



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 29, 2024
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Hate the sin but love the sinner. These are the words familiar to many Christians because this is the way of God. God loves us, sinners, but hates our sins because sins hinder our relationship with Him and our neighbors. Isn't that why Jesus, in the Gospel of John, tells a sinful woman, *"Neither do I condemn you,"* but adds, *"Go, and from now on, do not sin anymore"* as He forgives her (John 8:11) He embraces the woman's deepest wounds and heals them. But Jesus makes sure to teach her never to return to the old way of life.

God's love for us can be tough. We see this even in how He saved us: giving us His only Begotten Son as a perfect and unblemished sacrificial lamb! He bridged an unbridgeable gap between us and Himself by paying an unimaginably expensive cost. With that, He never wants to lose any soul, showing us the immense value, He places on each of us.

God's desire to lead us to heaven is well expressed in today's Gospel. Jesus loves us. However, when teaching us about how to battle sins, He asks us to leave no space for devils to have a grip on us. *"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off! And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off!"* These are challenging words to digest. Does God want His Kingdom filled with His children without hands and feet? That is not what He is saying here. Jesus is talking about the importance of our determination to live out the life as a disciple by loving good and hating evil. This way of life must also be translated into our care for one another, especially within our Christian communities.

Of course, we are not born without original sin like the Blessed Mother. We will be tempted, and we may fall. But we must think about what the root causes of our sins are, especially if they are habitual. The first way of fighting the temptation is to avoid the near occasions. If impulse buying and wasting our money is our struggle, perhaps the best way to fight that temptation is to avoid walking on a street filled with luxury brand stores. What are our struggles, and how can we have our eyes fixed on heaven? If heaven feels too much of a high place to have our eyes fixed on, then try this: look at the crucifix and see what the Lord had done for us first before thinking He is asking too much of us.

Many Blessings!



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

September 22	Week 13	YTD
Collection	\$11,893	\$154,549
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$158,132
Repairs and Maintenance		
\$3,135		

Thank you for your generosity!

Event Reminders

Blood Drive Today!

We are hosting a blood drive in St. Joseph's Hall on Sunday, September 29th from 9:00 am until 12:30pm. Please consider donating before or after Mass.



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

* Chance to win one of five \$5,000 prepaid gift cards, redeemable for retail. vitalent.org/PrizefulBloodDonation

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Sunday, September 29, 2024
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

St. Joseph's Hall
217 Prospect Street
South Orange, NJ 07079

Appointments strongly recommended

You may use the phone number below, go to donors.vitalent.org (using blood drive code: 3053) or the QR code and link, to the right to schedule your appointment

with The National Donor Recognition Program earn points for each donation. Points can be redeemed for gift cards to a variety of national retailers at restaurants, travel, hotels.

1. Visit vitalent.org or register at
2. Call our Customer Care Center at 1.877.356.4825

Donor Guidelines:

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

Am BLOOD RECIPIENT:

"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I am for your selfless act. You may have wondered what become of your donation well, it saved my life."




Youth Group Tonight and 10/2!

Youth Group begins Sunday, September 29th in St. Joseph's Hall from 7:30-9:00pm.

There is a **mandatory parent meeting for Incoming Freshmen** Wednesday, October 2nd at 8:00pm in the upper church.



October Feast Days

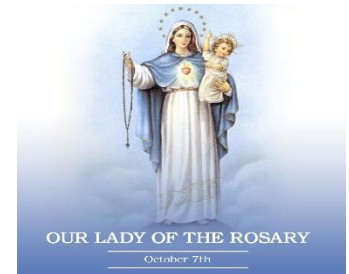
October boasts not only great beauty, but also an abundance of feast days. Here are some of our most beloved:

- October 1st: **St. Therese of Lisieux**
- October 2nd: **Feast of the Guardian Angels**
- October 4th: **St. Francis of Assisi**
- October 5th: **St. Faustina**
- October 7th: **Our Lady of the Rosary**
- October 15th: **St. Teresa of Avila**
- October 16th: **St. Gerard Majella**
- October 18th: **St. Luke**
- October 22nd: **St. Pope John Paul II**
- October 28th: **St. Jude Thaddeus**

Most importantly though, the month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary was paramount to Pope St. John Paul II:

"The Rosary is my favorite prayer.

A marvelous prayer! Marvelous in its simplicity and its depth. In the prayer we repeat many times the words that the Virgin Mary heard from the Archangel, and from her kinswoman Elizabeth."



In honor of Mary we will be hosting our annual Eucharistic Rosary Congress on October 7th and 8th. Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more details. There is so much to pray for in our lives and the world today. Through Mary we encounter Jesus and find solace and peace.

Blessing of Animals – October 6, 12:30

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a blessing of animals **next** Sunday, October 6th, at 12:30pm near the statue of the Blessed Mother on 4th Street. Be sure to bring your dogs and cats and other pets to receive the blessing and to meet our Rectory dog Daisy!



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



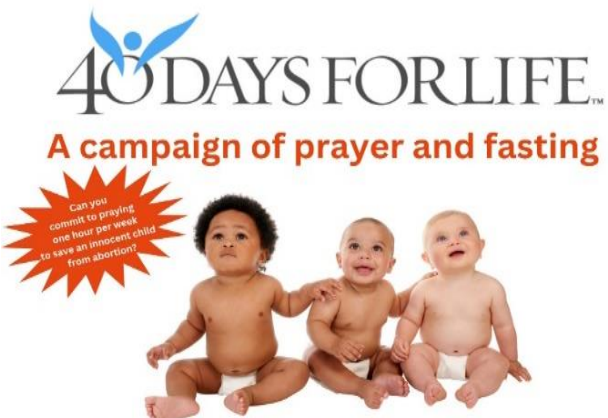
Family Promise of Essex County

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 7th and Tuesday evening, October 8th.

There are volunteer sign-up sheets in the church vestibule. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, reach out to Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-477-9546.

Pro-Life News



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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

7:00 AM Lumen Cruz
12:00 PM Vincent Rubino

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

7:00 AM Frank and Nevenka Rados
12:00 PM Ursula Quinn

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

7:00 AM Theresa Marques
12:00 PM Lucille and Michael Caputo

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

7:00 AM Edward Silliere
12:00 PM Bob and Christella Fischer

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

7:00 AM William Brown
9:30 AM School Mass
12:00 PM Vivienne Georges –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

8:30 AM Fr. Brian Needles – Special Intention
12:00 PM Maritza Gisele Jean Charles –
Special Intention

VIGIL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

5:30 PM Mario Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

8:00 AM Richard and Shirlee Needles
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

Mass Requests

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here: olschurchurch.com/request-a-mass/ Or scan the QR code.



Pray for the Deceased



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

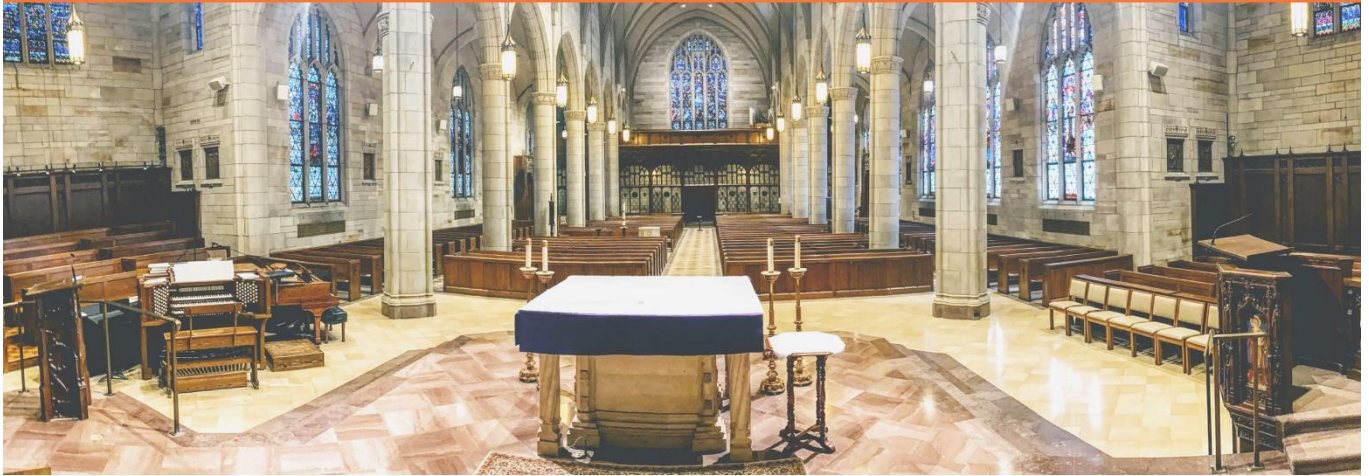
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for a special intention.



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





OUR LADY OF SORROWS FAMILY MASS



Every Sunday at 10:00 am

What to expect: family-focused preaching, kid's bulletins, music led by our youth choirs, and family members of all ages serving in the liturgy as gift-bearers, ushers, greeters, and proclaimers.

Coffee & Donuts and Catholic kid's craft downstairs after Mass on 2nd and 4th Sunday!

Serve at this Mass as a family:

For more information & to sign up to serve, contact a staff member below or scan here:

Colleen McDonald: sorrowschurch@gmail.com
Stephanie Sonnicks: olschurchministries@gmail.com



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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