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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 17, 2021 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

The story is told of an occasion during the American Revolutionary War when preparations were being made for an up-coming battle. A man dressed in civilian clothes passed a Corporal who was screaming orders at his men. Seeing that they were obviously exhausted from their labor, the man asked the corporal, "Are you going to help them?" In righteous indignation, the Corporal replied, "Sir, can't you see? I'm a corporal!"

With a quick apology, the stranger took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and set to work with the soldiers. When the job was completed, he said, "Corporal, whenever you need someone to help with a job, feel free to call on your Commander-in-Chief. I'll be happy to be of service." With that, General George Washington put his coat back on and left. George Washington understood that those who aspire to greatness must serve the needs of all.

People in positions of higher authority – politicians, military leaders, corporate executives – and even those in positions of lesser authority – often wield power like tyrants, barking out orders left and right, and becoming angry when those orders aren't immediately carried out.

What a contrast to what Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Jesus reminds us that true greatness is achieved when we give of our ourselves in service to others. Service and sacrifice are the main criteria of greatness in Christ's Kingdom. Our Lord gave us the most perfect witness of that value when, to ransom us from the penalty of sin, he gave His life for us on the Cross, as the prophet Isaiah reminds us in our first reading this Sunday.

The pride of a Christian is precisely this: to serve as the Master served. Life presents us with so many different opportunities to serve the needs of others. Right here in our wonderful parish, we see beautiful examples of service. Think of all our CCD teachers who volunteer their time to teach our children the faith. Think of all those who volunteer at our Food Pantry, serving so many in our community who suffer from food insecurity. Think of all the volunteers at our parish school. Think about the high school youth of our parish who, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and no longer needing to be involved in Youth Ministry, nevertheless volunteer to serve as leaders for their younger peers in that program.

There are countless other examples of service at OLS, too numerous to mention in this brief column. Permit me, though, to thank by name those who volunteered to serve by organizing our recent Rosary Congress, which was such an incredible success, and which was the source of so many graces received: Kelly Sullivan, Lori Unterkoefler, Danuta Kozlowski, Melanie Chambers, Genevieve Serrette, Len Mrozak, Vicki Robertson, Maria Santoloquido, Maria Pollard, Sandra Carless, Elizabeth and Joseph Tabia, and Ania Budzn (my apologies if I've omitted anyone!). Thank you to one and all! May Our Lord and Our Lady abundantly reward your service.

Occasions for serving others are part of our daily experience and are limited only by our imagination. We perhaps might think that our small contribution is just that: too small. St. Mother Teresa's response to that was: "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." She also said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

No matter what our occupation or vocation in life, Jesus calls each and every one of us to be a servant to others, as He was a servant to us. That's our call. To serve, to become slaves to the needs of others.

Blessings,

7. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

This will be reported in our next bulletin.

Thank you for your continued support!

Concert of Remembrance

All are invited to a performance of the Requiem by Maurice Durufle on Friday, October 29 at 7:30PM. The parish choir will offer this monumental work of choral music in memory of all of the faithful departed. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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?

OLS School Pre-K and K-8 973-762-5169 www.ourladyofsorrowschool.org

<u>Nursery</u> 973-763-4040 <u>www.thenurseryatourladyofsorrows.com</u>



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

Gift Card Drive to Support Families Experiencing Homelessness

We will be holding a Gift Card Drive for Family Promise of Essex County (FPE) (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) on the weekend of **November 6 and 7**. The following gift cards are needed: Shop Rite, Target, T.J. Maxx, Marshalls, Uber, and Lyft. The gift cards will be given to families experiencing homelessness who are currently being supported by FPE. The gift cards can be dropped off in designated baskets in the church vestibule that weekend. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com.

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 have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

<u>Facebook</u>

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

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: <u>www.olschurch.com</u>. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."



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.

<u>OLS Scouts BSA Troop 99G (Girls!)</u> is having their big fall popcorn sale. Visit our popcorn sale orders page

(<u>https://ordering.campmasters.org/popcornordering</u> enter code: 32BK) to buy your popcorn treats. Not a popcorn fan? On the website, you may elect to send Scouts BSA popcorn to our troops overseas, supporting both servicemen and women and our own Scouts! Your contribution is tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. For more information about Scouting at OLS please email <u>OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com</u>. Scouts meet every Thursday evening, 7:15 to 9:00 pm in St Joseph's Hall. All girls ages 11 - 17 are welcomed.

Food Pantry Most Needed Items

If you would like to donate food for our pantry, please consider the following list of items most needed. PLEASE do not donate food in glass jars, expired food, XL sizes, or home-portioned food. Thank you!

- Shelf-stable Milk (quart size)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (regular sizes)
- Hot & Cold Cereals (no or low sugar)
- Pasta & Sauce
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Rice (1 lb. bags, brown, yellow, white)
- Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit (in juice, not syrup)
- Canned Vegetables (no or low salt; no corn please)
- Mac & Cheese
- Granola/Protein Bars and Individual Snacks

Daily Drop Off Hours for Food Donations

Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect Street

- Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- Saturday: 8:00-6:00 Church front vestibule Sunday: 8:00-12:00 – Church front vestibule

Please do not leave food at the Rectory. Thank you for respecting these drop off times.

Monetary Donations

Checks payable to "OLS Food Pantry" mailed to the address above, or online at https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/

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



Special Invitation To You and Your Family

To Come To the Annual Remembrance Mass on November 2, 2021 to offer Holy Mass at 7pm for All Those Whom We Love.

In a Special Way We Will Remember Those

Who Have Returned to God this Past Year and have been buried from Our Lady of Sorrows between November 2020 and towards the End of October 2021.

When you come be sure and pick up a special worship aid and Holy Card.

During the Mass, at the general intercession, the name of your loved one will be announced and prayed for. A battery candle will be turned on and will remain on throughout the Mass. At the completion of the closing <u>hymn</u> you are invited to take the candle home. This is yours to keep, along with Holy Card and Worship Aid

We look forward to being with you to join in praying for the person[s] you loved.

Light refreshments will be available following the Mass.

Mark the date: November 2, 2021 Our Lady of Sorrows, 7pm

Any questions call Sr. Mary Selilna 973-763-5454



VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021

5:30 PM William & Alice Cody

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

7:00 AM	Debra Flynn
12:00 PM	David C. Durkin

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

7:00AM	Alvaro Moreno
12:00 PM	William Gregg

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

7:00 AM	Kirk Rodgers
12:00 PM	Michael Iantosca

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

7:00AM Liz Degnan12:00 PM Nancy Jean-Charles Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

7:00 AMElizabeth Degnan12:00 PMJosephine M. Mongiello

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

8:30 AM Loretta Komsa 12:00 PM William Reed

VIGIL MASS OCTOBER 23, 2021

5:30 PM Alan Fischer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	William J. Bowling
11:30 AM	James DeMeo

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: *Ralph Fabrizio*. 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 in loving memory of *Isabel Hopkins-Tucker*. Requested by Companions of Pauline.

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.



