



# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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**MASSSES:** *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

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***January 1, 2023***

***The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God***

### Message from Fr. Brian

The first reading for this Sunday's Mass comes to us from the Book of Numbers (the 4<sup>th</sup> book of the Torah) and it contains a beautiful blessing: *"The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about how *"the shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger"* and the grace and peace invoked in that ancient Jewish blessing descended upon the shepherds as they adored the newborn child in the manger. The shepherds then returned home *"glorifying and praising God."*

As we enter into a new year, I invoke that ancient priestly blessing upon you and your families. I pray that in the same way the shepherds praised God for their incredible fortune at witnessing the entry of the Messiah into the world, you too will behold Jesus Christ throughout this year and that your lives will glorify and praise God.

January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It is the oldest Marian feast in the Church's calendar. Thanks to Mary responding "yes" to God's invitation to become of the Mother of the Redeemer, salvation came into the world and we became heirs to God's Kingdom. As St. Paul wrote to the Galatians in our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, *"God sent His Son, born of a woman...so that we might receive adoption as sons. As proof that you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir, through God."*

Who knows what 2023 will bring our way. But we can live each day of this year knowing that we have a Father in Heaven who loves us with a love beyond all telling, that Jesus was born among us to save us, and that the Holy Spirit guides and directs our lives. Not only that, but we also have the assurance that Mary, the Mother of God, is also our mother and she intercedes constantly for us. All of this is great news and it should inspire us to live this year with hope, trust, and faith.

January 1<sup>st</sup> is also the World Day of Peace. As we begin a new year, may God's peace be upon the whole world, especially in those places ravaged by war and violence. May Jesus, the Prince of Peace, inspire all of us to work for true and lasting peace, in the world, in our nation, in our communities, in our homes, and in our own lives.

Once again, at the dawn of a new year, I repeat the ancient blessing entrusted to the priests of the Old Testament: *"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

New Year Blessings!



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>December 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 25</b>	<b>Y To Date</b>
Collection	\$12,105	\$291,510
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$294,699

Repairs and Maintenance	\$465
Food Pantry	\$1,338
Flowers	\$440
St. Vincent De Paul	\$320
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$692
Candles	\$420
Assessment	\$2,130
Music	\$1,336

***Thank you!***

**Please Remember OLS**

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which at this time we're offering in particular for peace in Ukraine. Please consider spending 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 Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

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**REGIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED**

This year Our Lady of Sorrows will again be participating in the **Regifting Project**. Few of us "need" all of the gifts we receive at Christmas, and sometimes we receive gifts we do not want or can't use. Instead of rushing back to the store right after Christmas to return the gifts, or letting them gather dust on a shelf, why not share our Christmas joy by giving these gifts to others? This is an opportunity to give to those in need at a time when many are struggling, and it is a great lesson for adults and children alike to look at all of the gifts they have received and offer one to someone who may have none at all.

Your donated gifts may be brought to church on the following dates: the weekends of **December 31/January 1** and **January 7/8**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items. They will be delivered to Mercy House, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at: [annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com) or 973-378-3136.



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### **Meet Our Staff**

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### **Sponsor Certificates A reminder**

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months.

Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**



### **OLS Food Pantry**

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables.

**Food donations can be dropped off:**

- **Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00** – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- **Saturday: 8:00-6:00** – Church front vestibule
- **Sunday: 8:00-12:00** – Church front vestibule
- ***Please do not leave food at the Rectory.***

Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/> Questions? Email [olspantry@gmail.com](mailto:olspantry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.

### **Electronic Parish Giving**

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site ([www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.**



### **VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022**

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM The Brutofsky Family  
11:30 AM June Boreman Lynch

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2023**

7:00 AM Rafelo F. Sanchez - 44<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
12:00 PM Marlene Chidiac

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023**

7:00 AM Flossie Abrigo  
12:00 PM Rafael Parlade - 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023**

7:00 AM Charido Palemcia  
12:00 PM Marlene Chidiac

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023**

7:00 AM Lia Presti  
12:00 PM Luis Taveras

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2023**

7:00 AM Angelo and Meaghan DiSalvo -  
Special Intention  
9:30 AM School Mass  
12:00 PM Edward A. Antinozzi

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Allen Nelson  
12:00 PM Guillermo R. Sanchez - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Anniversary

### **VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022**

5:30 PM Robert Towey

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Manuel Fernandez  
11:30 AM Gilbert McKelvie

### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

### **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Cathy Craig, Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Jennie Magliaro, Annalise Magilaro and Grace McGrath.



## 2023 Mass Book

The 2023 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am  
☐ 10:00 am ☐ 11:30 am

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Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)

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First Drawing: January 15, 2023

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