

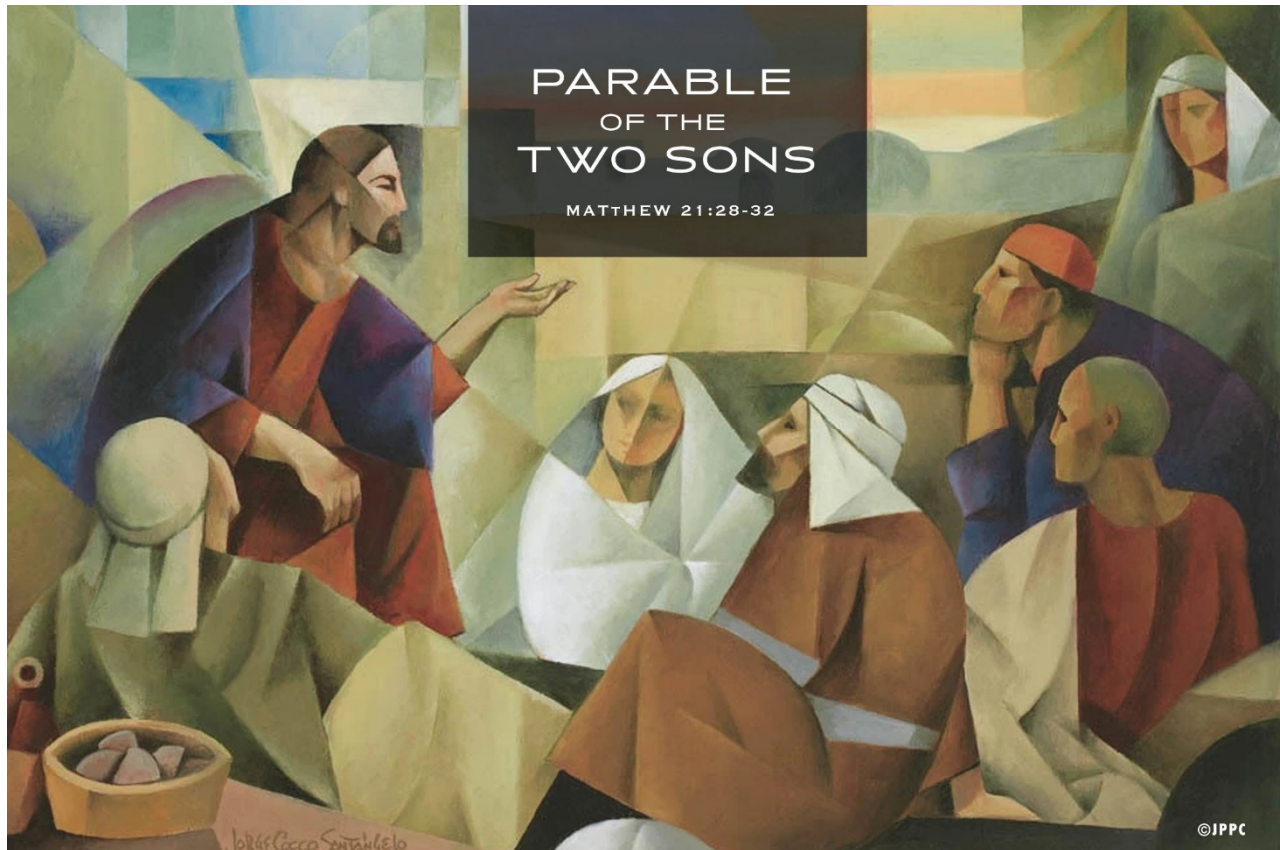


# *Our Lady of Sorrows*

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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

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

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***October 1, 2023***

***Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

The people that Jesus so often ministered to and hung out with were the public sinners: the tax collectors and the prostitutes. They had jobs or professions that made them complete outcasts. In Jesus' day, they were viewed as collaborators with the Romans. They profited from their dealings with the despised Roman rulers and the Roman soldiers.

Tax collectors took advantage of the Jewish people. Every aspect of their lives was scrutinized and taxed by the Roman authorities. Every shekel paid was a cruel reminder of Israel's defeat and the loss of the Jewish political identity.

As for prostitutes, they violated their own sexual purity, to be sure. But their existence also threatened the genetic purity of the Jewish race itself. According to Mosaic law, any child born of a Jewish mother was considered Jewish. But the "chosen people," the Jewish race was being diluted because Roman blood was being introduced into the offspring of the prostitutes.

Yet it was these two groups, one the most dangerous and the other the most shunned, that in this Sunday's Gospel Jesus singled out and elevated above *"the chief priests and elders of the people."* It was the ultimate insult. He told the chief priests and the elders that the tax collectors and prostitutes would be entering the kingdom of God before they would. What an insult! Jesus never pulled any punches, did He?

And He used the parable of the two sons to make His case. In the parable, a man had two sons. The first son said "no" to his father, but he eventually went and did what his father wanted. That son represents sinners, including tax collectors and prostitutes, who initially say "no" to God, but who, upon encountering Jesus, are open to His message. They undergo conversion.

The second son said "yes" to the father, but in the end he didn't deliver. He represents the religious authorities of the day who were long on words but short on deeds. They were all talk and no action.

The parable makes the point that in the final analysis, it's only by our deeds that we prove what we are and who we are. It's only by our actions that we establish whether we're genuine Christians or phony Christians. Words alone don't count for anything.

It's our actions and not our words that matter. It was St. Anthony who gave us the expression that our parents used on us: "Actions speak louder than words." Actions do speak a lot louder than words. We can't say that we're followers of Christ if we don't *show* by our lives that we're His followers. Our Christian faith must be evidenced by the way we live our lives.

Mahatma Gandhi was once asked what could be done to make Christianity take firm root in India. He answered, "The first thing I would advise the Christians is that they all begin to live their lives as Jesus Christ lived His."

My friends, as we begin to live our lives more and more like Jesus lived His, our lives become more authentic witnesses to our faith. And if there's anything that this world so desperately needs, it's Christians who witness to their faith, not by their words, but by their actions.

It doesn't matter what comes forth from our lips. What matters are the actions that come forth from our hearts. It's been said that Christ is not a psychologist, but a cardiologist. He listens not to words, but to hearts. If Jesus were to put a stethoscope to your heart, what would He discover: words or actions?

Blessings,



### THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<b>September 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 13</b>	<b>Y. to Date</b>
Collection	\$11,447	\$149,825
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$156,346

Repairs and Maintenance \$495  
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*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.

### Christian Initiation Highlights

Seven new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Camilla Yanaymi Calle, Quinn Jane Girylyuk, Tabechi Emmanuel Onyechi, Gretchen Georgia Nicole, Vir Peter Tobin, Gwen Rose DuVal and Moira Austin William. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, October 29, 2023.

### Our Lady of Sorrows School Employment Opportunities 973-762-5169

#### **Part-time Pre-Kindergarten 4 Teacher (2023-2024)**

Candidates interested in joining an outstanding team of Pre-Kindergarten Catholic school educators are asked to send: cover letter and resume to Ms. Judy A. Foley, Principal, at [principal@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org](mailto:principal@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org). Bachelor's degree and experience working in Early Childhood are required.

#### **Part-time Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day Assistant (2023-2024)**

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### CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls in Grades 1–12 who are registered students in the OLS CCD program are invited to play CYO Basketball as part of a shared parish ministry with St. Joseph's in Maplewood. Teams will practice and play games at St. Joseph's Gym from October to March. Registration has begun and will conclude by October 10.

Additional information and registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph's CYO Basketball web site: [www.stjosephscyob.org](http://www.stjosephscyob.org).

Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Athletic Director, at [stjosephcyobb@aol.com](mailto:stjosephcyobb@aol.com), with any questions or to volunteer.

### CYO Volleyball Team

St. Joseph's CYO Athletics is currently accepting registration for the 2023 Girls Volleyball Team. Teams are open to student-athletes in grades 5-8 who are registered in the parish CCD program.

More information is located on the CYO website: [www.stjosephscyob.org/volleyball/](http://www.stjosephscyob.org/volleyball/)  
Calling all runners!



The Sisters of Christian Charity will be holding their 10<sup>th</sup> annual Run for a Nun 5K on October 14, 2023 at Natirar Park in Peapack, New Jersey. Registration and check-in will begin at 8:30 AM. For more information, to register, make a donation, or become a sponsor, please go to: [www.sccus.org/runforanun](http://www.sccus.org/runforanun) Proceeds from this event go to the education of our Sisters. We are so grateful for your support and generosity!



### OLS Men's Discussion Series

The men of the parish are invited to a monthly discussion series that will focus on a man's role in society, the family, and his own faith. We will meet on the following dates at 7:30 pm in the Lower Chapel.

- Tuesday, Sept. 26: Catholic Masculinity
- Tuesday, Oct. 24: Fatherhood
- Tuesday, Nov. 28: Brotherhood
- Monday, Dec. 11: Sacramental Life

All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Lou Budzyn: [kc303@gmail.com](mailto:kc303@gmail.com). This Discussion Series is sponsored by the OLS Knight of Columbus Regina Pacis (Queen of Peace) Council.

### 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.**

## 2023 OLS Rosary Congress October 10-11, 2023



### 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Rosary prayed at the top of each hour

#### October 10, 7:00 pm

Opening Mass

Followed by 24 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary prayed at the top of each hour, from 8:00 pm, Oct. 10 - 7:00 pm, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

#### October 11, 7:00 pm

Reflection by Fr. Stephen Dufrene, C.F.R. Franciscan Friar of the Renewal

Recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Rosary

Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consider leading the Rosary during one of the hours or committing to spending 1 hour before Our Eucharistic Lord in prayer.

Use the QR code to sign up or visit our parish website to sign-up:  
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[LisaHartPT@yahoo.com](mailto:LisaHartPT@yahoo.com) or by cell: 973-769-4422





### **VIGIL, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

5:30 PM Mary Crawford

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023**

8:00 AM Ursula Quinn  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Jennifer Bober

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023**

7:00 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM School Mass  
12:00 PM Lucille Caputo

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023**

7:00 AM Edward Silliere  
12:00 PM Bob & Christella Fisher

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**

7:00 AM Patricia Peterson  
12:00 PM William Brown

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023**

7:00 AM Danielle M. Horan  
12:00 PM Mary Theresa Berres

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023**

7:00 AM Richard and Shirlee Needles  
12:00 PM Maritza Gisele Jean-Charles  
Special Intention

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Muller  
12:00 PM Mary Maminsky 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### **VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

5:30 PM Jennie Magliaro

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023**

8:00 AM Joseph Muller 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
10:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

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### **In Memoriam**

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

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church is in loving Memory of **Mary Theresa Berres**. Requested by Lynn Bryce.

### **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, Kate Powis, Kevin Golding, and Mary Beth Dixon.



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S. Cecilia Singer or Youth Choir Member (ages 8 and up)

Lector (Confirmation age preferred)

**Questions? Want to volunteer?**  
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*Woman, what are you looking for?*



## Women's Morning Retreat

Saturday, October 7th

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

We will begin our day with Mass in the Upper Church

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featuring a reflection by Sister Honora Noltz, OP

Sister Honora Noltz, a Dominican Sister, has dedicated her life to Catholic service. She began her ministry in education, serving as a teacher, principal, and eventually associate superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Brooklyn. She has also worked at RENEW as a presenter, director of pastoral services, director of development, and associate director.

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Please RSVP by Sunday, October 1  
to Melanie Chambers at  
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