



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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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

There is an old saying, “You don’t choose a saint; the *saint chooses you*,” and I cannot agree with this statement more. This saying tells us that we might think we are the ones who choose to have devotion to certain saints, but in fact, it is the other way around. It is the saints in heaven choosing us to join heaven by sharing the similar hearts they had on earth. Isn’t it beautiful to see how all of us, the members of the Holy Church, are united wherever we are!?

On that note, St. Andrew the Apostle is my favorite saint. In a way, he chose me to love the Lord like he did two thousand years ago. I am not in love with him simply because I am named Andrew. I love him because of what he did.

Andrew the Apostle was no one else but a humble fisherman. He probably smelled terrible after the long day of fishing in the Sea of Galilee under the sizzling sun of the Middle East, and his hands were probably covered with scars and calluses because of all the pulling and throwing of the heavy fishing nets. However, in his humility, he believes in the words of John the Baptist that taught Him Jesus was the Lamb of God they had been waiting for years.

After spending some time with Jesus where He was staying, Andrew couldn’t help but try to share the same experience with his older brother, Simon Peter. This is what I love about Andrew. He experiences the warmth of Christ’s presence and brings others to that same love he once received. It was only then that Peter started following Christ, making Him the Church's first pope.

Although being one of the first ones to follow Christ, Andrew the Apostle doesn’t demand Jesus to make him the head of the apostles. All he does is meet Christ, have his heart touched by that first encounter, and bring those around him to the presence of Christ. What a beautiful way of living, and what a noble humility!

As Pope Benedict XVI once taught, we are not created to seek comfort but for greatness. However, we must revisit what greatness means. The world often tells us to be great, in the sense of encouraging us to try to become the powerful Marvel Hero and a Savior. But the truth is, there is no savior but Jesus Christ. Therefore, the only path towards greatness for us is to first stay near Him, accept His love and graces, and become the instrument of God, bringing others around us and entrusting them at His feet.

That is what our Lord is asking us to do starting today. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves. We must share it with others, just like Andrew the Apostle invited his brother to see Jesus. How? It all begins with a simple invitation to those around us:

“I have found Messiah; His name is Jesus. No one else loves me more than He does, and He died on the Cross for Me. He wants to do the same for you. Would you like to meet Him and find out the true meaning of your life?”

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>December 31st</u>	<u>Week 27</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$14,646	\$332,271
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$324,718

Christmas (to date) \$50,216
Christmas Budget \$60,000

Repairs and Maintenance \$1,113
Music \$1,840
Food Pantry \$806

<u>January 7th</u>	<u>Week 28</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$13,864	\$346,135
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$336,745

Assessment \$424
 St. Vincent De Paul \$332
 Candles \$396

Thank you for your generosity!

2024 Annual Appeal

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or scanning the QR code.



Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. 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?

Please note that Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King Day and the parish office will be closed.

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The Catholic School of South Orange and Maplewood

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11am - 1:00pm

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OLS is in need of Marketing Assistance

Do you have skills in marketing, promotion, or advertising? OLS is seeking assistance in spreading the word on specific projects/initiatives, and we need your expertise! Please contact Stephanie Sonnicks at olschurchministries@gmail.com to find out more.

Hospital Privacy

Privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and you desire that a priest visit you or your loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.

Coffee and donuts



Join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses for Coffee and Donuts. This month, that means this weekend and **again** on January 28th. They will be served in the parish School on the 28th since it is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

Scout Corner

Troop 99G goes into the woods next weekend! We're off to [Camp Glen Gray](#) for some winter camping. We have a cabin, but you can tent camp too if you like! Contact us at 973.763.6349, or OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com to join us, or follow the fun on Insta and FB @Troop99Girls.

As part of our weekly meeting, in addition to getting ready to go camping, some of us are working on [Ad Altare Dei](#), one of the highest awards in Catholic Scouting.

"The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei emblem program is to help Scouts of the Roman Catholic Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth." - National Catholic Committee on Scouting

Working on Religious Emblems is one way our Scouts practice the reverence they promise as part of the Scout Law. "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and [reverent](#)."

BSA Troop 99G is only open to girls ages 11 - 17 but you can contact us at 973-763-6349 or at OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com. Escape the Great Indoors with us!

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.**

Essex County Young Adults

Are you between the ages of 20 and 35, and looking to connect with other people of faith? Join Essex County Young Adults for our next social event! We are a network of area parishes committed to building up community and discipleship for young adults. **For more information, text or email Stephanie at 201-470-2904**
- olschurchministries@gmail.com.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The OLS St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, and the Maplewood/South Orange communities on a confidential basis. If you know of someone potentially in need of financial and/or advisory assistance, have them contact the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish office. (973) 763-5454 or email: OLSStvincentdepaul@gmail.com



OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We are serving nearly 200-250 families with each pantry distribution. For the calendar year 2023, this amounts to 8,341 bags of groceries provided to 6,773 families made up of 25,066 individuals. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of Our Lady of Sorrows church, its parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you.

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Food donations can be dropped off in the lower church Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00 pm inside the 4th Street entrance or in the church vestibule Saturday/Sunday morning. 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 or call 973-370-0458.



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<http://www.olschurch.com>





VIGIL, SATURDAY JANUARY 13, 2024

5:30 PM Rosalia Segismundo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

8:00 AM Bernice Plesnik
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Ch Colonel John J. Krozser

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Anthony J. Richards

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Reyes Ponce

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Valerie Speller

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Carianne Bennett and Peter Colob -
Special Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Ruth Brauchli

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:30 AM Jane O'Donoghue
12:00 PM Chantal Francois - Special
Intention

VIGIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

5:30 PM All Rosarians, Living and
Deceased

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

8:00 AM Kerry McCune
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Jennifer Bober 1st Anniversary

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Rosemary Rudolph Marzano and Jerome Pallo**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one 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: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, 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, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis, Patricia Evanik and Michael Elliot.

2024 Mass Book

The 2024 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
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