



# *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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**September 8, 2024**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## *A Message from Fr. Andrew*

### **Come and eat! (9/15 PARISH PICNIC!)**

One of the things to do while preparing for priesthood ordination is choosing an ordination motto. It's a phrase from the Bible or a quote from a saint that a person chooses to accompany them throughout his life as a priest. I was flipping through all four books of the Gospel to choose one for myself. While I was wondering what phrase would best fit the life as a priest I envisioned, I was sidetracked a few times. When I read some funny or interesting verses, I would wonder, "Hmm, I am curious if anyone had ever chosen this verse as their ordination motto." One of them was John 21:12. Part of that verse is Jesus' invitation to His apostles to come and eat. He says, "Come, have breakfast," and I was thinking how funny it would look to have that short phrase on the invitation card as a motto of ordination.

Upon deeper reflection, however, I began to see past the humor and view it as heartwarming and from a lens of gratitude. After the resurrection, when the disciples were still wrestling with confusion, Jesus invited them back to the meal table, bringing them back to the love-filled moment of the Last Supper. Imagine Jesus starting the fire to cook fish for His beloved apostles and being so satisfied as He gazes upon their faces while their hunger is satisfied with the foods He cooked for them. Isn't that precisely what Jesus does for us at each Mass? What is more mind-blowing is that the food He prepares us at Mass is not just ordinary food but also food from heaven. It's Himself! When the Christian community gathers to share a meal under the love of our Father, we are reminded that Jesus prayed to the Father so that we may remain one. The love-filled sharing of meals together is the best way to express our mutual support, friendship, and communion as a parish community.

On **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, we will have our annual parish/school picnic from 12:30pm to 5:00pm. Please join us and do exactly what Jesus tells us to do: COME AND EAT! There will be music, games and fun activities for children. The parish will provide ALL FOOD as well as water, soda, and coffee. Bring the whole family! And Fr. Rich has promised to sing a few songs for us! Please register ASAP. To do so, email Michelle Dixon: [medixon8@gmail.com](mailto:medixon8@gmail.com)

The picnic is an excellent opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and nurture our spiritual and fraternal connections as a parish family. Fr. Brian and I look forward to this event every year. We can't wait to see you there!

Blessings,  
Fr. Andrew



## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<b>September 1</b>	<b>Week 10</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Collection	\$11,460	\$116,205
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$121,640

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Family Promise of Essex County

We will again be supporting families experiencing homelessness for Family Promise of Essex County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) in October.

We need to shop for a list of grocery items for four to five families and prepare a meal for each family. The meals and grocery items will need to be brought to Our Lady of Sorrows in the lower church (Fourth Street entrance) the evening of Monday, October 7 or the morning of Tuesday, October 8, and will be delivered to the Family Promise office on October 8.

The volunteer roles include:

- Cooks to prepare a meal, or part of a meal, for four to five families.
- Shoppers to buy and donate the requested grocery items for the families
- Volunteers to help accept and store meals and groceries on Monday evening (October 7) and Tuesday morning (October 8).

Starting this weekend (September 7/8), we will have sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for these roles.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Anna Nelson at [annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com) or 973-477-9546.



### Fall Faith Formation Opportunity

Did you finish all of your summer beach reads and are now yearning for something more substantive? Allow us to suggest Ignatius to ignite your prayer life and develop a more intimate relationship with God.

Small group sessions based upon the book *The Ignatian Adventure* by Kevin O'Brien, SJ will begin on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The group will be led by Stephanie Sonnicks and OLS parishioner Brendan January.

Register by September 16<sup>th</sup> by emailing Stephanie at [olschurchnministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchnministries@gmail.com) or Brendan at [bdjanuary@msn.com](mailto:bdjanuary@msn.com)



## Join our Fall Small Group and Learn to Pray more Deeply

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola have helped millions develop a closer relationship with God in their daily lives—here and now.

Join us this Fall for **The Ignatian Adventure**, a guided small group "retreat in daily life" based on the Spiritual Exercises.

This small group will meet once a week from Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. It is perfect for those seeking depth and understanding in prayer.

**Space is limited!**

Email Stephanie Sonnicks (Ministry Associate) and co-leader Brendan January by Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> to join or inquire:

Stephanie: [olschurchnministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchnministries@gmail.com)  
Brendan: [bdjanuary@msn.com](mailto:bdjanuary@msn.com)

## Meet Our Staff

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## Rosary Society News

After a Summer break, we look forward to meeting once again. Rosary members, and anyone interested in praying together, are invited to our meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00pm, in the lower chapel.

Please join us for prayer followed by our Fall start up meeting in St. Joseph's Hall. We are excited to have Fr. Andrew join us once again and share some inspiring words. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited! Be sure to mark your calendar.



## 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](http://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](mailto:marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com)

### **Protecting God's Children® for Adults**

*Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm*

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

### **Keeping the Promise Alive™ Recertification Training**

*Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**

5:30 PM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

8:00 AM Bernice Plesnik – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Theresé Bradley

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

7:00 AM Bisiriya Shonibare  
12:00 PM Dawn Langan Mattheiss – 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

7:00 AM Edward Silliere  
12:00 PM Jack McElroy

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

7:00 AM Edward J. O'Connor  
12:00 PM Patricia J. Smith

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

7:00 AM James F. McDonnell  
9:30 AM School Mass – Sandra Wotanowski  
12:00 PM Margaret D. Richards

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

7:00 AM John McGuire  
12:00 PM John McGuire

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

8:30 AM Wilma Klosinski  
12:00 PM Evelyn A. Trapp

**VIGIL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

5:30 PM Stasia and Walter Borowicz

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

8:00 AM John M. and Bernice Plesnik  
10:00 AM Margherita and Antonio Pizzillo  
11:30 AM People of the Parish

**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.



**Pray for the Souls in Purgatory**



Let us remember those who have recently passed away at OLS: Henry E. Hamel, III and Judith Marie Gordy.

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.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle is in memory of Evelyn Trapp requested by John J. Trapp.



**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, Patricia McDonnell, 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

# 2024 Eucharistic Rosary Congress October 7-8, 2024

*To Jesus*



*through Mary*



**October 7, 7:00pm**

**Opening Mass**

**Followed by 24 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Rosary prayed at the top of each hour, from 8:00pm, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>**

**October 8, 7:00pm**

**Reflection by Brother Juan Francisco Larrazabal, C.F.R.  
Franciscan Friar of the Renewal**

**Recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Rosary**

**Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please consider leading the Rosary during one of the hours or committing to spending 1 hour before Our Eucharistic Lord in prayer.

Use the QR code to sign up or visit our parish website to sign-up:  
[www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)

Or visit table in back of Church when set up or at the picnic



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