

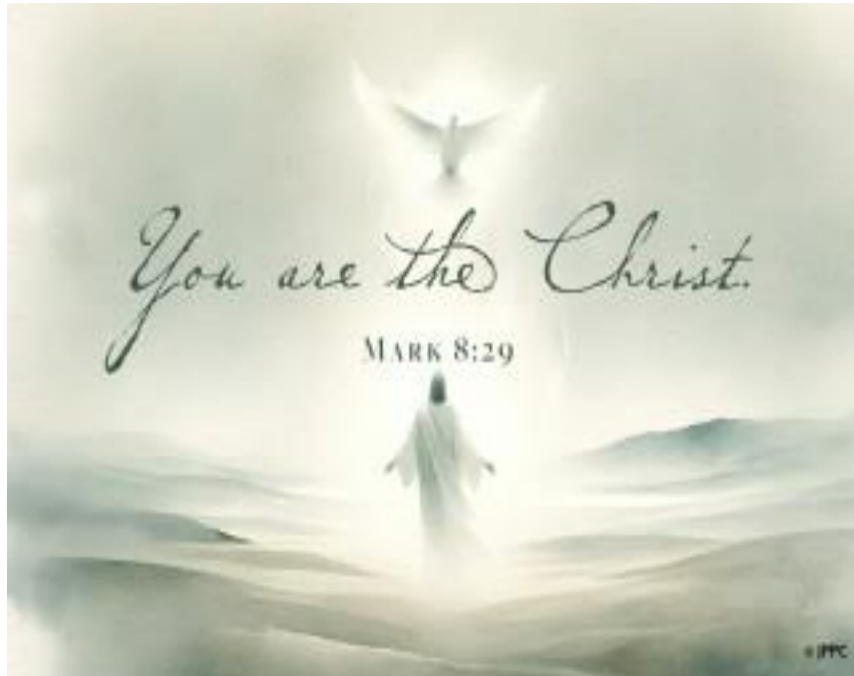


Our Lady of Sorrows

217 PROSPECT STREET, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

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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 15, 2024

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

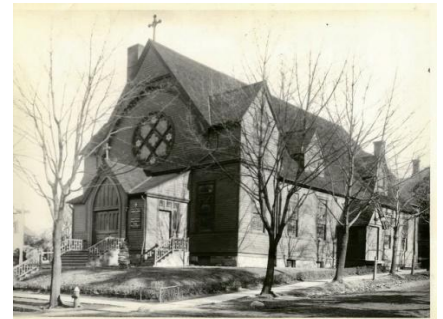
A Message from Fr. Brian

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows! On our patronal feast day, it's worth noting that Our Blessed Mother, after whom our parish is named, was not immune from human suffering. We traditionally identify 7 sorrows of Mary:



1. The Prophecy of Simeon that a sword of sorrows would pierce her soul (Luke 2:34–35).
2. The Flight of the Holy Family into Egypt (Matthew 2:13).
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem (Luke 2:43–45).
4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on his Way to Calvary.
5. Standing at the Foot of the Cross (John 19:25).
6. Jesus Being Taken Down from the Cross (Matthew 27:57–59).
7. The Burial of Jesus (John 19:40–42).

As we celebrate this feast day, we also celebrate and remember our parish's wonderful history. The first church of Our Lady of Sorrows was dedicated on September 22, 1889, and stood at the corner of Academy and 4th Streets (where the current school gym is). It was a pretty, wooden structure, but by 1904 OLS had more than 1,000 parishioners and its rapid growth continued such that by the late 1920s, the original church had become too small. And so, construction on the present church began in 1929 and it was consecrated by Newark Bishop Thomas Walsh on May 18, 1930.



In the almost 100 years since the construction of our present church, so many wonderful things have happened here: thousands of Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, and countless other celebrations, not to mention the tens of thousands of Masses celebrated here, including funeral Masses. While our parish has experienced countless joys, we've also been the place where people come to find comfort in their moments of sorrow.

As we go through life's joys and sorrows, let's never forget that we are accompanied by our Blessed Mother. She too knew the amazing joys that life can offer us, but she also knew suffering and sorrow. Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside Jesus as He gave His life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of His passion as only a mother can. Mary, of course, is Mother not only to Jesus, but to all of humanity. And she continues to suffer and sorrow over the sorrows that we face, and she watches over us with a mother's love as we endure life's sorrows. May our Blessed Mother, under her title of Our Lady of Sorrows, continue to watch over our parish family and may we continually seek refuge under her mantle.

Our Lady of Sorrows Blessings,

Fr. Brian

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

September 8	Week 11	YTD
Collection	\$15,581	\$131,786
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$133,804

National Collection for
The Catholic University of America
\$1,897

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).

There are 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 or 973-477-9546.



Youth Group News

Welcome Back!
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.



Below are some important dates for both youth and their parents/guardians. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Youth Minister Chris Kaiser at kaiser@shu.edu or 862-216-1885.

- Freshman Youth Group begins on Sunday, September 22nd in St. Joseph's Hall (lower church) from 7:30-9:00pm. ***This is a Freshman and Leader only event.***
- Youth Group for all begins on **Sunday September 29th** in St. Joseph's Hall (lower church) from 7:30-9:00pm.
- There is a **mandatory parent meeting** for Incoming Freshmen on: Wednesday, October 2nd at 8:00pm in the upper church.

Please bring your openness and desire to develop a closer relationship with Christ.



Meet Our Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Pastor
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St. Vincent DePaul Society

The OLS St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, as well as the Maplewood/South Orange communities, on a confidential basis.

If you know of someone in need of financial assistance, or if you would like to donate to this fund, please contact our parish office at 973-763-5454 or email:

OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com



Pro-Life News

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE September 26, 2024

Join Pro-Life advocates from all around the State of New Jersey to peacefully rally for the dignity of the human person. The march will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2024, at the State Capitol in Trenton. The day will begin with Mass with Cardinal Joseph Tobin at 9:30, rally and speakers at 11:00, and the march at Noon. Round trip busing is available at \$35.00 per person. Register for the bus using this link: <https://insidethewalls.org/njmarchforlife>

Additional information about the event and how you can support it, even if you are unable to attend, can be found at this link: <https://marchforlife.org/newjersey>

The Knights of Columbus, *Regina Pacis* Council at OLS encourages all to attend. After you register for the bus at the link provided above, call John Robertson of the Knights (862 224-1956). Let him know you are coming, if you have questions, or if you would like to carpool. John will help coordinate carpooling from OLS to the bus departure location at St. Paul Inside the Wall in Madison.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

A campaign of prayer and fasting



Sept. 25 through Nov. 3, 2024

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

396 Bloomfield Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042

in the public thoroughfare across the street from a high-volume abortion facility (Pilgrim Medical Center)

To sign-up on-line: 40DaysforLife.com/Montclair
or contact Lisa Hart at:

LisaHartPT@yahoo.com or by cell: 973-769-4422





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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

7:00 AM Matthew Ligon – Special Intention
12:00 PM Venante Louis

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

7:00 AM Robert Antinozzi – Special Intention
12:00 PM Michael McDonough – 9th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

7:00 AM Bisiriyu Shonibare
12:00 PM Bob Marquand

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

7:00 AM James McDonnell
12:00 PM Antoine Georges-Navarro -
Special Intention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

7:00 AM Ben Etienne
12:00 PM Adrian Mompremier –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

8:30 AM Roger Caruso
12:00 PM Norma Hermann –
Special Intention

VIGIL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

5:30 PM Theodore and Jean Kubilus

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and
Salvante Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Margherita, Antonio and Gina Pizzillo

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.



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, 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



**FIRST
RECONCILIATION
PREPARATION**



***Attention Parents of All Students Celebrating the Sacraments
of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist This School Year***

Parents of all students in the parish who will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year are asked to attend one of two upcoming **mandatory** First Reconciliation parent meetings via Zoom. These very important information sessions will provide parents with an overview of the home-based sacramental preparation program used here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Parent resource materials, student workbooks, review sheets and registration forms will be distributed in advance of the meetings at CCD and through the OLS School. In order to receive the sacraments this year, your child must have attended a Catholic school or religious education program in the previous year and be currently enrolled. This is the policy of the Archdiocese of Newark. At least one parent must attend one of the two following meetings:

Thursday afternoon, September 26, 2024 at 1:00 - 2:15 pm, via Zoom

OR

Thursday evening, September 26, 2024 at 7:00 - 8:15 pm, via Zoom

All families of our sacramental preparation students should also plan on attending our First Reconciliation Inscription Mass. This Mass will be held at the upcoming Family Mass on Sunday, October 6th at 10:00 am. A First Reconciliation activity will follow in St. Joseph's Hall immediately after Mass.

We look forward to helping your children begin the next important step in their sacramental journeys. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Noll in the Religious Education Department, 973-763-5454 or jennollols@gmail.com. If your child meets the required criteria and you would like him or her to be added to our sacraments list for the year, please contact Jen Noll.

A reminder that CCD begins the week of September 23rd. If you have not already registered your child, please reach out to Jen as soon as possible or do so online: olschurch.com/ccd/



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. 7th - 7:00pm, Oct. 8th

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

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



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