

***Our Lady of Sorrows Church***  
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**MASSSES:** *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*

*Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)*

**Penance:** Confessions Saturday 1:00 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 and arrange communion calls

**Marriages:** Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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***January 5, 2020***  
***The Epiphany of Our Lord***

***Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure***

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## A Message From Fr. Brian

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. The word *Epiphany* is a funny, strange word and that's because it's Greek. It means a manifestation or appearance of any sort. And there is no greater epiphany than when God reveals Himself in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ. He does it on this Feast through the visit of the magi, the 3 Wise Men. Tradition gives their names as Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar. While most of Israel was ignorant of the Messiah's birth, these pagan astrologers from a foreign land discovered Him and paid Him homage.

Now I invite you to think about how those Wise Men felt when they finally reached Bethlehem and found Jesus. What were their emotions, their sentiments? Aside from feelings of awe and adoration and gratitude and homage that they would have had kneeling before the world's King, would they not also have been – surprised? In fact, would those Wise Men not have been shocked to find the King they were seeking...hidden away in a stable?

Really, a baby? Not a king in a palace, but a baby in a stable. Surrounded not by royal guards, but by lowly shepherds. Warmed not by cozy, satin clothes, but by the breath of oxen and sheep. Seated not on a throne, but cuddled in the arms of His mother. Were they not surprised?

You better believe they were surprised. This is not what they expected. And this is one of the lessons of this great Feast of the Epiphany: The Divine is usually found where we least expect it. We normally look for the Divine in the dramatic, the miraculous, the extraordinary, the earth-shaking. But the Divine, more often than not, is found in the quiet, the simple, the ordinary, the day-in and day-out things of life. Divinity is usually found where we least expect it.

We find the Divine in the kindness of strangers, in the beauty of God's creation, in the forgiveness offered to us by those we have offended, in the love between a parent and child, in beautiful music, and in a million other ways and places. These are just a few of the simple, ordinary, everyday ways in which God sneaks into our lives, and like those 3 magi, we should be filled with awe and adoration, with reverence and homage.

The Wise Men brought Our Savior gifts: gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, and myrrh for a victim. They showed us what to do when we finally recognize the Divine: We are to come before Him and open up our treasure chests. But Our Lord doesn't want or expect gold, frankincense, and myrrh from us. He wants a heart filled with love, love of Him, love of each other, and love of every situation in which God manifests Himself in this world.

In speaking of the 3 Wise Men, there's an old expression: "The wise still seek Him." In this New Year, the challenge for us is to seek to find God in our everyday lives. Here's my challenge for us: Today, search for a spark of the Divine in someone, in something, or in some situation. Do that today. And then do it again tomorrow. And then again the next day. And the day after that. And the day after that. You get the idea.

If we do that, we'll see that God is manifesting Himself to us continually and it will be like celebrating Christmas all over again, only without all of the fuss and details, but instead with love and adoration and thanksgiving.

Epiphany Blessings,





## THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

| December 22nd | Week 26  | Y. to Date |
|---------------|----------|------------|
| Collection    | \$13,789 | \$324,818  |
| Avg. Budget   | \$13,269 | \$345,000  |

### Thank You!

A beautifully decorated Church, wonderful music, generous giving, and most importantly, thousands of worshipers! What a blessed Christmas we enjoyed at Our Lady of Sorrows! Our thanks to everyone who contributed to make our celebration of Our Lord's birth so powerfully moving. We are grateful for those who decorated our Church, which is an enormous job. Our choirs and musicians, under the direction of Preston Dibble, did so much to lift up our hearts to the Lord, first at the Carol Sing and then at our Christmas Eve and Day liturgies. And special thanks to each of you: for your generosity to our Christmas collection as well as to the Giving Tree initiative, and most especially for your participation at our Masses. What a beautiful birthday gift we gave to Our Savior! May we all rejoice in the blessings of the Christ Child!

### Epiphany Pageant

Like the Wise Men of old,  
the children of Our Lady of Sorrows  
have a special gift to offer:  
All the people of the parish,  
relatives and friends  
are invited to join the  
children of the OLS parish and school  
as they present the  
40th Annual Parish Epiphany Pageant  
Sunday, January 5, 2019  
at 4:00 pm in the Upper Church

### Stewardship Reflections

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

MATTHEW 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

### Reflections on Catechism

528 Incarnation The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of patriarchs," and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made "worthy of the heritage of israel.")

### 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month Club

Please join with us in welcoming the 2020 by honoring Our Lady, Mary, in prayer, discussion of articles about our faith, and re-consecrate ourselves to the Virgin Mary. Kateri Room, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

### Think About It.

For several years I taught in a preschool classroom; and I've always felt a responsibility to myself and students to make choices that lends to the betterment of the world in which we live.

Climate change is nothing new, a peer in the Science field, to my horror noted that plastic is already in some of the foods we consume. Pope Francis and the Vatican are doing away with single use plastics, young children around the globe are mobilizing for change, and in response to the Catholic teaching of care for God's creation here is what I can do. (a)When my car was totaled I committed to using public transportation, which is especially harrowing during winter months. I walked more, shopped less and the air I breathe a tad bit cleaner due to this small sacrifice.

(b)I became a flexitarian, eating mostly a vegetarian diet but occasionally meat. My heart is healthier and my grocery budget leaner. (c)A reusable cloth bag and water bottle are my constant companions. Trips to the gym after work or that unplanned stop to the super market, I am ever prepared. In today's society I've found it's impossible to go completely plastic free, though our hearts are in the right place. Yet when I consider packaging when buying a product, saying no to cashier when she ask, "paper or plastic," I'm proud knowing we all can do our part.

Peace and Justice Committee

## **RE-GIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED**

This year Our Lady of Sorrows will again be 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.

This is the last weekend we will be collecting donated gifts. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule (where the presents for the Giving Tree were placed). There is no need to wrap the items. They will be delivered to St. Mary's at Newark Abbey where they will be directly distributed to those in need. The latest time for dropping off the donated items is **11:30 am** on **Sunday, January 5**. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at: [annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com) or 973-378-3136.

## **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](http://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.**

## St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry



Please join in solidarity with fellow pro-lifers as we march for life in Washington, D.C. on **Friday, January 24, 2020** for the 47th annual March for Life. We will be meeting at 6:00 A.M. for Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel presided over by Fr. Colin, Director of Campus Ministry, at Seton Hall University. We will depart at 6:30 A.M. and return to campus at approximately 10:30 P.M. Trip includes the March for Life Rally and a peaceful march to the United States Supreme Court. Cost is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to Campus Ministry. Trip includes round trip transportation and bagels and coffee. 20 seats are available, on a first come, first served basis. To secure a spot on the bus or if you have questions, email [elena.santoliquido@gmail.com](mailto:elena.santoliquido@gmail.com).

Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/olsprolife](https://facebook.com/olsprolife) or on Instagram @olsprolife.



### MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for the movie *Unplanned*, which will be screened in St. Joseph Hall on Friday, January 17, at 7:00 PM. The movie tells the story of former Planned Parenthood clinic director, Abby Johnson, and her life-changing conversion to the pro-life movement.

There will be pizza and light refreshments. All are welcome!

When: Friday, January 17, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish | St. Joseph Hall  
217 Prospect Street | South Orange

Please RSVP by January 10, 2020 to [elena.santoliquido@gmail.com](mailto:elena.santoliquido@gmail.com) or [katharinetownsend@hotmail.com](mailto:katharinetownsend@hotmail.com), or text (973) 902-1296.

Note: Rated R; parent or adult guardian required

This event is sponsored by the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our mission is to promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. We advocate for babies in the womb, the elderly, people with disabilities, and those otherwise disadvantaged.

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# Our Lady of Sorrows School

Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.



**Catholic Schools Week 2020  
Open House  
January 26, 2020  
11am – 2pm**



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## BLOOD DRIVE



**PLEASE  
DONATE**

### Sponsored By: Our Lady of Sorrows

Sunday, January 19, 2020  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Community Room  
217 Prospect Street  
South Orange, NJ 07079

Appointments are preferred,  
but walk-ins are welcome.

All Donors will receive the following free  
health screenings: Cholesterol, Blood  
Pressure, Temp, Iron, Pulse & Blood Type

#### Donor Guidelines:

- \* Weigh at least 110 lbs.
- \* Eat a meal before donation
- \* Bring ID
- \* Drink plenty of water before and after donation

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BLOOD RECIPIENT:

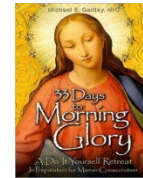
"I wish I could tell my donor how grateful I  
am for your selfless act. You may have  
wondered what became of your donation  
well, it saved my life."

You may make an appointment using the link below:  
[https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/50772](https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/50772)

For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call 201.251.3703 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)  
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### Renew your Consecration Or

Consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary for the first  
time

Join in this LIFE CHANGING  
experience which touches the world around you  
Saint John Paul II, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta,  
Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Saint Louis de Monfort among  
Other saints found this way to way to holiness.

Won't you consider joining them  
and prepare to consecrate yourself to Jesus through  
Mary?

Many parishioners have already did the consecration  
and even renewed it.  
Starting Tuesday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> through March 24<sup>th</sup> (choose  
one session to join)

10 a.m to 11:30a.m. or 7p.m-8:30p.m.

cut and send in

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$30 for the materials [if someone wants to do this  
and can't afford the \$ just let S.Mary Selina know]  
[ ] This is the first time for me [ ] I would like to renew  
my consecration

Put this in the collection basket or bring to the office of send it to  
S.Mary Selina 217 Prospect St. South Orange, NJ 07079

\*\*\*N.B. If you are renewing and would like to use a different book  
let me know. I have a very good one but it doesn't have a video.  
We could do this if we have enough people wanting this option.



### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020**

5:30 PM Nicola Silano Special Intention

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Lambusta & Abramo Families  
11:30 AM William Horan

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020**

7:00 AM Edward A. Antinzi  
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2020**

7:00 AM Elizabeth & Allan Nelson  
12:00 PM Paul A. Magliaro 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020**

7:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.  
12:00 PM Rudy Polaski

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020**

7:00AM Alvaro Brnal-Silva  
9:30 AM School Mass  
12:00 PM Bernard J. Degnan

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 2020**

7:00AM David O'Hagan Special Intention  
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**

8:30 AM Delia Family Special Intention  
12:00 PM Linda Schirano

### **VIGIL MASS JANUARY 11, 2020**

5:30 PM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Patricia Jane Barry 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
11:30 AM Joseph Cafuso

### **In Sympathy Of**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Josephine Patricia Wiggins and John Daudt.** We pray for the repose of their soul and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

### **OFFER OF GIFTS**

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

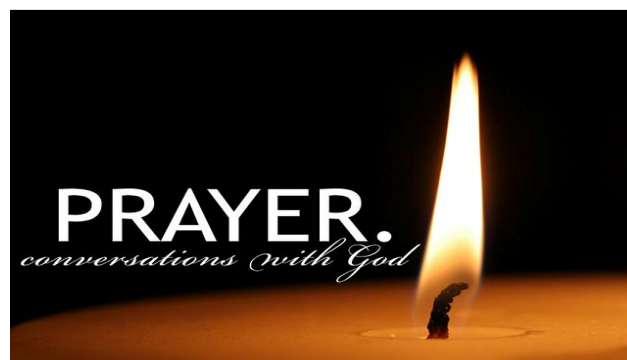
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

### **Music Ministry**

Donations to support our Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts & 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, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag, George Richmond Files Jr., Beth Hebron and Henry Hamel.



## Our Lady of Sorrows Calendar Raffle



**\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win!**  
**Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month**  
**Only 500 tickets will be sold**

***Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.***

Drawing to be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of each month at @2:00 pm in the Church office.

First Drawing: February 2, 2020

**Purchase Monday thru Friday in the Parish office between 9:30am & 4:00 pm**  
**Or complete the form below and mail with your donation. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).**

*We can take checks, cash or credit cards*

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### Our Lady of Sorrows 2020 CALENDAR RAFFLE ORDER FORM

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ chance(s) in the Raffle

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Security # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print, PERSON ENTERING MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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