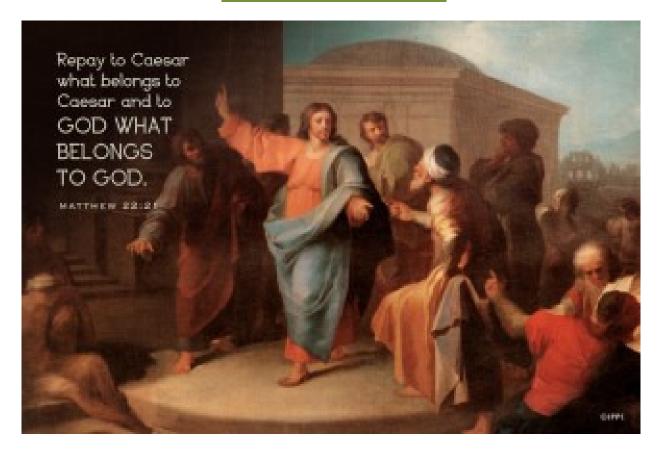


Our Bady of Sorrows

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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

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 22, 2023
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Last year at this time, 32 of us from OLS were less than 2 weeks away from our departure date for Israel. We spent 9 incredibly blessed days in the Holy Land. None of us will ever forget those days as we walked in the footsteps of Jesus and explored the places where He was born, ministered, died, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven. This photo shows us on the steps outside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

As hearts the world over break over the awful violence now being inflicted upon the people of that sacred land, I cannot help but think that if our own parish trip had been delayed by one year, we may never have had the opportunity to make such a wonderful pilgrimage. How deprived we would have been. But that possible deprivation cannot even begin to compare with how the people of Israel and Palestine are now being deprived of the gift of peace. The carnage inflicted upon them is absolutely awful. So many people on both sides of the conflict, completely innocent of any wrongdoing themselves, have had to suffer unspeakable evils.

As we witness the awful consequences of war and violence and as we wish with all our hearts that we could alleviate the suffering, it's tempting to think that we are powerless and helpless. After all, how can we stop bombs from falling? From such a far distance, how can we comfort those who are afflicted? And what can we possibly do to bring peace to that dark valley of war and division? The best answer to those questions is the only answer: prayer. Speaking to God in prayer is more powerful than any bomb. Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaball, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, recently put it this way:

"In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear. That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish."

Cardinal Pizzaball made these comments as he urged people everywhere to make October 17th a day of prayer and fasting. That day was last Tuesday, but we can turn to prayer

and fasting on any day, offering up our humble prayers to God and allowing our fasting to unite ourselves to the suffering of Jesus and the suffering of those who have endured so much during this war.

Cardinal Pizzaball concluded with these words: "This is the way we all come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation."

In Peace.

Fr. Brian



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

October 15th	Week 16	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,715	\$186,987
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$192,426

Food Pantry \$491 Repairs and Maintenance \$255

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

<u>Congratulations to our 10th 2023 Calendar</u> Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Christina Dodd on winning our 10th of 12 monthly drawing in our calendar raffle. Christina won \$1,500! Christina's ticket went right back into the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 2 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com and purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is November 15th. Good luck to everyone!

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. 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.

Thank You for Your Support for Family Promise Families!

Thank you to all who volunteered to support the Family Promise of Essex County families in October. We provided four families each with a healthy home-cooked meal and food staples and other needed household items, supplementing these items with gift cards. The gift cards will not only be used for the families from our host week but will also help cover weeks when there is not a host congregation providing support for the families. Everyone who prepared a meal or part of a meal, shopped for groceries, donated a gift card, received the meals and groceries at the church, and drove these items to the Family Promise office in Montclair did their part in providing care and comfort for these families in their time of need. We will be supporting the Family Promise families again in the spring. In the meantime, feel free to contact Anna Nelson with any questions about volunteering at annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-477-9546.



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



2024 Mass Intentions

The 2024 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 (available on our website, www.olschurch.com, the eblast and copies in the vestibule of the church), to submit requests by mail or place 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).

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.



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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Rev. Andrew Lee, Parochial Vicar frlee527@gmail.com

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Rev. Eugenio (Gino) de la Rama, Priest in Residence

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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. De Meo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

7:00 AM Michael McCarthy 12:00 PM Vincent McNany

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

7:00 AM Paul Kubilus

12:00 PM William J. Bowling

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish 12:00 PM William J. Bowling

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

7:00 AM Teresa and Philip Wilderotter

12:00 PM Michael Di Prenda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Emilia Gerona

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

8:30 AM Maureen Greaney

12:00 PM Olga Uribe

VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

5:30 PM The Kirk Family

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 Jennifer Bober

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 Upper Church is in loving memory of Vincent Nota. Requested by Kate Nota.

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.



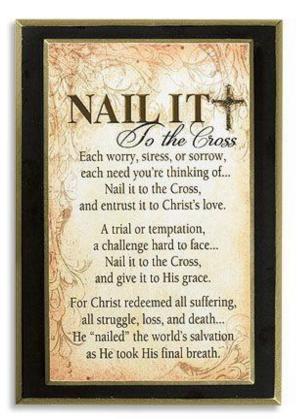
An Invitation Especially for You

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.





FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH: HYMN FESTIVAL



Sunday, October 29—4:00PM

Preston Dibble, Conductor

St. Augustine tells us that *to sing* is *to pray twice*. We do this each time we gather for Mass and so too shall we pray twice at this concert offered by our Parish Choir and brass.

The hymn festival will be similar in format to our annual Carol Sing where some music is presented by the choir alone and some includes congregational participation. All of the music will be based upon recognized hymn tunes from our hymnal and will have embellishments by our choir with support from the Gramercy Brass Quintet.

FREE ADMISSION

FAITH AND MUSIC

MUSIC OF MANY STYLES

FEATURING: GRAMERCY BRASS QUINTET KRISTIN JOHNSON. ORGANIST

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