

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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“THEN THEY OPENED
THEIR TREASURES AND
OFFERED HIM GIFTS OF
**GOLD,
FRANKINCENSE,
AND MYRRH.”**

MATTHEW 2:11

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

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 2, 2022

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Brian

This weekend, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Throughout most of the world, this Feast is celebrated with as much or even more festivity as Christmas. Having lived in Rome for 9 years, I quickly learned the peculiar way that the Italians celebrate Epiphany. Their celebration includes the legend of a white-haired, good witch known as “La Befana.” According to the

legend, the night before the Wise Men gave the Baby Jesus their gifts, they stopped at the home of an old woman and invited her to come along but she said that she was too busy. Later on, she realized that she had made a mistake and so she decided to join the Wise Men. But she got lost and, as tradition has it, she now flies around on her broomstick on the night of January 5th looking for the manger in



hopes of finding the Baby Jesus, but not being able to find Him, she gives her presents to any Italian child who leaves out a shoe or hangs up a stocking on Epiphany Eve. Rome's Epiphany tradition also includes a procession of thousands of people dressed in medieval costumes who walk along the wide avenue leading up to the Vatican, carrying symbolic gifts for the Pope. This imitates the Wise Men bearing gifts for Jesus.

Many other countries throughout the world also have their own special Epiphany traditions. But here in the United States, Epiphany has unfortunately become almost neglected, as we stop thinking about the birth and manifestation of Jesus already by December 26th. But that won't be the case here at OLS. We won't neglect the Epiphany. We'll celebrate it, because it means that God, in His great goodness and love, continues to show Himself to us.

It may soon be time to take down the Christmas tree, to put away the decorations and to pack up the manger. But this fact we should not pack up and put away: that Jesus came into this world, He manifested Himself to us, and He remains in this world in the most ordinary things of our daily life. Our job is to recognize His daily epiphanies, adore Him, and bring Him the treasure of ourselves. The Psalmist this weekend writes, *“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”* It would be wonderful if every nation on earth adored Our Lord, but whether that's the case or not, as individuals we should, like the Wise Men, always seek out the Lord and adore Him.

Epiphany Blessings,

Fr. Brian

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>December 19th</u>	<u>Week 25</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$12,233	\$297,637
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$279,475

Food Pantry \$1,523
Repairs and Maintenance \$1,710
St. Vincent De Paul \$1,620
Music \$2,646
Flowers \$485
Assessment \$2,146

***Thank you for your generosity to our
Christmas collection!***

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For several years now, Our Lady of Sorrows has provided a free subscription to FORMED.org to all of our parishioners. FORMED has wonderful resources for the whole family (including young children and teens!) to learn more about our Catholic faith. FORMED provides Bible studies, documentaries, talks and movies for people of all ages so that everyone may grow in their faith. If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to FORMED.org/signup
2. When prompted, sign us as a parishioner
2. Select your parish (using our zip code - 07079 - is easiest)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.

Lost Phone

A phone was found on 4th street last week. The phone has french writing and a picture of 2 children on home screen. The phone was brought into the church office if you are missing it.

Giving Tree

A huge thank you to all that participated in the Advent Giving Tree this year. We were able to help 182 families and 476 children. Our Lady of Sorrows was incredibly generous and it is greatly appreciated!!

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. 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?

RE-GIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

OLS is once again participating in the **Re-Gifting 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: **Sunday, December 26** and the weekends of **January 1/2** and **January 8/9**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items.

The gifts will be delivered to Mercy House on January 9, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson: 973-378-3136 or annanelson202@gmail.com.

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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.**

Update from the 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 or call 973-370-0458.



Sponsor Certificates: A reminder

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of 6 months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish, is a practicing Catholic, and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

2022 Mass Book

The 2022 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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Amount enclosed: \$_____ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)



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**No 5:30 pm Saturday Vigil Mass
on New Year's Day**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

8:00 AM Eleanor Volpe Gaboury
10:00 AM George Evans
11:30 AM John Simone, Sr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022

7:00 AM Rafaela F. Sanchez - 43rd
Anniversary
12:00 PM Laura Telas Menezes Santos

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022

7:00AM David Matson
12:00 PM Ann Varsi

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022

7:00 AM Walter Wiggins, Sr.
12:00 PM Angela Malgen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

7:00 AM Edward Antinozzi
12:00 PM Rosemary Deehan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022

7:00 AM Elizabeth and Allen Nelson
12:00 PM Carrie Pfannenstiel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

10:00 AM Rudy Polaski
11:30 AM Elizabeth Degnan

VIGIL MASS JANUARY 8, 2022

5:30 PM Carrie Pfannenstiel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Lambusta and Abramo Families
10:00 AM George Evans
11:30 AM People of the Parish

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Robert Novembre**. We pray for the repose of his soul and also for those left behind during this time.

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: Julia Callaghan, Angie Sena, 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, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon and Mary Jane Tannen.



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