

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased."* MATTHEW 3:17

MASSSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am

Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

Penance: Confessions Saturday 1:00 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 and arrange communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message From Sr. Mary Selina

As we enter into the last day of the Christmas season all seems to quiet down and as the saying goes “we are starting to get back to normal.” As strange as it may seem at this feast of the Baptism of Jesus, I started to think of the word “wonder” and the *Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis. The children in the story stepped into a closet and found themselves in another world. Their sense of wonder impelled them to take the step into this new world. The feasts we have experienced call us to Wonder and take a step into The Mystery of Redemption, the mystery of “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life*” (John 3:16).

Take time to Wonder (in the sense of standing in emptiness and awe) about Jesus’ Baptism. As we step into this part of the manifestation of God’s love, it is truly a wonder that the graces of Redemption pour over us and that time knows no bounds as we allow ourselves to be wrapped in His Saving embrace at our liturgical celebrations, as if we were present 2,000 years ago.

Jesus’ Baptism was fulfilled because Mary His Mother, full of grace, said “yes” to God’s plan for her to bring the Word of God incarnate into the world to dwell among us. Immediately after saying her yes she went to assist her cousin Elizabeth and the baby she carried in her womb leapt for Joy. John the Baptist recognized Jesus already in the womb and gave witness to Him, and thus John began his prophetic vocation. As he baptized in the river Jordan, John was calling God’s people to prepare their hearts for the coming of the Messiah by repenting of their sins and having a change of heart. One day John once again recognized Jesus but this time he pointed Him out publically to all the people, exclaiming “*Behold the Lamb of God.*” John wondered at Jesus’ request for baptism and allowed himself to step into the mystery and found the heavens opened with the Father’s voice: “*This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.*” John saw the Spirit in the form of a dove, the first manifestation of the Trinity. He knew he must decrease and Jesus must increase.

Let us step into the mystery of the waters of Baptismal fount where we are claimed for Christ, given an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, freed from original and any personal sin, becoming a new creation, for as St. Paul says, “*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation*” (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are adopted sons and daughters of God who can likewise say of us “this is my beloved daughter/son in whom I am well pleased.” Stepping into our Baptismal grace let our resolution be to allow that grace to grow. Here are two ways to do that: First, as we put our fingers into the Holy Water as we come into Church, PRAY the sign of the cross. And secondly, when the grace diminishes in us by our sin, go to confession and renew it.

This year let us WONDER about the Baptism of Jesus and our own and live Jesus’ Saving Grace as we allow to Jesus increases and we decrease. May the LIGHT of our Baptism pierce any darkness.

Claimed for Christ,

Sr. Mary Selina, S.C.C.

Stewardship is a way of life

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THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

January 5 th	Week 28	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,833	\$347,466
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$371,538
Christmas \$50,781		
Budget \$55,000		

Christian Initiation Highlights

Three new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Walter Otto Stepanek, Ethan Elias Etienne and Isabel Christine Cooney. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020

Come Adore the Lord

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**

Stewardship Reflections

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:17

Two thoughts come to mind when reading this. First, God, Our Father, is so generous, that he gave his only son, whom he really loves, to us so that we can have eternal life with him in heaven. God, Our Creator, really loves us, too! Second, Jesus was obedient to his Father's will, even to the point of death. This is a reminder that our own lives are pure gifts from God and meant to serve God and others.

Reflections on Catechism

408 The Consequences of original sin and of all men's personal sins put the world as a whole in the sinful condition aptly described in St. John's expression, "the sin of the world." This expression can also refer to the negative influence exerted on people by communal situations and social structures that are the fruit of men's sins.

OLS Peace and Justice Committee Meeting Reminder

The next meeting of the OLS Peace and Justice Committee will be next **Sunday, January 19 at 11 am** in the lower church. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men's Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. "Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path" Rise and Shine with the Lord.



Family Life Office
of the
Archdiocese of

Newark is sponsoring an Enrichment for Married Couples. Keep the love alive from Valentine's Day and come **Celebrate Marriage**. This one-day marriage enrichment offers some time to look at where you are in your marriage, improve your basic communication skills, and revisit memories of your life together as a married couple. Family Life Office is sponsoring this day which will be held on Sunday, February, 23 at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue from 9:30am – 4:30pm. The cost for the day is \$50 per couple which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch and presentation materials. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the day. For more information or to register, please contact Brian.Caldwell@rcan.org or call 973-497-4324.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

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). 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.**

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

Sponsor Certificates

A reminder that in order to receive a sponsor certificate for baptism or confirmation you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates state that the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a Catholic in good standing.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry



Month Four: Developing Baby

Well, your little baby now weighs 6 ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints which all remain unchanged until she dies. Her taste buds are working.

Her sense of hearing is present at 14 weeks. There are no major bodily developments anymore. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well formed internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and to grow strong.

March for Life

Please join in solidarity with fellow pro-lifers as we march for life in Washington, D.C. on **Friday, January 24** for the 47th annual March for Life. We will be meeting at 6:00 A.M. for Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel presided over by Fr. Colin, Director of Campus Ministry, at Seton Hall University. We will depart at 6:30 A.M. and return to campus at approximately 10:30 P.M. Trip includes the March for Life Rally and a peaceful march to the United States Supreme Court. Cost is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to Campus Ministry. Trip includes round trip transportation and bagels and coffee. 20 seats are available, on a first come, first served basis. To secure a spot on the bus or if you have questions, email elena.santoliquido@gmail.com.

Save the Date: **FREE** movie screening of *Unplanned* on **Friday, January 17** at 7 P.M. in St. Joseph Hall. Food and refreshments provided. RSVP to elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or katharinetownsend@hotmail.com, or text (973) 902-1296.

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Our Lady of Sorrows School

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**Catholic Schools Week 2020
Open House
January 26, 2020
11am – 2pm**



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BLOOD DRIVE



**PLEASE
DONATE**

Sponsored By: Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, January 19, 2020
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Community Room
217 Prospect Street
South Orange, NJ 07079

Appointments are preferred,
but walk-ins are welcome.

All Donors will receive the following free
health screenings: Cholesterol, Blood
Pressure, Temp, Iron, Pulse & Blood Type

Donor Guidelines:

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

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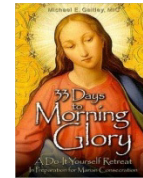
"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I
am for your selfless act. You may have
wondered what became of your donation
well, it saved my life."

You may make an appointment using the link below:
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Renew your Consecration Or

Consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary for the first
time

Join in this LIFE CHANGING
experience which touches the world around you
Saint John Paul II, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta,
Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Saint Louis de Monfort among
Other saints found this way to way to holiness.

Won't you consider joining them
and prepare to consecrate yourself to Jesus through
Mary?

Many parishioners have already did the consecration
and even renewed it.
Starting Tuesday, Feb. 11th through March 24th (choose
one session to join)

10 a.m to 11:30a.m. or 7p.m-8:30p.m.

cut and send in

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

email _____

Cost: \$30 for the materials [if someone wants to do this
and can't afford the \$ just let S.Mary Selina know]
[] This is the first time for me [] I would like to renew
my consecration

Put this in the collection basket or bring to the office of send it to
S.Mary Selina 217 Prospect St. South Orange, NJ 07079

***N.B. If you are renewing and would like to use a different book
let me know. I have a very good one but it doesn't have a video.
We could do this if we have enough people wanting this option.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

5:30 PM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Patricia Jane Barry 1st Anniversary
11:30 AM Joseph Cafuso

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

7:00 AM George Atterbury
12:00 PM Rose & Joseph Riccio

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

7:00 AM John A. Fallahay
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

7:00 AM Gregorio Guerra
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

7:00AM Laura Wasielewski
12:00 PM George Atterbury

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 2020

7:00AM Annett Russo
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

8:30 AM Anthony J. Richards
12:00 PM Louise Noel

VIGIL MASS JANUARY 18, 2020

5:30 PM Noreen & Frank Tobin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020

8:00 AM Richard Rogers
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Rev. John J. Krozser

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Beverly Anne Buchner and Fred DiMenna Jr.** We pray for the repose of their soul and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr..** Requested by Ernestina & Ocie Lacy.

OFFER OF GIFTS

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

IN MEMORIAM

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

Music Ministry

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

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Angie Sena, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag, George Richmond Files Jr., Beth Hebron and Henry Hamel.



Our Lady of Sorrows Calendar Raffle



\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win!
Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month
Only 500 tickets will be sold

Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 2nd day of each month at @2:00 pm in the Church office.

First Drawing: February 2, 2020

Purchase Monday thru Friday in the Parish office between 9:30am & 4:00 pm
Or complete the form below and mail with your donation. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

We can take checks, cash or credit cards

Our Lady of Sorrows 2020 CALENDAR RAFFLE ORDER FORM

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ chance(s) in the Raffle

Credit Card # _____ Security # _____ Expiration _____

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Please Print, PERSON ENTERING MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

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