

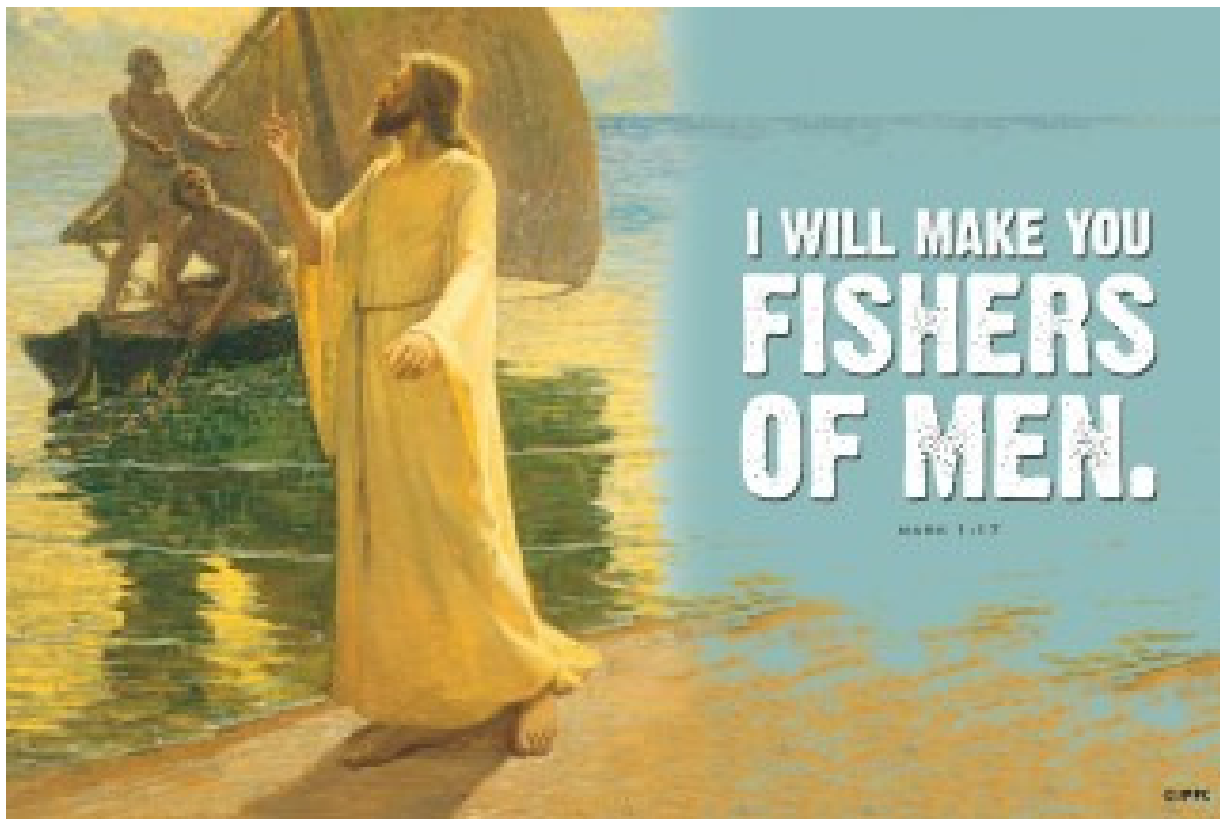


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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

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January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Years ago, and long before I entered the seminary, I was on a ferry boat crossing the English Channel from Dover, UK to Calais, France, which takes about 2 hours. I was with the pastor of the parish church I attended at that time, as well as 2 other young guys. At some point, I became bored or restless and I told my pastor that I was going to get up and walk around the boat to “kill some time.” You would have thought that I had told him I was going to kill a person because he became very serious, sternly telling me that I should never think about time as something that should be killed since all time is a gift from God. Honestly, I thought he overreacted a bit, but the message stayed with me. Time is sacred because it was created by God and God has gifted us with it.

Each of our readings this Sunday speaks to us about how we use the time that we have been given. In the 1st reading, Jonah was given the mission of announcing to the Ninevites that they have a short time to repent of their sins and return to God. In the 2nd reading, St. Paul wrote that *“time is running out.”* And in the Gospel, the very first words that Jesus uttered in Mark’s Gospel is about time. He said, *“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”* So, we see a real sense of urgency in these readings.

We began the liturgical season of Ordinary Time last Sunday and it will continue until Ash Wednesday, which falls very early this year: February 14th (Valentine’s Day!). After the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter, we will re-commence Ordinary Time on May 20th, which will continue until next Advent, which this year begins on December 1, 2024.

Of course, we should never think of time as “ordinary.” We use the term “Ordinary Time” to refer to the fact that the life of the Church is ordered during those weeks when we live our lives neither in penance (Advent and Lent) nor in feasting (the Christmas and Easter seasons). During these days of “Ordinary Time,” we focus on the fact that Jesus walks among us in the ordinariness of our lives and that we should allow Him to transform our lives.

The evil one, Satan, fools us though and tells us many lies about time. One way is by whispering to us that we don’t have enough time to pray, or to read Scripture, or to get involved in the life of the Church, or to forgive others, or to repent of our own sins (telling us that our sins aren’t serious or that we don’t need to go to Confession). He also tells us that “my time belongs to me,” which stops us from reaching out in charity to help the suffering world around me. On the other hand, he also tempts us to become overly fixated on our past: our past failures, our past sins. He also encourages us not to forget those times in the past when others have hurt us.

This past week, I buried my 28-year-old nephew Sean. His death is proof that life can be short, that time is precious, that time should never be “killed,” that time is sacred, and that we’ve each been given a certain amount of time in this world to do as the disciples did in this Sunday’s Gospel and leave behind our own “nets,” to fully repent of our sins, to follow Jesus, to love, to forgive, to pray, to glorify God by means of a life lived in His grace and love, and to build up the Kingdom of God on earth. In the 1960s, the Rolling Stones came out with the song, “Time is on my side.” Let’s make sure that our lives prove that!

Ordinary Time Blessings,



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January 14th	Week 29	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,806	\$356,941
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$348,772

Repairs and Maintenance \$2,911
Food Pantry \$326
Candles \$252

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Please Remember OLS

Thank you for considering OLS in your will. A bequest to the Parish makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

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.



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<http://www.olschurch.com>



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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?

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Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey"

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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 on January 28th. They will be served in the parish School on the 28th since it is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week.

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.**

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.

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.

OLS Hospitality Team Needs You!

Do you enjoy our OLS parish gatherings? Do you want to meet other parishioners and help welcome others to our favorite parish events, such as the Fall Parish Picnic, our St. Patrick's Day Party, our monthly coffee, bagels and donut gatherings, and other parish events?

If so, you're invited to become a part of our Hospitality Team. We need your help to set up and greet at our parish events to make OLS feel like home to everyone! This ministry is a great fit for anyone looking to get involved in the parish and school community, especially newcomers. We look forward to hearing from you!



If you are interested in being a part of our Hospitality Team, please email: 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 For those looking to donate to this cause, please contact the Parish office or the aforementioned email address.



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.





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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

7:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families
12:00 PM Dawn Langan Mattheiss

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM James P. McDonnell Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

7:00 AM LeAnn Goettle
12:00 PM Andra Braugher

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Kit Carson 9th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:30 AM Toni Edwards Special Intention
12:00 PM Betty Roe and Family Special Intention

VIGIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Timothy O'Sullivan (Thady)
11:30 AM The Casagranda Family

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Judith Matthews**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. 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.



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