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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 23, 2022
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Deacon Walter Wiggins began his wonderful homily at our 11:30 Sunday Mass on January 16 by quoting from the website “Learn Religions,” which describes the nature of the liturgical season of “Ordinary Time.” (You can view Deacon Walter’s entire homily on our parish YouTube channel.)

We began that liturgical season last Sunday and it will continue until Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. Deacon Walter quoted the following:

“Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) nor in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ... Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There’s nothing “ordinary” about that!”

Indeed, there is nothing “ordinary” about Christ continually walking among us and there is nothing “ordinary” about time itself. In our 1st reading for this Sunday’s Mass, we hear the line “*today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!*” Every single day is holy to God, for He created it, and we should find reasons to rejoice every day, even amidst the many challenges and struggles we daily face.

One day that was very sad for this nation was January 22, 1973, the date of the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. Every day since then, pro-life advocates have worked tirelessly to overturn that decision and have won many victories that are a cause for rejoicing. But there’s still much work left to ensure that every human life is respected and defended, from conception until natural death. More than 800,000 pregnancies are aborted every year in the United States and 18% of all pregnancies end in abortion. So, yes, there is still much work that must be done to educate our fellow citizens on the sanctity of human life. On Friday, January 20th, hundreds of thousands of people gathered in Washington, D.C. to give witness to their belief that God is the author of human life and that God alone has the power to take human life.

This coming **Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 pm**, OLS will have a Holy Hour for Life. We’ll pray that our nation will respect life in all stages of development. We will pray for expectant mothers to choose life for their babies. We will pray for men, that they’ll understand their role is to be guardians and defenders of life; that men will be responsible husbands and fathers; that they will understand that fatherhood, like motherhood, begins at the moment of conception. We will pray for doctors and nurses, that they will use their skills not to take life, but to serve life. And we will pray for politicians, that they’ll stand up for this most fundamental of human rights.

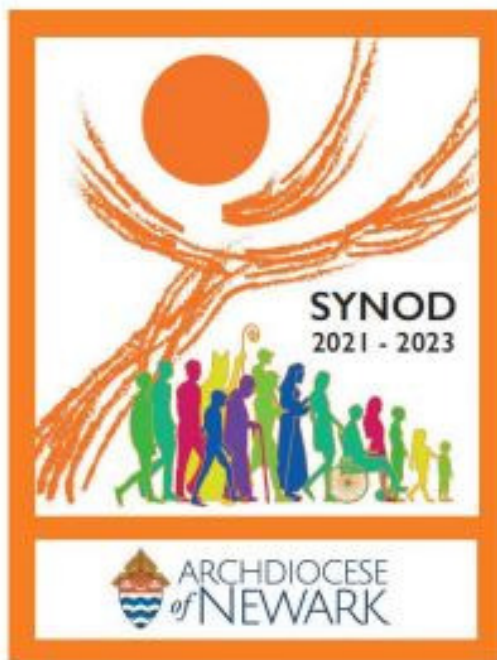
PLEASE, join us this **Wednesday at 7:00 pm**, as we pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Two other days that I wish to call your attention to are **February 2 (Wednesday at 7:00 pm)** and **February 13 (Sunday at 12:30)**. We will have “listening sessions” on both of these days that will give you an opportunity to offer your thoughts on the state of our parish, the Archdiocese, and universal Catholic Church (see the flyer on the next page for further information). These listening sessions are being held in response to the Archdiocese’s desire that parishes participate in the Catholic Church’s “Synod on Synodality” (admittedly, a confusing title for the Church’s universal Synod). Even before the Archdiocese requested that parishes hold listening sessions as part of the Synod, it was my desire – in consultation with our Pastoral Council – to solicit your input about how you view our parish and what your hopes and dreams are for OLS.

Please plan to join us for one of these listening sessions. This is your parish and my own hope and prayer is that every parishioners will desire to become more fully involved and invested in the life of our parish. We want to build upon what we already do well and introduce more ministry opportunities as needs arise. Your input is needed as we discern where OLS currently is, what we do well already, and areas where we need to continue to grow. This is a great chance for every parishioners to embrace the idea of taking greater ownership of our parish and one's own faith journey. So, please mark your calendars for either: **February 2 (Wednesday at 7:00 pm)** or **February 13 (Sunday at 12:30)**. The meetings will be in St. Joseph's Hall (the lower level of the Church).

Extraordinary Blessings,

Fr. Brian



Synod on Synodality Listening Sessions

Wednesday, February 2
7:00 - 8:30pm

Sunday, February 13
12:30 - 2:00 pm

Phase 1 of the Synod on Synodality begins at the Parish level, where our parishioners are able to give feedback to the Archdiocese on topics including the Global Church, the Archdiocese of Newark, and local questions related to Our Lady of Sorrows.

This is your opportunity to add your thoughts and opinions to the topics facing the Church today. Results will be synthesized and presented at the upcoming Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023.

Please join us at one of the sessions listed above
and let your voice be heard!



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Stewardship Reflections

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

SOUTH ORANGE ELKS-RENT PARTY LITTLE PANTRY

The South Orange Elks & Rent Party's Little Pantry and Little Library are designed to assist members and the public to meet their family's nutritional needs. The food in the Little Pantry is intended to be taken and put to good use, so please help yourself if you can use any of the items, especially during the week between regular OLS Pantry distributions.

And if you know anyone who is experiencing food insecurity, please take them to the Little Pantry to load up.

The nearby Little Library works on the same principle: Take a book that you'd like to read and place it in another Little Library when you're done.

Both can be found halfway up the driveway, by the side of the building of the Elks Lodge #1154 at 220 Prospect St, South Orange, NJ 07079.



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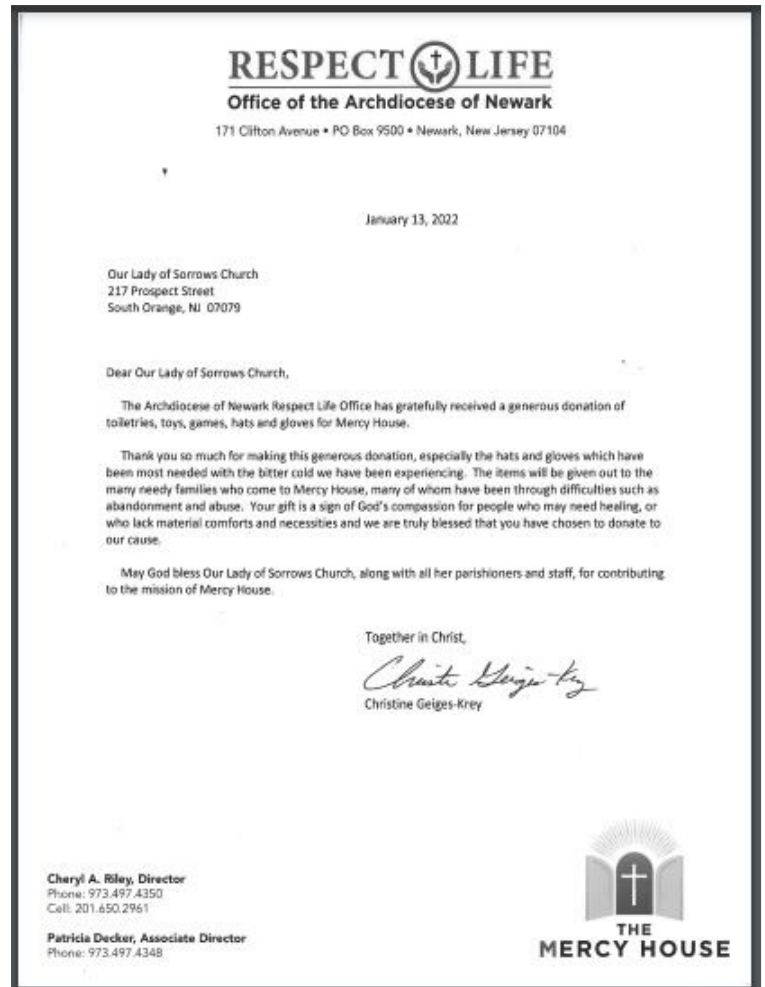
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated items to the Regifting Project this year! Your generosity is much appreciated! All of the donated items, including clothes, household items, toiletries, accessories, and toys and games, were donated to the Archdiocese's Mercy House where they will be distributed to those in need.



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?



Join the OLS St. Gianna
Pro-Life Ministry for a

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

**Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2022
7:00 PM**

On the 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, we will pray for the millions of babies lost to abortion since that fateful Supreme Court decision. We will also continue to pray for a pro-life outcome to the landmark Dobbs case and the protection of all human life.

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." — St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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VIGIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

5:30 PM Protection of All Human Life

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Pierre-Michel Mompremier –
 Special Intention
 11:30 AM James McDonnell

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

7:00 AM Rachel Green
 12:00 PM Francisco Recio Sr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

7:00AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
 12:00 PM Venante Louis

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

7:00 AM Helen Brennan
 12:00 PM Kit Carson - 7th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

7:00 AM Pete Serritella
 12:00 PM Edward Deehan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
 12:00 PM The White Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

8:30 AM Lyndon Bryce
 12:00 AM Deacon Francis Patrick McQuade

VIGIL MASS JANUARY 29, 2022

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM All Rosarians Living and Deceased
 11:30 AM Lydia Caparros

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Mary Crecca Kenny and Elizabeth Martineau**. We pray for the repose of her 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, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan and Robert Charles.



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