



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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August 4, 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Beginning last Sunday and continuing for the following 4 Sundays, our Gospel reading comes from the 6th chapter of St. John's Gospel, which contains what is called Jesus' "Bread of Life Discourse." In this discourse, Jesus gives us His teaching about how He is the Bread of Life. I encourage you to read the entirety of John's 6th chapter (it won't take very long!). In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us: *"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."* He also tells us, *"Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life."*

So often, we look for bread that perishes. Some of the things that we search for are good in and of themselves: a beautiful life for our family, a nice home, a fulfilling career, good health, the list goes on and on. But sadly, we also hunger for so many other things that can be abused and which will never satisfy our hungers: material possessions, alcohol, disordered sexuality, and anything else the mind imagines. These things can never satisfy us. It is God – and He alone – who can satisfy our deepest yearnings. St. Augustine put it this way: "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in Thee." And in this Sunday's 1st reading, we hear about how the Israelites in the desert were reminded that God alone satisfies our hunger.

If we're looking for true fulfillment, the fulfillment of all our desires, to have our deepest yearnings met, if we want to find lasting happiness, Jesus invites us to look to Him. The world, though, invites us to take the easy way out. Don't believe the lie! Don't believe the lie that we should just compromise our faith, our morals, our knowledge of what we – in the pit of our stomach – know is right and wrong, what we know is true and good. Instead, let's take to heart what St. Paul tells us in this Sunday's 2nd reading. He urges us to put aside our old selves, steeped in self-interest and sin, and put on a new self, created in Christ's image. He wrote, *"Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."*

We've all heard the old expression, "You are what you eat." Well, when we consume the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, we should become more and more like Him. We should "put on Christ." When that happens, it must lead us to bringing Him into our homes, our marriages, our families, our neighborhoods. Putting on Christ means that we should radiate His love, practice His mercy, and be His compassion to a world that so desperately needs those things.

Let's commit to living out what St. Paul and St. Augustine and so many others learned: that in being fed by Christ, by consuming Him, we are in turn consumed *by Him*, and we are then to be transformed into His very image. If we allow that to happen, we, as well as the little world in which we live, will not hunger and we will not thirst, for Jesus will be the fulfillment of all our desires.

Eucharistic Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

July 28	Week 5	YTD
Collection	\$10,415	\$54,972
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$60,820

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.

What is a Rosary Congress?



Come to our meeting on Tuesday to find out! We will discuss what a Rosary Congress entails and its mission, as well as begin planning for our own parish Rosary Congress.

This powerful time of grace will begin at OLS on October 7th, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and conclude on October 8th.

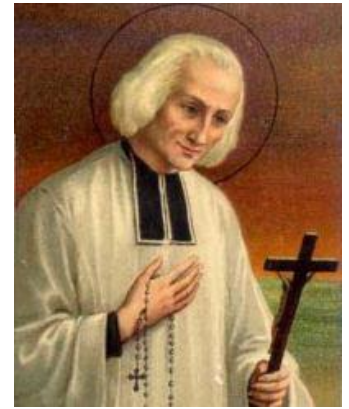
Join us in the Seton Room at 7:00pm on Tuesday, August 6th. We hope to see you there!

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."

-Sister Lucia, one of the children of Fatima

Saint of the Week

August 4th is the feast day of St. John Vianney, also known by the appellation *Curé d'Ars* (parish priest of Ars, France). St. John Vianney spent almost forty-two years of his life, devoting himself to prayer, mortification, and pastoral works. His success in directing souls made him known throughout the Christian world. Men of all ranks and conditions of life sought his guidance and advice. - Adapted from www.catholicculture.org



Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally.

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

Let us pray for our parish priests, that they remain steadfast in their vows, devoted to Christ and imbued with the Holy Spirit.



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!

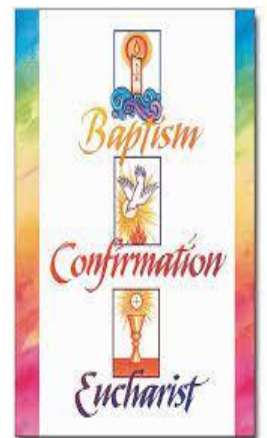
Five new members were initiated into our Christian Community last Sunday. They are: Liam Robert Bove, Cortland Nowak Joseph Shaw, Smile Junior James Fleury II, Daniel George Pope, Mary Wing Shuen Lyons. We congratulate their parents, godparents, and families.

*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

A photograph of a baby being baptized in a white font. The baby is lying down, and a person's hands are visible, one holding the baby's head and the other holding a white cloth. The background is dark, making the white font stand out.

Does your heart desire something more?

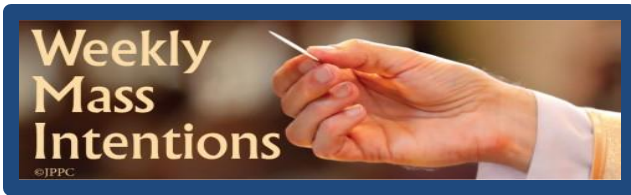
That Something more is the Person of Jesus Christ and a deeper share in the Divine Life. St. Augustine said, "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee, oh God." He had a major turning to God. If you desire to come into the fullness of Faith in the Catholic Church,



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, 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

7:00 AM Christiana Oshogwe, Fred Uzzi, and
All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Robert Scales

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

7:00 AM Ernest Deza
12:00 PM Nancy R. D'Amico

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024

7:00 AM William P. Sumas
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Ohiro,
Campbell and Kimalo Families,
and All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024

7:00 AM Robert David Brooks
12:00 PM Vivienne Mompremier – Special
Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2024

7:00 AM Agnes and George Blair
12:00 PM Gregory S. Scotese

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

8:30 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih and Family
12:00 PM Vincent Ryan

VIGIL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2024

5:30 PM Margaret Moran

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante
Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

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



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*“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 OLSStvincentdepaul@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.