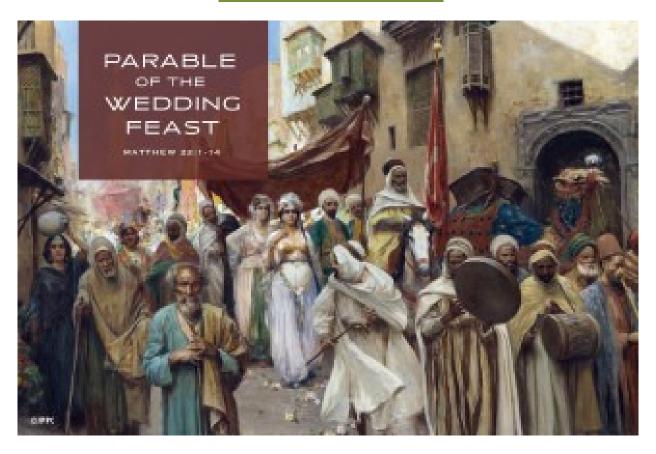


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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

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 for the Sacrament of

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October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Abundance (noun) /ə'bənd(ə)ns/

- 1. A very large quantity of something (Oxford Languages Dictionary)
- 2. A situation in which there is more than enough of something (Cambridge Dictionary)
- 3. An extremely plentiful or over sufficient quantity or supply (Dictionary.com)

Apostle Paul's Letter to the Philippians in today's reading made me wonder how dictionaries define the word "Abundance." I found one commonality in the three ways the word is defined above. The word's meaning is connected to the sense of prosperity without lacking in anything. In the lens of the secular perspective, which unfortunately can be too materialistic sometimes, perhaps places like New York City and Wall Street, companies like Google, or someone like Elon Musk might come to our minds. New York City/Wall Street because of its economic prosperity, Google because of its dominance, and Elon Musk because of the wealth he has established.

Then, what is Paul talking about when he writes about a life of abundance? I think what helps us understand his language is looking into the circumstances in which he is writing the letter to his beloved Christians in Philippi. The Christian community in Philippi was established by Paul. The Church of Philippi was near and dear to his heart because of their firm faith, unity, and love of Christ. At this point of Paul's journey as an apostle, he is already imprisoned, and facing death. He is not dressed up in fancy clothing, not sleeping in a comfortable room, he isn't eating Michelin Star restaurant food, nor is he living a lavish lifestyle when he wrote the letter.

Yet, he is talking about a life of abundance in his encouragement for a joyful and peaceful life in Christ. His optimism, despite the imminent death, may even seem supernatural. How is this possible? I think he says it clearly in the passage: That life of abundance comes from the fact that Christ is with us. He writes, "I can do all things in him who strengthens me ... My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ". What a beautiful motto for all of us Christians!

Yes, in our understanding as Christians who are made beloved daughters and sons of God through the mystery of adoption (thanks to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ,) abundant life means to live in the riches of Christ, not of the world. Material wealth is a good thing because it is a gift and blessing from God and a call from God for us to use it to help those dying from hunger and poverty.

However, there is a greater abundance: the gift of salvation, and the gift of divinization. We will get to be like God, enjoying the eternal life of unending joy joined in His Trinitarian life of glory. That will happen certainly in heaven, but it is meant to start here on earth. In that way, despite the darkness of the world, we can still shine as brightly as the moon does at night. In heaven, we will shine fully as the Sun does during the day. It is hard to live that way. That's why the richness of Christ's gift of grace is needed, and He is willing to provide whatever grace we need in our perseverance. Why, and how? Because He indeed is the richest – abundant beyond our words with His mercy, love, and justice. In that, we too, can join in that life of abundance although we may not have the best house, cars, many bank accounts, etc. because He, Jesus Christ, is rich and is willing to share His richness of the Kingdom with us despite our poverties.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

October 8 th	Week 15	Y. to Date
Collection	\$14,764	\$175,272
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$180,399

Assessment \$1,937

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Our Lady of Sorrows School Employment Opportunities

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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. Bac helor's degree and experience working in Early Childhood are required.

Part-time Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day Assistant (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. Afte rnoon hours till 6pm, daily.

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 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, 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. This Discussion Series is sponsored by the OLS Knight of Columbus Regina Pacis (Queen of Peace) Council.

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.

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?

Meet Our Staff

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A campaign of prayer and fasting



Sept. 27 through Nov. 5, 2023

7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

396 Bloomfield Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042 in the public thoroughfare across the street from a high-volume abortion facility (Pilgrim Medical Center)

To sign-up on-line: 40DaysforLife.com/Montclair or contact Lisa Hart at: LisaHartPT@yahoo.com or by cell: 973-769-4422



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.

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows
Digital newsletter today! Go to our website
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http://www.olschurch.com



VIGIL, SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

8:00 AM Frank Cavallaro and Alice Cody

10:00 AM Jennie Magliaro11:30 AM Jennifer Bober

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023

7:00 AM Sr. Rosamund - Special Intention 12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee - Special Intention

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

7:00 AM Protection of Babies in the Womb

12:00 PM James Dooley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

7:00 AM Dennis Greaney 12:00 PM Russell Somers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

7:00 AM Paul Kubilus

12:00 PM James Richardson – 1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Lois Farness

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

8:30 AM Janet Andrea Scullion

12:00 PM Nancy Jean-Charles - Special

Intention

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

5:30 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola,

Deehan and Salvante Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish 11:30 AM James J. DeMeo

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: 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.



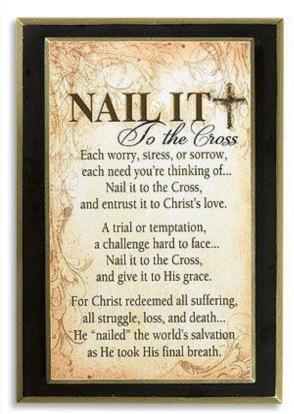
An Invitation Especially for You

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will celebrate its Mass of Remembrance in memory of departed family members, friends and parishioners who had their funeral mass at Our Lady of Sorrows between October 2022 and October 2023. The Mass will be on Thursday, November 2, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Please save the date to come together in prayer.

All are welcome. A Book of Remembrance will be available two weeks before the Mass and will list the names of one's own departed loved ones.





Our Lady of Sorrows

Parish Family Eucharist Retreat

All Ages Welcome!



Join us for a powerful hour-long retreat that will engage your senses and your heart! Potter and retreat master Ray Boswell will use his craft to help you and your family understand the gift of the Eucharist in a deeper way.

Thanks to a generous grant, this event is FREE and open to the public.

Let us know you're coming!

Scan here or contact Jen Noll: 973-763-5454 jennollols@gmail.com



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

4-5:15pm in the Upper Church

Free refreshments afterwards!



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