment. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 10,000 dinners. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those dinners. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

You might want to use that logic with friends and family members who have stopped coming to Church. This logic can also be applied to this Sunday's Gospel passage, in which many of the disciples of Jesus, not understanding – and indeed being scandalized by – His teaching on the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, stopped following Him and returned to their former way of life.

In response, Jesus said to the Twelve, "*Do you also want to leave?*" Simon Peter, speaking for the others, replied, "*Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*"

Those who left Jesus because of their inability to accept His teaching on the Eucharist deprived themselves of so much. They didn't realize how much they could be nourished by Our Lord and so they therefore were like that guy in the story above who was ready to give up on going to Church.

It's no secret that many Catholics have stopped practicing their faith. I'm sure that you have friends and family members who fit that description. Sometimes it's simply a matter of laziness. Other times it's a matter of them becoming overly engrossed by what this world offers and therefore losing interest in God and in the supernatural. And, sad to say, some members of the Church, especially bishops and priests, have scandalized many people by their immoral and evil conduct to such an extent that they have caused otherwise faithful people to look for answers elsewhere.

As a Church and as members of the Church, we have much work to do to heal the wounds caused by those scandals. We who remain – and we number in the hundreds of millions – have a mission: to bring healing to those wounds. Our mission also includes helping our brothers and sisters who have walked away from the Church, for whatever reason, to understand what they are missing, the nourishment they are not receiving by not availing themselves of all that Christ and His Church has to offer.

Let us all pray that those who have fallen away – as well as ourselves – will be able to repeat the words of Joshua in this Sunday's first reading: "*As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*"

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

August 18	Week 8	YTD
Collection	\$10,664	\$93,526
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$97,312

Aid to the Church in Africa \$2,186

Thank you for your generosity!

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).

Annual Missionary Appeal – Aug. 24/25



Every year, the Archdiocese of Newark asks each parish to participate in a collection for missionaries throughout the world. This weekend (8/24 and 8/25) at all Masses we will be joined by Sr. Caroline Muriuki from the Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Nyeri in Kenya. Sr. Muriuki will speak about the Sisters' mission and needs.

The Sisters currently staff and provide administration for 18 primary schools, 5 secondary schools, and 3 skill-development centers that provide vocational training throughout East Africa. Additionally, the Sisters maintain 3 orphanages, 3 hospitals and several clinics in the region to provide opportunities for the poorest young men and women of Africa.

A second collection will be taken at all Masses to support their mission. Thank you for your generous response to this appeal.

For more information about the Sisters' work or to give online, please visit www.msomi.org



Meet Our Staff

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St. Joe's CYO Volleyball

St. Joseph's CYO Athletics is currently accepting registrations for the 2024 Girls Volleyball Team. Teams are open to student-athletes in grades 5-8 who are registered in the OLS parish CCD program. More information is located on the CYO website:

www.stjosephscyo.org/volleyball/



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.

Weekly Mass Intentions



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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

7:00 AM Lyndon Bryce

12:00 PM Tom Finch

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM OLS School Faculty Mass

12:00 PM Earline Jefferson

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Barbara Deloget and
Manuel Martinez

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

7:00 AM Rommel Ligo – Special Intention

12:00 PM Robert Melillo Jr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

7:00 AM Mary Cullen

12:00 PM Linda Georges – Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

8:30 AM Danielle Horan

12:00 PM Charles A. Kitchen

VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

5:30 PM Protection & Guidance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

8:00 AM Rudy Palaski

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Ida and Russell Benigno

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.



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



Please join us for our Parish and School Picnic!

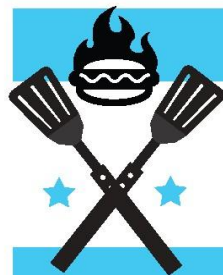


**Sunday
September 15**

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



Rachel's VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion - one **weekend** at a time



RESPECT LIFE
Office of the Archdiocese of Newark

2024 Retreat Dates



~~April 5 - 7, 2024~~

September 20-22, 2024



For more details, please call Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office at
973.497.4350 or via email at
cheryl.riley@rcan.org

Hope... Healing... Forgiveness