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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 and arrange Communion calls

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

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OCTOBER 10, 2021 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### A Message from Fr. Brian

This Psalmist this Sunday reminds us about the power of prayer: "I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me." Prayer is the most powerful force in the world and one of its fruits, the Psalmist says, is the spirit of wisdom.

If there is anything that our world, our nation, our Church, and our nation needs more than ever, it's the spirit of wisdom. Wisdom would help us to realize more fully how sacred every human life is, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Since 1972, the Catholic Church in America has set aside the first Sunday in October as *Respect Life Sunday*. It's a chance for all of us to thank God for the gift of life, but it's also an opportunity for us to recommit ourselves to protecting that gift of life in all its stages.

We believe that every human life is sacred from conception to natural death and that life is the most fundamental good and the condition for all other goods and rights. That means that issues like health insurance and education and making a just wage ultimately don't matter to people who aren't given the chance to live or whose lives are prematurely taken from them. Unborn babies who aren't given the chance to live won't benefit from free universal pre-school or an expanded health care system or anything else. People must have life first before they can benefit from anything else.

The most important thing we can do is to pray. Pray for our nation that we will respect life in all stages of development. Pray for women to choose life for their babies. Pray for men that they'll understand their role is to be guardians and defenders of life; that men will be responsible husbands and fathers; that they will understand that fatherhood – like motherhood – begins at the moment of conception. Pray for doctors and nurses that they will use their skills not to take life, but to serve life. Pray for politicians that they'll stand up for the most basic right we have – the right to life.

October is also the month of the Holy Rosary. We experienced how powerful the Rosary is during this past week's Rosary Congress (thank you to all who organized this and participated in it!). There is a national campaign underway now to pray the Rosary daily throughout October (and why not beyond October!) for an end to abortion and that the rights of the unborn will be recognized by the Supreme Court.

In addition, as you'll see elsewhere in this bulletin, we'll have a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Rich will lead us to in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please make an effort to join us for this hour of prayer for life (I myself will be on my required annual canonical retreat that week).

After you've prayed, consider involving yourself in other ways. Here are a few suggestions:

Why not join our parish Pro-Life group? For more info on that: http://facebook.com/olsprolife

Why not financially support pro-life groups and crisis pregnancy centers?

Why not speak up when others are advocating for the so-called "right to choose?"

And, why not support those who are running for political office who are unapologetically pro-life?

All of us are called to help the fellow members of this huge family that we call humanity, to reach out to the outcasts, to be a voice for the voiceless, to defend the rights of those who have been dehumanized and deprived of their rights, to protect the weakest and most vulnerable members of our one body. We are called – each one of us – to build a Culture of Life in which each and every human being is welcomed, protected, nurtured, and loved, from the first moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Blessings,

Fr. Brian

# THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

| Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Week 14  | Y. to Date |
|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Collection          | \$10,504 | \$ 161,147 |
| Budgeted            | \$11,179 | \$ 156,506 |

Food Pantry \$518

Repairs and Maintenance \$755

Thank you for your continued support!

#### Mass of Remembrance

We will celebrate our Mass of Remembrance in memory of departed family members, friends and parishioners who had their funeral Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows between October 2020 and October 2021. The Mass will be on Tuesday November 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Please save the date as we come together in prayer for our faithful departed. All are welcome. A Book of Remembrance will be available two weeks before the Mass to list the names of one's own departed loved ones.

# 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?

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows
Digital newsletter today! Go to our website
main page under news and
events.http://www.olschurch.com

# CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND TEENS FOR OLS MUSIC MINISTRY!

#### A New Youth Choir (grades 9-12)

Beginning this Fall, we are launching a new choir for teens in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. The Youth Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm in the downstairs Chapel. They will sing for selected 10:00 am Sunday Masses. All teens are welcome to either sing or play an instrument or both! Vaccination will be required for participation and masking will therefore be optional. Rehearsals begin on October 13.

Please contact Preston Dibble ASAP for more information or to sign up: olsmusician@gmail.com

# St. Cecilia Singers (grades 3-8)

Our St. Cecilia Singers for young parishioners in grades 3-8 will resume Thursday afternoon rehearsals from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and continue to sing and play handbells at selected 10:00 am Masses. Given masking requirements and vaccinations not available for our younger parishioners, the St. Cecilia Singers will continue to play handbells only to start this new season, as they did last season. Hopefully they will be able to sing together again soon. Rehearsals begin October 14.

Please contact Preston Dibble ASAP for more information or to sign up: <a href="mailto:olsmusician@gmail.com">olsmusician@gmail.com</a>

# **OLS School Pre-K and K-8**

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www.ourladyofsorrowschool.org

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#### Meet Our Staff

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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.

#### Facebook

Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey."

#### **CYO BASKETBALL**

Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12 and 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 practice and play games at St. Joseph's Parish Gym from October to March. Registration has begun and will conclude by October 10.

Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Athletic Director, at <a href="mailto:stjosephcyobb@aol.com">stjosephcyobb@aol.com</a>, with any questions or to volunteer. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph's CYO Basketball web site at <a href="https://www.stjosephscyo.org">www.stjosephscyo.org</a>. Additional adult volunteers are needed to be coaches for some teams.

#### **Volunteers Needed**

For many years, Our Lady of Sorrows Church has participated in the annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service of Maplewood and South Orange. Each religious congregation in the two towns is invited to have a member represent it on the Remembrance Committee. Each committee member has a role in developing the annual service and in its goal of educating young people about the Holocaust.

The Committee meets once a month from October to June. The service takes place on a Sunday afternoon in late April or early May. Meetings usually last about 90 minutes. Putting the service together encompasses many elements, and our youth education effort offers many opportunities to use your talents to educate youth about the Holocaust. As a member of the Committee, you would have the chance to learn more about the Holocaust and to meet Holocaust survivors. You would be working with members of different faiths and would be playing an important part in keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive.

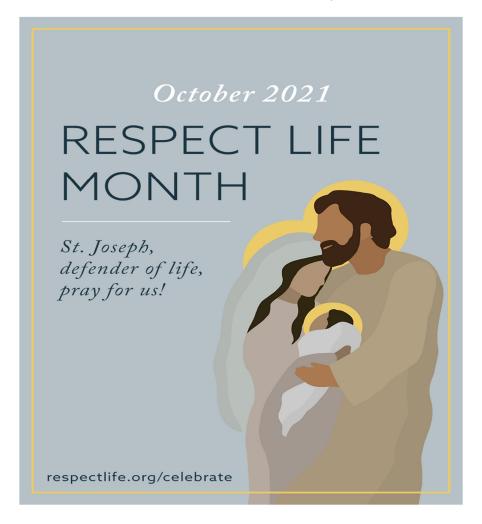
If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Alan Levine at <u>alevine.mustang@gmail.com</u>, or 973-477-9155.

## 2021 Mass Book

The 2021 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):     |                       |                              |  |  |
| Date (weekday)<br>Date (Saturday)                               | □7:00 am<br>□8:30 am  | ☐ 12:00 Noon<br>☐ 12:00 Noon |  |  |
| Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday)                                    | □5:30 pm<br>□10:00 am | □8:00 am □ 11:30 am          |  |  |
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| Amount enclosed: \$ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows) |                       |                              |  |  |

# St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry



"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"

Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month in parishes across the country. Why is *every* human life valuable and how can each one of us help build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death? How can you be a witness to others and exemplify the beauty of the human person in a culture that has become so anti-life?

We will offer a Holy Hour for Life on Monday, October 25, at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Rich will lead us in a solemn hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for the protection of all human life, especially our most vulnerable babies in the womb. Please make every effort to attend and invite your family and friends!

Through the intercession of St. Joseph, whom the Church honors this year, may we show love, goodness, and charity towards all expectant mothers, and remember our Blessed Mother who graciously answered the call to become the mother of our Savior.

Connect with us: facebook.com/olsprolife



# VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021

5:30 PM Charles Guare

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Manuel Fernandes

11:30 AM All Rosarians, Living & Deceased

# MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

9:00 AM Margaret Glenn

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

7:00AM Jean Reynolds 12:00 PM Lucy Iantosca

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

7:00 AM George Evans

12:00 PM Carolina P. Sanchez - 4<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

7:00AM Kathy Kelleher 12:00 PM Allan de Castro

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

7:00 AM Mr. and Mrs. William McHugh

12:00 PM Rose Marie Deehan

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021

8:30 AM Margherita and Antonio Pizzillo

12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

## VIGIL MASS OCTOBER 16, 2021

5:30 PM William and Alice Cody

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish 10:00 AM Antoinette Inguaggiato 11:30 AM Michael McDonough

# In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: *Elizabeth Degnan*. We pray for the repose of her soul and also for those left behind during this time.

#### In Memoriam

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

This Week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered for a *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, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Pat Bendrot, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, and Kyle Reardon.



