

***Our Lady of Sorrows Church***  
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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

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***OCTOBER 31, 2021***  
***31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## ***A Message from Fr. Brian***

God gave Moses only 10 Commandments. The Jewish Rabbis then added 613 commands, rules, precepts, and prohibitions, including everything from the correct way to trim your beard to the number of steps you could walk without violating the Sabbath.

In this Sunday's Gospel, one of the Scribes asked Jesus which is the most important command. But Jesus doesn't give just one. He gives two. He repeats what Moses said in our 1<sup>st</sup> reading this Sunday: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Both of these commandments had always been part of the Jewish religion. The way Jesus responded, though, is unique. He yoked these two commands together, letting us know that we can't love the God we do not see, if we don't love the neighbor we do see.

So, love God and love your neighbor. That is Christianity at its bare bones essentials. The entirety of God's revelation, all of it, everything, is pared away and reduced by Christ to these two commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor.

But, again, even these two commandments are really just one – because they are so intimately connected, so closely united, that they are but two aspects of the one same reality. One can't exist without the other. We can't pretend that we can love God and at the same time not love each other. It's a logical impossibility to think that love of God and love of neighbor can somehow be separated.

We are all made in God's image and likeness. And so when we love our neighbor, we are loving people who themselves are unique reflections of the image of God. People used to ask St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta why she cared for those dying in the gutters of Calcutta, India. Her response was, "How can you love God and not care for His image?" God expects us to reverence His image and presence in each other.

Now, I admit, it's not always easy to love our neighbor, especially when those around us aren't always so lovable (or even likeable!). Nevertheless, it's in loving our neighbor that we truly demonstrate our love for God. That means being determined to act rightly and justly and charitably and patiently and kindly with all people, especially those that we live and work with. And it means loving even the disagreeable people, the unattractive, the unintelligent, and the least likable.

No doubt, it's hard to have affection for people who lie, cheat, steal, gossip, dress funny, and root for the Boston Red Sox. But whether we find it easy or not, the most immediate way to love God is to love one another. When we do this, we make tangible and concrete our love of God.

Jesus did not come to complicate our lives. In fact, He simplifies it, if we would just follow His two basic commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. The pagan world used to say of Christians: *"See how they love each other."* Let's make sure that the world says the same of us.

Blessings,



### **THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 17</b>	<b>Y. To Date</b>
Collection	\$12,542	\$196,927
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$190,043

Food Pantry \$1,874  
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### **The 2022 Mass Book is Open**

Forms to book Masses will be available in the vestibule of the Church, our website ([www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)), and in the digital newsletter.



### **GET FORMED**

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3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.

### **Christian Initiation Highlights**

Six new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Rhea Jolie Kambouris, Julian Miles Kambouris, Rita Josephine Calascibetta, Joseph Baldwin Pascarella, Isabella Jade Rogal and Rome Sabastian Wilson. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 28, 2021

### **Gift Card Drive to Support Families Experiencing Homelessness**

We will be holding a Gift Card Drive for Family Promise of Essex County (FPE), formerly known as 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](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com).

### **VOTE YOUR CATHOLIC VALUES ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND:**

### **Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Election Day in New Jersey.**

All the seats are up for election: the Governor, all the NJ State Senators, and Assembly Members. The US Catholic Conference of Bishops state in their letter *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*: "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." **Please vote your Catholic values on November 2<sup>nd</sup>!**





## 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](http://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.**



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## 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?

## Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: [www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com). Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

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Digital newsletter today! Go to our website  
main page under news and events.  
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## 2022 Mass Book

The 2022 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

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Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)



# 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 hymn 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 Selina 973-763-5454



### VIGIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

5:30 PM Ted Kubilus

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

8:00 AM Edward Deehan  
10:00 AM The Deceased Members of the  
Lambusta and Abramo Families  
11:30 AM People of the Parish

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

7:00 AM Selina McHugh  
9:30 AM School Mass  
12:00 PM Walter Wiggins Sr. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
7:00 PM People of the Parish

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

7:00AM Robert deCastro  
12:00 PM Jean Caputo  
7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

7:00 AM Louis Rimpel  
12:00 PM Lenore Antinozzi

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

7:00AM Carter Falzarano  
12:00 PM John & Geraldine Doyle

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021

7:00 AM William M. Cody Jr.  
12:00 PM Arthuree Phipps

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

8:30 AM Denis Kelleher – Special Intention  
12:00 PM Walter Wiggins Sr.

### VIGIL MASS NOVEMBER 6, 2021

5:30 PM Cledanor Joseph

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato  
11:30 AM Shane Kleindienst

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### In Sympathy Of

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

### 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 **Elizabeth Degan**. Requested by The Rosary Society.

### 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, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon and Mary Jane Tannen.



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