

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

Penance: *Confessions Saturday 1:00 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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November 10, 2019
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my obligation to annually report to you the financial condition of our parish. On the next page of the bulletin, you will see a two year comparison for the fiscal years 2018 and 2019 (our fiscal year ends on June 30th).

As you can see, for these two years our parish operated at a net surplus, which is very good news. While our Sunday, Christmas, and Easter collections are down significantly, we have been able to stay in the black due to the amazing job that our Nursery staff does. The "Other Revenues" item on the financial summary is comprised almost entirely of revenues from the Nursery and in the year ending June 30, 2019, the Nursery had a net income of \$136,914. In addition, we received a one-time bequest of \$110,475 in 2019. Without the income received from the Nursery and that one-time bequest, the parish would have operated at a deficit in 2019.

On the revenue side, almost every other parish that I am aware of has seen a decrease in Sunday collections over the past year. The consensus among all of the pastors that I have spoken to attributes this decrease to the continuing fallout from the (former Cardinal) Theodore McCarrick abuse scandal. It will take years for the Church to regain the trust that it has lost. At Our Lady of Sorrows, we are working very hard to reestablish that trust and to ensure always and everywhere the protection of our young people. This is an ongoing effort, but please know that it is our number one priority.

On the expenditure side, Msgr. Emery did a wonderful job of cutting expenses wherever he could and Fr. Rich and I and our Staff have searched for ways to continue to save the parish from unneeded expenses. As a result, you'll notice that our expenses actually decreased last year from the previous year, even though we had to contend with ever rising health care premiums. We know how hard you work to earn a living and we wish to honor that by taking very seriously the need to be good stewards of your giving.

With our revenues from collections having decreased and knowing that our expenditures will surely inch up as we go forward, we find ourselves dependent on the Nursery, which isn't a healthy financial model to follow. It would be wonderful if the parish could meet its expenditures by means of collections, without having to rely on the income generated from the Nursery. That would allow us to expand the many ministerial services and activities in which our parish is engaged, while at the same time increasing our financial reserves (our "rainy day" fund).

Recognizing how generous you have already been in your offering, I ask you to prayerfully consider an increase in your financial support to Our Lady of Sorrows, if you're situation allows for that. If you are unable to do so at this time, please consider giving more to the parish by means of your time and talent.

Finally, allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do for our parish. Since arriving at OLS in February, I've been inspired by your commitment to and support of our parish and your involvement in the life of our parish. We are a stewardship parish which encourages each of us to share of our time, treasure, and talent and I'm so grateful that so many have responded to that challenge. And allow me to once again thank you for welcoming me so warmly into this parish family! From day one, I've felt right at home and I'm so deeply grateful for the many kind words and gestures you've shown me. You are truly a blessing in my life!

May you and your families continue to grow in God's love and may His providence continue to bless our wonderful parish.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Brian X. Needles

Stewardship is a way of life

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OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Year Ending June 30, 2019	Year Ending June 30, 2018
REVENUES		
Sundays & Holy Day Collections	657,567	722,642
Christmas	55,786	74,706
Easter	42,715	56,247
Rental Income	160	260
Donations	135,911	16,400
Perquisites	12,788	19,250
Fund Raising	21,510	25,860
Society Income	16,059	16,178
Religious Education Program	76,903	59,225
Other Income	987,446	968,600
Candle Revenue	13,751	11,144
ASSESSMENT	48,124	44,934
Restricted Gifts	5,272	41,465
Interest	18,638	17,367
We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign	32,208	40,283
Total Revenues	2,124,837	2,114,562
Expenses		
Salaries & Benefits	1,182,205	1,153,056
Contracted & Professional Services	61,976	62,516
Repairs & Maintenance	25,412	25,397
Property, Liability & Auto Insurance	32,284	31,590
Utilities	79,377	78,525
Operating Supplies & Equipments	115,360	119,635
Religious Ed Curriculum	45,222	46,671
Society Expenses	23,751	20,276
Fundraising Exp.	11,645	12,668
Provisions	15,460	14,273
Diocesan Assessment	157,728	162,696
Misc. Expenses	123,363	139,822
Outreach Charity	2,379	2,933
We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign	13,000	56,382
Total Expenses	1,889,163	1,926,439
Surplus (Deficit)	235,674	188,123

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

November 3 rd	Week 19	Y. To Date
Collection	\$13,909	\$231,091
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$252,115

Holiday Time at the Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is distributing Thanksgiving food packages on Saturday, November 23 and Christmas food packages on Saturday, December 14. You'll notice sign up lists for our traditional Thanksgiving food collection on the table by the Pantry door. Note that as we've done for the last several holidays, we are distributing ShopRite gift cards in lieu of turkeys. More flexible to meet our patrons' wide-ranging needs, and easier on everyone's backs. Food donations can be left on the little brown desk outside our door. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. We've updated our Volunteer Sign Up Genius (<http://bitly/OLSPANTRY>) with dates through April 2020, including all the holidays, even Easter. There are many options for volunteering, and we hope that you'll consider joining us in our mission. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kate at katecahill50@gmail.com. Thanks so much!



Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors

The Thanksgiving for Seniors dinner will take place on Sunday, November 24th at 2 pm in the gymnasium. Please call or email Mame Hogan at 513-314-7845 or mamephogan@gmail.com if you would like to sign up to help cook or if you would like to attend. Everyone looks forward to the delicious turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and green beans provided by our generous volunteers.

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

Artists and Artisans Needed!

A parishioner has donated to us a Nativity set and various religious statues, but they are in need of some TLC. If you are an artist or a woodworker, would you like to put your talents to work on them by touching them up (with paint) or doing a bit of wood carving (the hands on a beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother are missing)? The statues are quite nice and it would be a shame to not be able to put them out for others to enjoy, but before that can happen they are in need of your talents. If you're willing to help, please contact Fr. Brian at frbrianneedles@gmail.com or call the parish office at 973-763-5454.



OLS Concerts

Our parish is blessed with this magnificent church and what better way to share it with our brothers and sisters than through music? Plans are underway to revive our parish concert series and several events are already planned for this year. We first welcome the Vocal Ensemble EMBER to OLS for their 2019-2020 season entitled: *Listening*. Under the direction of Deborah Simpkin King, the ensemble performs 3 concerts per year, one in NY and one at OLS. This first concert is entitled CIVIL DISCOURSE and will include a new commission of a Robert Frost text as well as a new arrangement of "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" in advance of the new Tom Hanks movie on Fred Rodgers. The concert will be Sunday, November 10 at 5PM in the upper church. While children 18 and under are free, advance tickets for adults are available at the parish office for \$20 (seniors and students are \$15). Please see emberensemble.org for more information or contact Preston Dibble at the parish office. olsmusician@gmail.com

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. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

[Reflections on Catechism](#)

326 The Scriptural expression “heaven and earth” means all that exists, creation in its entirety. It also indicates the bond, deep within creation, that both unites heaven and earth and distinguishes the one from the other: “the earth” is the world of men while “heaven” or “the heavens” can designate both the firmament and god’s own “place” – “our Father in Heaven” and consequently the “heaven” too which is eschatological color. Finally, “heaven” refers to the saints and the “place” of the spiritual creatures, the angels, who surround God.

[13th of the Month Club](#)

Mary’s Fatima Prayer Group will meet Nov 16th at 10:30 am in the Seton Room. Please join us in praying the rosary, discussing articles to improve our prayer life with knowledge of Mary and reconsecrating ourselves to Mary as we did at the end of past retreats, 33 Days to Morning Glory.

[Men’s Prayer Breakfast](#)

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men’s Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. “Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path” Rise and Shine with the Lord.



We now have an Instagram account. You can follow us at: sorrowschurch.

Our Facebook page can be found by searching: Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey.

We add new content every week! Stay connected by following us!

[Come Adore the Lord](#)

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ’s total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**

[Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry](#)

We will be meeting this month on Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 A.M. in the lower church. Please join us as we plan the annual March for Life, which will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. We will also discuss our movie night. All are welcome!

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court, or kill you." — Pope Francis 127:3

To be part of our ministry or for more info, contact Elena at elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or Katharine at katharinetownsend@hotmail.com. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/olsprolife or on Instagram @olsprolife.

[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.

[The Parish Staff](#)

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Administrator
Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter Okafor, Priest in Residence
Deacon John M. Inguaggiato
Deacon Walter Wiggins
Sr. Mary Selina McHugh, S.C.C., Pastoral Associate
Judy Foley, Principal
Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator
Christopher Kaiser, Youth Minister
Preston Dibble, Music Director/Organist
Karlene Campbell, Nursery Director
Charles Noun, Business Manager



Our Lady of Sorrows School News Learn Serve Lead Succeed



Mrs. Destro's 4th grade class rolled up their sleeves and with the help of their teacher and "Mr. Matt", the school custodian, they canvassed the OLS Campus to clean up trash that had accumulated!

In keeping with lessons learned in school on being kind and giving back to our community, the students volunteered to clean up our campus.

We encourage you to schedule a tour and even have your child visit for the day! See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer! Visit www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org or call 973.762.5169.



ORDER TICKETS TODAY!

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL
TRICKY TRAY 18TH ANNUAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 • 6 P.M.

50" SAMSUNG 4K TV

\$1,000 AMEX CARD

CARIBBEAN VACATIONS

DESIGNER HANDBAGS

SPORTS & EVENT TICKETS AND MORE!

ADMISSION
\$35 in advance.
Includes one Grand Prize Raffle Ticket.
Tables of 10 may be reserved.

EVENT LOCATION
OLS Gymnasium
172 Academy St, South Orange, NJ
Doors open at 6 p.m.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED • ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE • BYOB

To reserve your tickets, please complete and return lower portion of this form with payment. Send to the OLS School Office – attention: Megan Smith.

Name: _____ Email (for order confirmation): _____

Child's Name/Grade: _____ Number of Tickets: _____

Cash or checks payable to "OLS School." • Questions? Please contact the school office
Tickets may be ordered on line by visiting Ourladyofsorrowsschool.org



An Evening of Spirituality
with

Father Peter Okafor
Tuesday, November 12th
7:00 PM

Please join us in the Chapel to pray the Rosary
and then in St. Joseph Hall to hear Fr. Peter's talk:

"Mary as Proto-Disciple: Do Whatever He Tells You"

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary Society extends a cordial
invitation to all men and women of every age!

Coffee and refreshments will be served



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

5:30 PM John Kirk

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019

8:00 AM Louise Guarente
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus
12:00 PM Marie Somers, Special Intention

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2019

7:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.
12:00 PM Robert (Bob) Kelly

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus
12:00 PM Rose Marie Deehan, Special Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

7:00AM Sr. Marie Elise Briel SCC
12:00 PM Russell Pace Sr.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

7:00AM Sr. Philippine Bonner SCC
12:00 PM Deacon John Baltus

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan
12:00 PM Josephine Pepe

VIGIL MASS NOVEMBER 16, 2019

5:30 PM Silano Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Linda Podhurst
11:30 AM John Blaise Pogany

In Sympathy Of

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

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Sr. Marie Briel & Sr. Philippine Bonner**. Requested by Maria T. Wilms.

OFFER OF GIFTS

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

IN MEMORIAM

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or 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, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag, George Richmond Files Jr., and Beth Hebron.

