



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

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

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January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Brian

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the Christmas liturgical season. The word epiphany is a Greek word, and it means a manifestation of some type. On this Feast, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus to the visitors from the East, who we often refer to as the 3 Kings, the Magi, or the Wise Men.

Another way we could use the word epiphany is in reference to the manifestation of so many people who helped to make Christmas at OLS so wonderful. We are incredibly blessed in this parish by the many people who constantly give of themselves to make OLS such a special place. Allow me to thank some of these people.

- Our church is always an incredibly beautiful building, but it looks especially magnificent at Christmas (and Easter). Thank you to those who helped to decorate this year: Dorothy Iantosca, Mary Loeser and her 3 grandchildren, Mary Chris Brauchli, and Maria Civile. Great job!
- We are blessed by our parish maintenance crew. Led by Marvin Reyes, this crew includes Sam Lewis and Julio Herrera. They were assisted this year by Robert Budzyn and Patrick McDonald. They put up the 8 live trees in the church and other parish buildings. They also put up the massive live wreaths on the inside columns of the church as well as the wreaths on the exterior doors, the flags that fly from the columns, and our 3 Nativity scenes: in the church, in front of the rectory, and near the 4th Street entrance. By the way, the Nativity scene in the Church will remain up until the Feast of the Presentation, which is February 2nd.
- Our amazing music ministry, led by Preston Dibble, our organist and Director of Music. We had a marvelous Christmas Carol Sing on December 17th, and we experienced beautiful music at our Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Our immense gratitude goes out to the members of our choirs, including our children's choir and our youth choir. Thank you for sharing your talent with us!
- Our Youth Group, which is guided by Chris Kaiser. Members of our Youth Group helped us with the Live Nativity Scene in front of the rectory during the Carol Sing. They were dressed as Mary and Joseph and as shepherds (which was appropriate, given that they looked after the live sheep and donkey and alpaca!).
- Our Religious Education Department, under the direction of Jen Noll and Colleen McDonald, put on a wonderful children's Christmas pageant. Thank you to the director of the pageant, Alonzo Gallo, as well as Carol Gallo, Gabe Baseman, Eileen Pucillo, Margaret Johnston, Rebecca Noll, Nancy Piasecki, Tierney Norris, Kathryne Squilla, as well as members of our parish choirs. Our gratitude goes especially to the children of the parish who participated in the Pageant. They reminded us of the real reason we celebrate Christmas. I am moved every year by this humble and simple presentation of the Lord's entry into human history. Thanks also to Liz Ebert for organizing the pizza party afterward!
- You! Thank you to the more than 2,000 of you for your presence at Christmas Masses! It looks like our attendance is back to the pre-pandemic levels, which is great news! And thank you for your Christmas gifts to the parish. As I write this (on December 26th!), I don't know the amount of our Christmas collection (and it's not too late to add to it!), but whatever it is I know that it will help us very much throughout 2024 in our mission of making Jesus better known, loved, and served. Thank you!

The risk of naming individuals as I've done above is that I may have forgotten someone. My sincere apologies if my memory has failed me (which is happening more and more these days!). While I know that nobody assists us in order to be praised but instead to give glory to God, it's still nice to be recognized. So, thank you to one and all!

Wishing you a blessed 2024!



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

December 24th	Week 26	Y. to Date
Collection	\$16,793	\$317,625
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$312,692

Christmas \$39,674
Christmas Budget \$50,000

Candles \$570
Repairs and Maintenance \$4,190
Christmas Flowers \$349
Food Pantry \$1,114

Thank you for your generosity

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

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?



REGIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

This year we will once again be participating in the **Regifting 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 this weekend of **January 6/7**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items. They will be delivered to Mercy House in Jersey City, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-477-9546.

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.

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: OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com



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Sponsor Certificates - A reminder

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



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.

Email scams involving clergy

Please be vigilant about any email that appears to be from one of our priests, asking you to take some kind of unusual action (purchasing gift cards, clicking a link or downloading an attachment you didn't request, wiring money to a specified account, or simply asking you to reply).

A number of parishes have been hit with these email scams. It involves making a fake Gmail (or Yahoo, etc.) account in a priest's name and then sending you a request of some sort from that priest. The emails may seem harmless; they have the priest's name and an email address that looks legitimate, but upon further inspection, the email address is actually different from the one the priest uses. In some instances, the priest's name may look correct but is missing just a single letter.

Please do not respond or reply to these emails and never click on a link in these emails. Simply delete them. You will recognize an authentic email from one of our priests if you get one. Also, note that the correct email addresses of our priests and parish staff are always published in the weekly bulletin.

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.

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<http://www.olschurch.com>

[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.**

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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.

[The Epiphany of the Lord](#)

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.

As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

St. Peter Chrysologus



[Update from the 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 6, 2024

5:30 PM People of the Parihs

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

8:00 AM Elizabeth and Allen Nelson

10:00 AM Mary Downing

11:30 AM Danielle Horan

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

10:00 AM Rudy Palaski

11:30 AM Mary Ellen McCaughey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

7:00 AM Bertha Soto-Rivera

12:00 PM Ruth Brauchli

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

7:00 AM William G. Connolly

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

7:00 AM Gregorio Guerra

12:00 PM People of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

7:00 AM Walter Wiggins

12:00 PM People of the Parish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:30 AM Joseph A. Muller

12:00 PM Valerie Spellar

VIGIL SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

5:30 PM Rosalia Segismundo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

8:00 AM Bernice Plesnik

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Ch Colonel John J. Krozser

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Rev. Msgr. Philip Morris** . 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, Jane O'Donoghue, 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.



2024 Mass Book

The 2024 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

10:00 am 11:30 am

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