



Our Lady of Sorrows

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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

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 8, 2023

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Message from Fr. Brian

The cover of today's bulletin is a photo of the beautiful image near the organ in our church. It shows the Solemnity that we celebrate today, that is the Epiphany of the Lord. An epiphany is a manifestation of any type, but the manifestation we celebrate today is that of Jesus to the gentile visitors from the East, who we often refer to as the 3 King, the Magi, or the Wise Men.

Throughout most of the world, the the Epiphany is celebrated with as much or even more festivity as Christmas. Having lived in Rome for 9 years, I quickly learned the peculiar way that the Italians celebrate Epiphany. Their celebration includes the legend of a white-haired, good witch known as "La Befana." According to the legend, the night before the Wise Men gave the Baby Jesus their gifts, they stopped at the home of an old woman and invited her to come along but she said that she was too busy. Later on, she realized that she had made a mistake and so she decided to join the Wise Men. But she got lost and so she now flies around on her broomstick on the 11th night of Christmas, bringing gifts to children in hopes that she might find the Baby Jesus.

Rome's Epiphany tradition also includes a procession of thousands of people dressed in medieval costumes who walk along the wide avenue leading up to the Vatican, carrying symbolic gifts. This imitates the Wise Men bearing gifts for Jesus.

Here in the United States, Epiphany has unfortunately become almost neglected, as we stop thinking about the birth and manifestation of Jesus already by December 26th. But we must celebrate it because it means that God, in His great goodness and love, continues to show Himself to us, as He did those 3 Magi.

One wonders how the Wise Men felt when they finally reached Bethlehem and found Jesus. What were their emotions, their sentiments? Well, one sentiment was awe and adoration. The Gospel tells us they knelt before the Infant Jesus in the arms of His mother. Another emotion would have been gratitude, as they presented the little Baby with those gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

But think about it. Would they not also have been surprised? Would not those Wise Men have been shocked to find the King they were seeking...hidden away in a stable?

Here they are waiting for some sign to announce the Savior of the world. They finally discover that sign; it's a shining star and they follow its beam. Finally, their search is over and they find...a baby? Not a king in a palace, but a baby in a stable. Seated not on a throne, but cuddled in the arms of His mother.

This is not what they expected. And this is one of the lessons of this 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.

It may be time to take down the Christmas tree, to put away the decorations and to pack up the manger (though here in our church we'll keep up the manger until February 3, the Feast of the Presentation). But this fact we should not pack up and put away: Jesus came into this world, He manifested Himself to us, and He remains in this world in the most ordinary things of our daily life. Our job is to recognize His daily epiphanies and then bring Him the treasure of ourselves.

Epiphany Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

December 25th	Week 26	Y. To Date
Collection	\$12,897	\$304,407
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$306,486

Repairs and Maintenance \$788
Food Pantry \$2,170
Flowers \$406
St. Vincent De Paul \$412
Assessment \$2,130
Music \$1,074

January 1st	Week 27	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,839	\$316,246
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$318,274

Repairs and Maintenance \$1,039
Food Pantry \$380

Christmas \$101,828
Christmas Budget \$54,000

Thank you!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

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, which at this time we're offering in particular for peace in Ukraine. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. 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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<http://www.olschurch.com>

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.

Quotes from Pope Benedict XVI

1. "We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God."

2. "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness."

3. "To have Christian hope means to know about evil and yet to go to meet the future with confidence. The core of faith rests upon accepting being loved by God, and therefore to believe is to say Yes, not only to him, but to creation, to creatures, above all, to men, to try to see the image of God in each person and thereby to become a lover."

4. "Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my 'Paraclete.' In light of the hour of judgment, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death. In this regard, I am constantly reminded of what John tells us at the beginning of the Apocalypse: he sees the Son of Man in all his grandeur and falls at his feet as though dead. Yet He, placing his right hand on him, says to him: 'Do not be afraid! It is I...' (cf. Rev 1:12-17)."

Meet Our Staff

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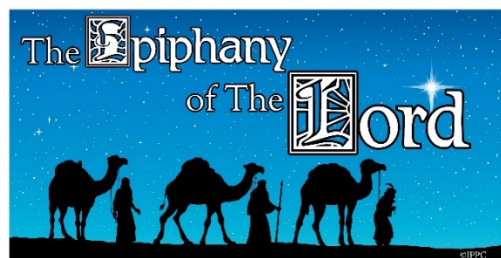
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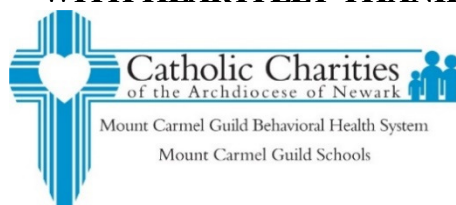
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Electronic Parish Giving

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.**



VIGIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2023

5:30 PM Robert Towey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Manuel Fernandez

11:30 AM Gilbert McKelvie

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023

7:00 AM Rudy Polaski

12:00 PM Helene Etienne – Special Intention

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

7:00 AM Brendan Carr

12:00 PM Mary Hayes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

7:00 AM George Boselli

12:00 PM Walter Wiggins

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023

7:00 AM Paul Callahan

12:00 PM June Lynch

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023

7:00 AM Joseph A. Muller

12:00 PM Danuta Kozlowski – Special Intention

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023

8:30 AM Jackie Viscido

12:00 PM Paul Callahan

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

5:30 PM Judith Lupo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

8:00 AM Caroline Campbell

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Rev. John J. Kroszer

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: Cathy Craig, 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, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, 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, Jennie Magliaro, Annalise Magilaro, Grace McGrath and Anne O'Brien.



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The 2023 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 _____

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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
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