

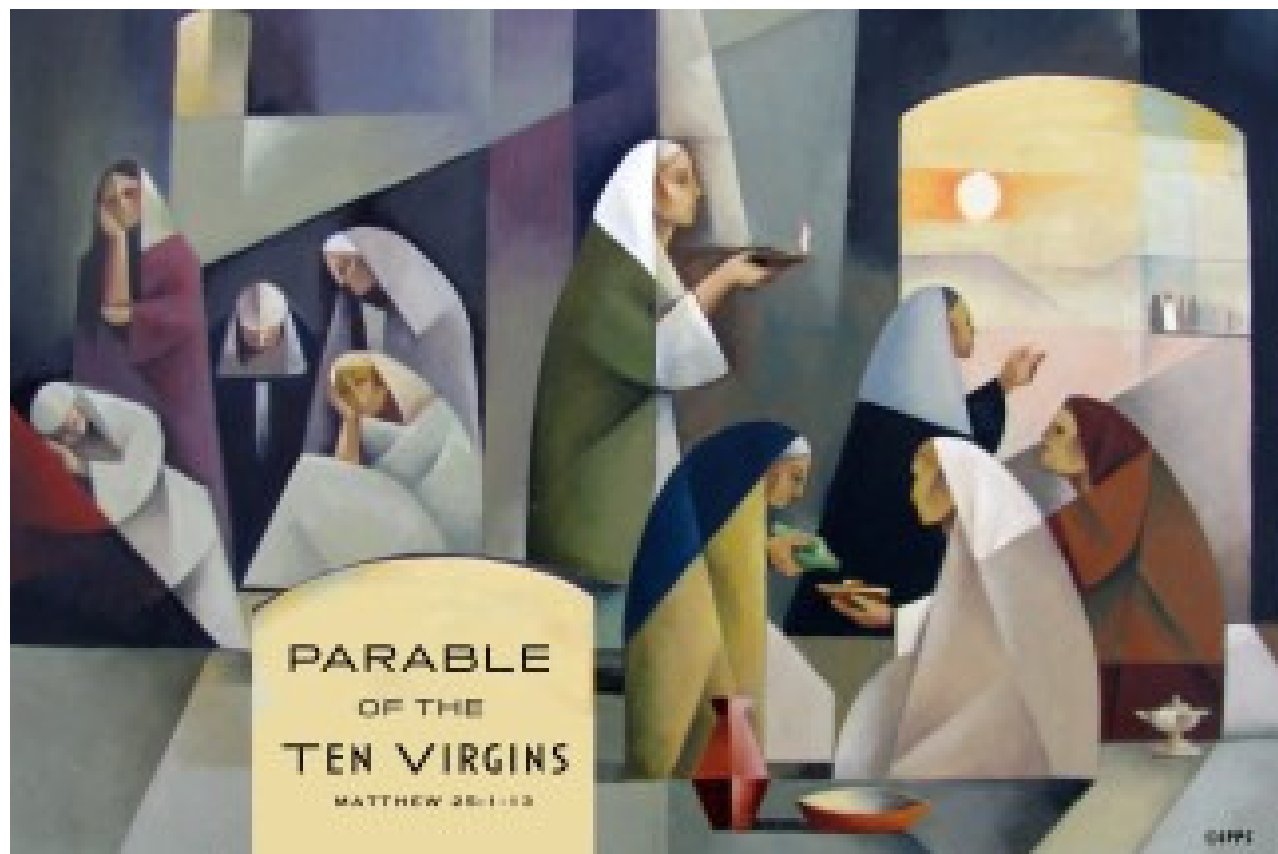


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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

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

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November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

*“No, for there may not be enough for us and you.
Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.”*

I don't know about you, but for me, these words of the wise women in today's Gospel sound a bit mean. Or maybe too cold might be a better way to put it. Couldn't they really share, even just a little bit of flasks of oil they had, so all of them could have stayed ready to welcome the bridegroom? By the time those foolish virgins went off to buy the oil to keep their lamp lit, it was too late. The door was already locked. The ones who kept the oils to themselves entered the banquet, and others who did not have any oils are left outside.

However, I want to invite all of us to focus on one detail. The foolish ones brought “NO” oils, while the wise ones did. Jesus doesn't mention how much of a flask of oil that wise virgins brought. In other words, what truly mattered was not so much the quantity numbers of flasks of oils the wise virgins had but the fact that they had oils, while the foolish ones did not have any.

What would this mean? I think what Jesus is talking about is that what is admirable about the wise virgins and what got them into the banquet is their desire to keep the flame going. They did not want to lose the flame, and they wanted to present their fire burning brightly to the bridegroom and run to greet Him. The fire they had on the torch lamp was the love for their Bridegroom, and keeping it was their non-compromised priority. They keep the fire of love for their master while staying awake and, therefore, equip themselves with flasks of oil, which is the faith and hope that one day, their bridegroom will indeed return and embrace them with unfathomable love. That is what granted them the joy of the banquet.

At times, we tend to think that the proper attitude as Christians is to be willing to yield, tolerate, and compromise for the sake of others. Yes. Being considerate of others is a crucial aspect of our lives as people who belong to Christ. However, there is one thing we should never yield for the sake of anything: our love, faith, and hope for our Bridegroom Jesus Christ. Just like Christ would not compromise anything in loving and saving us, we must have the same heart for Him. Even when the darkness we experience while waiting for His return prevails and persists, and perhaps may suggest we give away the oil that will keep our flame, we must be strong to keep it.

Everyone is responsible for equipping themselves to have the flame God gave us in the baptism. When our Bridegroom returns, we won't be able to blame others for having our light extinguished. So, this week, why don't we start thinking about how to keep the fire going? It can be prayers, going to confessions, daily mass, and the act of charities that make us suitable brides of Christ. If we haven't bought the oils yet, we better do that now! The sooner, the better, and we do not have time to let ourselves fall asleep and wake up to buy the oil. It will be too late by then since Christ, our loving and beloved Bridegroom is already on His way to return.

God Bless,

Fr. Andrew

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>November 5th</u>	<u>Week 19</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$14,662	\$224,452
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$228,506

Food Pantry \$1,266
St. Vincent De Paul \$256
Candles \$395
Repairs and Maintenance \$1,905
Assessment \$358

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

Calling All Young Singers!

St. Cecilia Singers – Grades 3-8

Our St. Cecilia Singers did not have quite enough interest to begin our season this year, but we are hoping that young parishioners will be willing to participate in the month of December as we sing for our

Annual Carol Sing and for Christmas

Eve. For more information on joining this limited commitment, please contact Preston Dibble at the parish office. Rehearsals will begin immediately following Thanksgiving.

Youth Choir – Grades 9-12

Our Youth Choir is off to a great season, but new teens are welcome to participate in the month of December for our Carol Sing and Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are on

Wednesday evenings. Please contact Preston Dibble at the parish office for more information.

olsmusician@gmail.com

For the women of the Parish



Advent by Candlelight is an evening set aside for women to pray and embrace the real reason for the season amidst the busyness of preparing for the holiday.

There will be desserts, decorations, hymns, and times of prayers and reflection.

A group of women is organizing this for the evening of December 5th from 7-9pm.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please contact Colette Gill Pierre at cpierre6860@gmail.com or via phone at 917-767-5344 by November 11th.

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.

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

SCOUT CORNER

Join the Adventure of Scouting! Every Thursday evening at 7:30 pm, our OLS Scouts BSA Troop 99G meets in St Joseph's Hall to have fun, plan trips, service projects, and campouts, and learn new skills for living, like first aid and knot tying!

Come to a meeting anytime. Bring a friend if you like! Find out for yourself what Scouting is all about. Troop 99G is open to all girls ages 11 - 17.

Interested parents of boys or younger children can contact us at OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com or 973.763.6349 for more information about Scouting for boys, and Cub Scouts, the iconic Scouts BSA program for children ages 5 - 10. All are welcome!

Meet Our Staff

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00pm

This Holiday Season DONATE to those in need!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Pasta
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Tuna
- Rice
- Granola bars

SPECIAL HOLIDAY ITEMS

- Cookies
- Decaf Tea
- Hot Chocolate
- New Socks
for adults & children

OLS Pantry does not collect or distribute turkeys, hams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, yams.

To make a MONETARY DONATION towards Fresh Milk & Produce visit www.mendnj.org
Be sure to indicate "OLS Food Pantry" in the note section.

Regular size items needed.
No glass, XL sizes, or home-portioned food.
Check Best By dates prior to donating.

Drop Off Hours for Food Donations

Our Lady of Sorrows Church • 217 Prospect Street
4th St. entrance (lower Church)
Monday-Friday: 9:30am-4:00pm
Church front vestibule
Sat. & Sun.: 8:00am-12:00pm
Please do not leave food at the Rectory.
Thank you for respecting these drop off times.

Questions or to Volunteer:
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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 please contact the parish office.**



VIGIL, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, 2023

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Rosemarie Iantosca

11:30 AM Augustine Nwagwu

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

7:00 AM Edward Silliere

12:00 PM Michael Comerford

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

7:00 AM Paul Kubilus

12:00 PM Licia Dempsey

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

7:00 AM Marilyn Cucciniello

12:00 PM Nicholas Santeramo – 5th
Anniversary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023

7:00 AM Sr. Felice Donelin

12:00 PM Mary Jane Waldron – Special
Intention

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2023

7:00 AM Rachel Miller and Martin Henderek
– Special Intention

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

8:30 AM John Lee

12:00 PM Edward Silliere

VIGIL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

5:30 PM Patricia Wiggins

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

8:00 AM Michael Konner

10:00 AM Leonard Etienne – Special
Intention

11:30 AM People of the Parish

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one for a special intention.

The Sanctuary Candle in the Upper Church is a special intention for **Mary Jane Waldron**. Requested by Lynn Bryce.

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.



Advent Wreath Assembly and Blessing For Parish Families



Sunday, December 3rd

Following the 10am Mass
Includes breakfast - meet in Parish Hall

Cost: \$10 with own wreath base
\$20 if wreath base needed



RSVP BY NOV 27TH

Scan to RSVP or email Stephanie S.
at: olschurchministries@gmail.com

2023

Thanksgiving

FOR SENIORS



DATE: Sunday 11/19 ~ 2-4pm



PHONE: Anne Moore 973-763-5454

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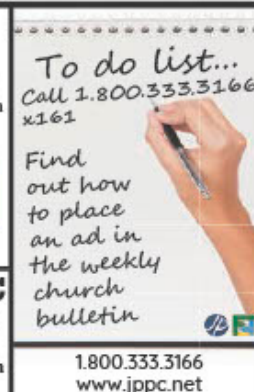
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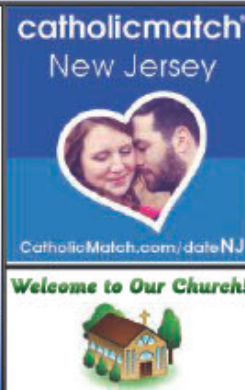
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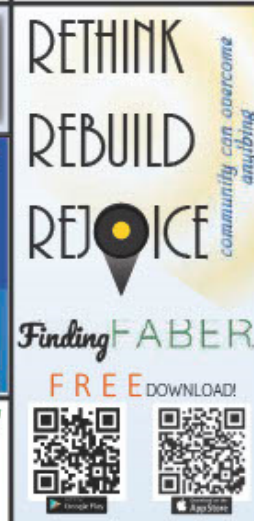
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