

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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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A MESSAGE FROM FR. BRIAN

I suspect that the IRS is the government institution looked upon least favorably by Americans. It seems nobody likes a tax collector. And that was even more the case in the day of Our Lord. Back then, tax collectors in Palestine were the most despised group of people. The character of Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel was one of them. He was a real shake down artist, a man who could get the last shekel out of anyone.

No matter his business ethics, Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. At this particular point in His ministry, Jesus had become a star. He was big news and everyone wanted to catch a glimpse of Him. But Zacchaeus was "vertically challenged" and couldn't see over the crowd, so he climbed up a sycamore tree to get a better view.

And when Jesus saw Zacchaeus, Jesus said to him, "*Zacchaeus, come down immediately, for today I must stay at your house.*" Imagine how proud Zacchaeus must have been. Jesus wanted to go to his home. The Master knew his name. He wasn't just a face in the crowd. Zacchaeus had an experience of God's presence in his own home. For Zacchaeus, everything now had to change. God had come under his roof. His life would be forever different and forever better. And notice what Jesus says next to Zacchaeus: "*Today, salvation has come to this house.*" Not just to Zacchaeus, but the entire home. Christ sanctified that whole house, the entire family.

We often refer to our own homes as little churches. Every Christian home is a place where Our Lord is present. And when He is present, things should change. Jesus changes our families and our lives for the better. But that only happens when we make Jesus our first priority. I have to admit, as a priest, one of the things that is most discouraging to me is when children aren't at Sunday Mass because they have a soccer or baseball or basketball game or some other activity on Sunday morning.

I played football, baseball and basketball in grade school and high school and so I know how important sports and other extracurricular activities can be. But my parents never have allowed me or my 5 brothers and sisters to skip Mass for anything else, no matter how important it might have been. They adjusted our schedules, never wanting us to get the message that something or someone was more important than Jesus.

And it's not just on Saturday evening or Sunday morning that Jesus is the most important and central member of our families. Jesus wants to bless our homes and our families by His everyday presence. He wants to be a living member of our homes and families; He wants to be consulted on every decision; He wants to be invited to every family event; He wants to share in every joy and help out with every challenge; He wants to be spoken to every day in family prayer time.

Here are a few practical suggestions: If you don't have a picture of Jesus hanging in your home already, hang one up as soon as you can. Looking at it will remind you and your children and grandchildren that Jesus is a part of the family.

If you don't have a crucifix hanging in a prominent spot in the house, hang one up as soon as possible. Contemplating it will remind you and your children and grandchildren that Jesus could show no greater love than by laying His life down for His friends, for us.

If you don't have a Bible sitting out for everyone to see and read, get one. It will remind you that God has written a love letter to your family.

And most importantly, visit Jesus as a family every Sunday in His other home, the church, where He shares with us the great sacrament of love that we call the Eucharist.

As He did with Zacchaeus, Christ has invited Himself into our lives. He's asking that we welcome Him into every facet of our lives. He wants to transform our homes, our families and our lives. Christ is knocking on the front door of our homes and our hearts and He is waiting for us to open.

Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

October 27 th	Week 18	Y. To Date
Collection	\$10,791	\$217,182
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$238,846

Christian Initiation Highlights

Nine new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Grace Bernadette Garcia, Tessa Lynn Brown, Laith Mattia Charles Francoise, McKinley Ann Hall, Daniel Jenson, IV, Claire Elizabeth Sheehan, Faeljina Destiny Clare Altenor, Isaac Aviele Tasoe & Isaiah Asuma Tasoe. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2019.



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.

Reflections on Catechism

2412 In virtue of commutative justice, reparation for injustice committed requires the restitution of stolen goods to their owner

Jesus blesses Zacchaeus for his pledge: "If I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." Those who, directly or indirectly, have taken possession of the goods of another, are obliged to make restitution of them, or to return the equivalent in kind or in money, if the goods have disappeared, as well as the profit or advantages their owner would have legitimately obtained from them. Likewise, all who in some manner have taken part in a theft or who have knowingly benefited from it – for example, those who ordered it, assisted in it, or received the stolen goods – are obliged to make restitution in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen.



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

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.

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

Live Mass Broadcast

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.



Month Two: Developing Baby

Your baby is making progress developing all of his external features and internal organs. His brain is functioning at 40 days. His mother can hear his heartbeat now with an ultrasound stethoscope. His milk-teeth buds are present at 6 1/2 weeks. It is reported that at two months he can suck his thumb!

From this moment onward, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines his body. But everything he needs to survive once he is born is already present by the end of the eighth week.

If you or someone you know would like to receive these updates via email, contact elena.santoliquido@gmail.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE (through November 3) — To participate, contact Lisa Hart at lisa@lifeneducation.org or at 973-769-4422.

"Love and sacrifice are closely linked, like the sun and the light. We cannot love without suffering and we cannot suffer without love." — St. Gianna Beretta Molla

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Men's Retreat Day!

Men of the parish are invited to join us for a day of reflection/retreat on **Saturday, Nov 9, at St Joseph Shrine in Stirling, NJ**. The program will include two presentations, time for private reflection and prayer, Mass, and an opportunity for confession. It will start at 9:00 AM and end around 3:00 PM. Fr Peter Okafor will be our spiritual leader for the day. The event is sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group. The cost is \$40.00 and includes a continental breakfast and full hot meal for lunch. Car pooling will be available. For reservations or questions, please contact Len Mrozak (lmrozak@aol.com / 908 872-4968) or Greg Tobin (gmgso@aa.org / 973 818-2547).



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!**

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.

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."



Our Lady of Sorrows School News

Learn Serve Lead Succeed

Our Lady of Sorrows School has its very own extensive sports program provided to students at no charge. OLS Crusader Athletics affords students in grades K - 8 the opportunity to run cross country, participate in track and field, play volleyball, play basketball and support the OLS teams on the cheerleading team.

We host meets and tournaments throughout the school year. Most recently we hosted 13 Catholic Schools from Morris and Essex Counties for The 20th Fall Classic at Floods Hill in South Orange.

Basketball season is right around the corner! Watch for information on the February Frenzy, the largest Catholic Grammar school Basketball tournament in the area which spans 10 days of fun competitive basketball for all ages! Go, Crusaders!

See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer! To Schedule, a tour visit www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org or call 973.762.5169.



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 2, 2019

5:30 PM John Pogany

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM John Hamilton
11:30 AM Joseph G. Calabrese

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019

7:00 AM Geraldine & John Doyle
12:00 PM Jane Howard-Johnson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Cecilia
Ezudumoi, Zesita Isekengbe &
Family & Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Hilda Francolini

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

7:00 AM Carter Falzarano
12:00 PM Wilma Angle 1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

7:00AM Joseph Preston
12:00 PM Lenore Antinozzi

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2019

7:00AM Deacon John Baltus.
12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased
Members of the Kozlowski Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2019

8:30 AM Louis Rimpel
12:00 PM John Pogany

VIGIL MASS 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

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **John Shine**. 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 **Carter Falzarano 1st Anniversary**. Requested by Lynn Bryce.

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.



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\$35 in advance.
Includes one Grand Prize Raffle Ticket.
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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.

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Cash or checks payable to "OLS School." • Questions? Please contact the school office
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