

# Our Bady of Sorrows

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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 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 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### A Message from Fr. Andrew

Summer is the season of the year I love the most, and I think it has to do with many childhood memories. Growing up in a rural town allowed me to learn to appreciate nature. A big part of that was my dad and I catching insects, walking through the forests to collect some nice pieces of wood to make slingshots, and learning from him what to feed to the praying mantis that I used to keep as a little summer pet, etc. After spending some time outdoors with my dad during the early afternoons of the summer times, I knew the delicious food cooked by my mom was waiting for us. Some weekends, my parents would take me and my sister to the swimming holes and streams to have fun in the water. Summer is filled with many great memories, and I think those memories help me continue to love the season. It also reminds me that, even though I am called "Father Andrew" as a priest, firstly, I am, too, someone's beloved son.

Starting today until Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This week invites us to remember the great values Catholic education provides to our children. It further allows us to think about ways to let our children grow as people of faith who contribute to improving our society and nation. Thanks to many Catholic schools of the past and present, including Our Lady of Sorrows School, many children are taught that the meaning of our lives goes beyond our well-being.

Then, why did I talk about the memories I had growing up in my family? Because our family life must be the primary school rooted in the Catholic faith that teaches our children the values of faith, hope, and love. Our children must first learn their dignity as beloved sons and daughters of God from their parents. That will help them grow as parents who teach their children the same love they once received.

Family life is an essential part of God's plan for humanity. It is supposed to be the hospital where our wounds find healing and the school of love: loving our God above all things, loving our neighbors who are created in His image and likeness, and loving ourselves the way God loves us. Catholic education does not end at the main entrance of Catholic Schools. It must begin and continue within the lives of our families.

Our family members are not just other people living under the same roof but gifts from God with whom He calls us to join the eternal banquet of heaven. In that, all parents are called to become the first catechists, and children are called to become their beloved students who know God's love for them expressed through their parents.

In today's world that puts so much emphasis on us having to be good "performers" rather than being good children of God, you and I are called to plant the seed of the Gospel in the hearts of our children. Doing that will teach them that their values and dignity do not come from their jobs, the amount of money they will make in the future, what school they graduated from, etc.

Jesus Christ teaches us how to love perfectly. He continues to teach us by inviting us to fix our eyes on the crucifix. However, to share the teachings of Christ's love with our children, we must first live with Christ's aroma by imitating the love Christ showed humanity. So, starting today, let's continue to spread Christ's goodness, but firstly, let's begin with our family life: the school of faith, hope, and love.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

### THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

January 21st	Week 30	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,693	\$369,634
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$360,798

St. Vincent De Paul \$295 Repairs and Maintenance \$6,710 Food Pantry \$794

Thank you for your generosity!

#### Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

#### 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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main page under news and events.
http://www.olschurch.com



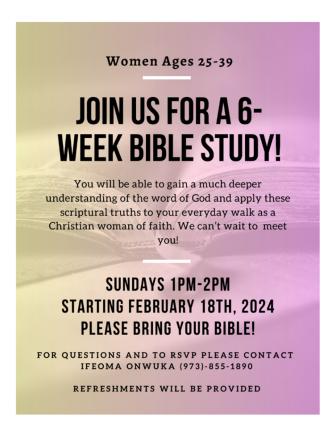




Join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:00 and 11:30 Masses for Coffee and Donuts. They will be served this Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, in the school for Catholic School's Week.

#### Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated items to the Regifting Project this year. The items, including clothes, household items, hats and gloves, toiletries, and toys and games, were all delivered to the Archdiocese's Mercy House in Newark where they will be distributed directly to those in need. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated!





#### Thank you from Fr. Brian

My sincere gratitude to all those who expressed condolences to me on the passing of my beloved nephew, Sean, who was just 28 years old. His passing has been a terrible blow to our family, and we are heartbroken and so your thoughtful words and promises of prayers have been a great consolation. Thank you!

#### 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.

#### **CAMPING IN JANUARY?!**





You bet! Scouts BSA Troop 99G (Girls ages 10 ½ - 17) learn life skills by camping in all types of locations and, yes, weather. This weekend, we will be camping at a Scout Campright here in NJ, and practicing our scout skills for the Klondike Derby in a few weeks' time.

#### A Scout is:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal,
- Helpful,

- Friendly,
- Courteous,
- Kind,

- Obedient,
- Cheerful,
- Thrifty,

- Brave,
- Clean,
- and Reverent.

Is the young lady in your life **BRAVE**? Or maybe she'd like to learn to be more **BRAVE**? We're all works in progress here!

To learn more: <u>OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com</u> / 973-763-6349 (voice)



#### 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 Casagrando Family

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2024

7:00 AM Lyndon Bryce 12:00 PM Melissa McArthur

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

7:00 AM Jerome M. Pallo 12:00 PM Msgr. Philip Morris

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato - 4<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

12:00 PM Joan Hahr

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

7:00 AM Jeanette Burke Sheriff

12:00 PM Shirlee Needles

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

7:00 AM Edmund Duthie

12:00 PM Christie and Lucas Pascual -

Special Intention

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

8:30 AM Richard Needles 12:00 PM Judith Matthews

#### VIGIL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

5:30 PM Mary Cullen

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Archina and Rodal Cajuste -

**Special Intention** 

11:30 AM Antonio and Margherita Pizzillo

and All Deceased Family Members

#### Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: *Brian C. Matthews, Sr.* Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. 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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# **LENT 2024**

# Don't just give something up, get something more.



## **Lenten Small Groups**

Join with other adults this Lent to find friendship and have faith-based conversations that connect with real life.

Insightful video content from Father Mike Schmitz will fuel your small group's conversations each Tuesday!

## Virtual and In-Person groups available



Scan here to join us
or contact Michelle at
mrs419@hotmail.com
or 862-205-9866 to

register or ask

#### **Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 pm**

Feb. 20: The Real Meaning of Lent

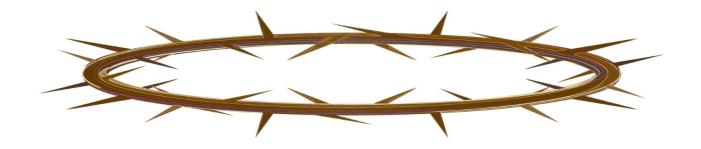
Feb. 27: Faith AND Works

Mar. 5: Seeing God in Daily Life

Mar. 12: What does God want me to do?

Mar. 19: What to do when prayer is hard

Mar. 26: Best Holy Week Ever!



## Men's Lenten Day of Recollection Saturday, February 24, 2024

#### All men of the parish are invited to participate

Date /Time: Saturday, February 24, 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: \*Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, Mendham, NJ Presenter: Rev. Andrew Lee, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Sorrows

Cost: \$50.00

#### THEME:

"Meditating on the love of God for us and the mystery of Christ's passion through the lens of the stations of the Cross."

#### Program:

- Mass begins at 9:00
- Continental Breakfast
- First Presentation by Fr Andrew
- Private Reflection
- Hot Lunch at Noon
- Second Presentation by Fr Andrew
- Recitation of Rosary and Benediction
- Dismissal by 3:00 PM

For Reservations, contact Len Mrozak (908 872-4968); <a href="mailto:lmrozak@aol.com">lmrozak@aol.com</a>

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Regina Pacis Council #4066

<sup>\*</sup> The Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center is located on the beautiful grounds of The Sisters of Christian Charity Mallinckrodt Convent in Mendham. Carpooling from OLS will be available. Visit their website: <a href="https://www.scceast.org">www.scceast.org</a>

