



# 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 22, 2024**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

The first day of fall this year is this Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sad to say, but summer is officially over, even if we are able to squeeze in a few more days down the Shore or have a couple more BBQs.

Fall means that our parish's activities ramp up again. We have a lot of activities ahead to nourish our faith and build our parish community. Allow me to list a few of those in the months ahead:

**OLS Family Mass:** The 10:00 am Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month, beginning this Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. At these Masses, the children and youth of our parish will participate in various ways: as ushers/greeters, lectors, and singing in the choir. The homily will also be geared toward children. And more good news! After these 2 monthly Masses, we will have coffee and donuts and bagels. For more information and to volunteer, contact Stephanie Sonnicks: [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com) or Jen Noll: [jennollols@gmail.com](mailto:jennollols@gmail.com).

**OLS Youth Group:** The OLS Youth Ministry program is open to all high school students in our community. It offers a whole range of social, athletic, and spiritual activities. Weekly meetings are on Sunday nights from 7:30-9:00 pm in the lower Church and begin on September 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Colleen McDonald: [sorrowschurch@gmail.com](mailto:sorrowschurch@gmail.com)

**Blessing of animals:** Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm: In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have our annual blessing of animals. Have your family pet join Daisy (our Rectory Lab Retriever) and receive this annual blessing. The blessing will be near the statue of Mary on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Rosary Congress:** We will have 24 hours of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, beginning at 7:00 pm with Mass on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and concluding at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with Solemn Benediction. At the top of each hour, we will pray the Holy Rosary. We all know that our world, country, Church, and perhaps our families are in turmoil right now and that we are all anxious and worried about what the future holds for us. There's one thing that we need more than anything to deal with this anxiety: prayer. An especially powerful form of prayer is spending time before Our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. When we combine that time with Him in the Eucharist with prayers to Our Blessed Mother by means of the Rosary, we are assured of finding peace, a peace which "surpasses all understanding." Visit our parish website ([www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)) for more information or see the flyer in this bulletin. Sign up for an hour here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044DAFA923A4FA7-50814711-2024#/>

**Knights of Columbus:** The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization with nearly 2 million members. They are dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, and social welfare works, while offering men a fraternal means whereby they can proudly live out their Catholic faith with other men. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is on October 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Pete Morin: [council4066@gmail.com](mailto:council4066@gmail.com).

**OLS Rosary Society:** Our parish Rosary Society is a group of women and men who meet monthly to pray the Rosary, grow confident in their Faith, and promote Marian Devotion through various projects. For more information, contact Kathy Shelffo: [kathyshelffo@gmail.com](mailto:kathyshelffo@gmail.com).

**Verso Christo Young Adults Group:** If you're between the ages of 20 and 35 and looking to connect with other people of faith, join our young adult group for our next event! We are a network of Essex County parishes committed to building up community and discipleship for young adults. For more information, call or email Stephanie Sonnack at (201) 470-2904; [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com) or follow us on Instagram: @versochristo.

**O CIA (formerly called RCIA):** This program is for those non-Christians who desire to be baptized or for those already baptized who wish to be confirmed and receive the Eucharist. We have our highest enrollment in many years for this program. Meetings are on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Selina: [passociate07@gmail.com](mailto:passociate07@gmail.com).

**Choirs:** Our St. Cecilia Singers children's choir (grades 3-8) rehearses on Wednesday from 3:45-4:30 and sings approximately twice per month at the 10:00 am Family Mass on Sunday. Our Youth Choir (grades 9-12) rehearses on Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 and also sings twice per month at the 10:00 am Mass. Both of these ensembles are great ways for young parishioners to learn about our faith as well as music and be in service of the Liturgy. Adults are welcome to join our Parish Choir, which is comprised of nearly 40 parishioners of all ages and skill levels who come together for our 11:30 am Mass every Sunday. They rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30. For more information or to join any choir, please contact Preston Dibble: [olsmusician@gmail.com](mailto:olsmusician@gmail.com).

**New School Year:** And last, but certainly not least, we pray for God's blessings upon all our young people who have returned to school, including our OLS School students and those who are enrolled in our CCD classes (CCD begins this week, on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>). May they be open to the many blessings that God has planned for them this year and may they continue to grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom.

As you can see, there's a lot going on at OLS! Consider getting involved!

Fall Blessings,

*Fr. Brian*



## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

September 15	Week 12	YTD
Collection	\$10,870	\$142,656
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$145,968
 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Repairs and Maintenance</b>		
	<b>\$2,545</b>	

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### Reminder: Youth Group Meeting Dates

- **Freshman Youth Group begins this Sunday, 9/22** 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 next Sunday, 9/29** in St. Joseph's Hall from 7:30-9:00pm.
- There is a **mandatory parent meeting for Incoming Freshmen** on: **Wednesday, 10/2** at 8:00pm in the upper church.



If you have any questions, please reach out to our Youth Minister Chris Kaiser at [kaiser@shu.edu](mailto:kaiser@shu.edu) or 862-216-1885.

### Upcoming Blood Drive

We are hosting a blood drive in St. Joseph's Hall next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until 12:30pm. Please consider donating!

Blood Drive

## \$5,000

### Pumpkin Spice Giveaway

Donate Sept. 5 - Oct. 5 for a chance to win one of five \$5,000 gift cards.

\* Chances to win one of five \$5,000 prepaid gift cards, redeemable for cash. [1stSource.com/charity](https://www.1stsource.com/charity)

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**Donor Guidelines:**

- \* Weigh at least 110 lbs
- \* Bring ID
- \* Eat a meal before donation
- \* Drink plenty of water before and after donation

**Appointments strongly recommended**

You may use the phone number below, go to [donors.1stsource.org](https://donors.1stsource.org) using blood drive code: 80840 or the QR code and link to the right to schedule your appointment.

Join 1st Source's Donor Recognition Program: earn points for each donation. Points can be redeemed for gift cards to a variety of national retailers & restaurants.

1. Don't forget to bring your ID  
2. Call our Customer Care Center at 1.877.308.4415

**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.

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Noll in the Religious Education Dept., 973-763-5454 or [jennollols@gmail.com](mailto:jennollols@gmail.com).



## Meet Our Staff

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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](mailto:OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com)



## Family Promise of Essex County

We are once again supporting families experiencing homelessness for Family Promise of Essex County.

Volunteers are needed to do the following: prepare meals (or part of a meal) for four or five families; shop or donate requested grocery items for the families; accept and store meals and groceries on Monday evening, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday evening, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the church vestibule. 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.

## 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](http://40DaysforLife.com/Montclair)  
or contact Lisa Hart at:  
[LisaHartPT@yahoo.com](mailto:LisaHartPT@yahoo.com) or by cell: 973-769-4422





**VIGIL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

5:30 PM Theodore and Jean Kubilus

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024**

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel  
12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

7:00 AM Marie Jeanette Georges  
12:00 PM Melissa McArthur

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**

7:00 AM Patrick Andie – Special Intention  
12:00 PM Vincent McNany

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024**

7:00 AM Theresa Marques  
12:00 PM Guillermo Sanchez –  
21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

7:00 AM Michael Csedrik –  
Special Intention  
12:00 PM Bisiriyu Shonibare

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

8:30 AM Fritz Georges – Special Intention  
12:00 PM Rev. Frederick Miller

**VIGIL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024**

8:00 AM Andrew Muller  
10:00 AM Rev. Frederick Miller  
11:30 AM Mary Ellen Rustum

**Mass Requests**

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: [olschurch.com/request-a-mass/](https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/) Or scan the QR code.



**Pray for the Deceased**



Let us remember those who have recently passed away at OLS: Ilse Blythe

*“Eternal rest grant unto Ilse, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.”*

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



# *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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