

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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MASSES: *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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Solemnity of Christ The King

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

The Apostle Paul writes in our 2nd reading for this Sunday's Solemnity of Christ the King: "*Let us give thanks to the Father*" (Col 1:12). This Thursday we give thanks in a particular way as we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a day in which, as a Church, as a nation, as communities, as families, and as individuals, we thank Almighty God for His Providential care over us and the many blessings which He continually offers us.

We can even be thankful for the things in our life which might discourage us. I get lots of faith-based e-mails. A while back I received one that was about this very subject of gratitude toward God, gratitude even for the things that don't at first seem like blessings. Oftentimes we complain about the struggles and inconveniences in our lives. But are we thankful for the blessings that might be hidden in those struggles and inconveniences and are we grateful for them?

The writer of the e-mail gives some examples (I recited some of these in a recent Sunday homily):

- I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.
- I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have had enough to eat.
- I am thankful for my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.
- I am thankful for the lady behind me in church who sings off-key because it means I can hear.
- I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved-ones are nearby.
- I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
- I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive.

You get the idea. It's simply a matter of trying to find the silver lining around every cloud and being grateful to God for *all* His blessings.

Of course, we know that thanking God isn't just for Thanksgiving Day. God gives us 86,400 seconds every day. We ought to use a few of those seconds each and every day to thank Him for His generous love. It's called having an attitude of gratitude.

On behalf of the clergy and staff of Our Lady of Sorrows, I wish you a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Thankful Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

This will be reported in our next bulletin

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please note that on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 28th and Friday, November 29th there will be one Mass only in the upper church at 9:00 am.



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.

Reflections on Catechism

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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.”

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.

Holiday Time at the Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is distributing Christmas food packages on Saturday, December 14. As we've done for the last several holidays, we are distributing ShopRite gift cards in lieu of turkeys or hams. More flexible to meet our patrons' wide-ranging needs, and easier on everyone's backs. If you'd like to donate cards, \$10 denominations work best. Special foods for Christmas include coffee (1 pound containers), oil (canola, veg, olive) in 32 oz containers (no glass), and cookies. 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://bit.ly/OLSPANTRY>) with dates through April 2020. 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!

First Reconciliation Retreat Coming Up

Just a friendly reminder that our mandatory First Reconciliation Retreat is coming up on Saturday, December 7th. Our retreat will begin in the upper church at 8:45 am and will end around 11:45 am. One parent is asked to accompany each student on this important milestone in their sacramental preparation journey. All students should have completed their First Reconciliation workbook and corresponding worksheets prior to attending the retreat. Please bring all completed worksheets to the retreat for collection. This year we will also be collecting food for the OLS food pantry. Please bring a canned good with you to the retreat to help support this worthwhile program.

Our First Reconciliation service will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am.

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.



Happening At OLS

Thanksgiving for Seniors Sun, Nov 24 @ 2:00 pm – Gym

Advent Reflection Talk Mon, Dec 2nd @ 7:00 pm – Upper Church

School Holiday Extravaganza Sun, Dec 8th from 12-4 – Gym

Advent Penance Service Wed, Dec 11th @7:00 pm – St. Joseph Church in Maplewood

Advent Baptism Celebration Fri, Dec 13th @ 6:00 pm – St. Joseph Hall

The Carol Sing Sun, Dec 15th @ 4:00 pm – Upper Church



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

Please come to LIFENET'S 25th Anniversary Fundraising Gala, "A Child is Born", on **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park, NJ. Tickets are **\$150** per person with an open bar and Venetian Hour. All proceeds will go towards LIFENET's vital pro-life/pro-chastity educational work! For more information or to purchase tickets, call Nicole at 973-497-4500 or email info@lifeneteducation.org.

Join us for our monthly meeting on **Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 A.M.** in the lower church.

"Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: And the fruit of the womb is his reward." — Psalm 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.



Our Lady of Sorrows School Preschool Preview

December 8, 2019 from 12pm - 1:30pm



Join us to learn more about Our Lady of Sorrows Preschool and our play-based approach in learning with an emphasis on respect and responsibility. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and parents.

After your preschool visit, we welcome you to the school gym for the Holiday Extravaganza to shop and have your child's photo taken with Santa.

Registration begins January 6th.



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*It is time to Remember and Celebrate
your child's Baptism Day!*

You are invited to join us for

An Advent Baptism Celebration

*For all those Baptized between 2015 and 2017 along
with their families!*

*Come and meet the children and their parents who
share the same Baptism day as your child*

Friday, December 13th 2019 – 6:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church – St. Joseph's Hall

Questions or to RSVP go to olsbaptisms@gmail.com

During the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, please join us for a relaxing evening and some food and drink while your children meet other children baptized with them and have fun with our youth group with crafts and games.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

8:00 AM Teresa & Philip Wilderotter
10:00 AM William E. Smith 10th Anniversary
11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette
Ezuduemoih & Family & Souls in
Purgatory

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019

7:00 AM Lou & June Moritz
12:00 PM Anthony & Lucy Iantosca

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Doran and
Concanon Families
12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased
Members of the Woitkowski Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2019

7:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.
12:00 PM Gloria Colon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019

9:00AM Eugene & Mary Golding

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

9:00AM Amparo Rivera

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Finaldi
Families
12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the
Deehan Family

VIGIL MASS NOVEMBER 30, 2019

5:30 PM Elizabeth Robbins

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette
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Purgatory
11:30 AM Nwosisi Family Special Intention

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Thomas Gildea, John J. O’Cone and Viola Ronnie.** 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 **Deacon John Baltus.** Requested by Linda Daragh. This week’s **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr..** Requested by Ocie & Ernestina Lacy.

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

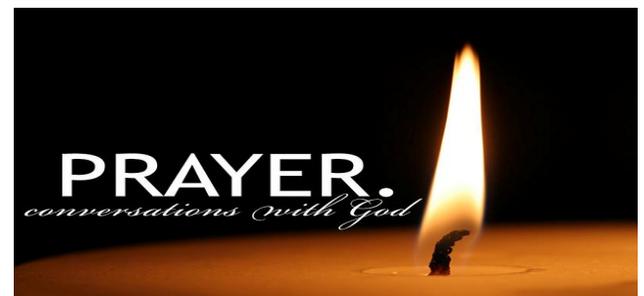
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

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., Beth Hebron and Henry Hamel.



Advent

A Time to Prepare



Advent Reflection Talk

December 2, Monday, 7:00 pm

Christmas is all about the entry of our Savior into the world, as the Virgin Mary gives birth to the Christ Child. Begin to prepare for that by joining us for our Advent Reflection Talk, which this year will be given by Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin, Director of Newborn Medicine & Pediatrics in Harlem, NY and Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University. She is a highly respected and honored physician, lecturer, teacher, and author. She has also been named Catholic Laywoman of the Year by the *New York Catholic* newspaper.

The Blessed Mother's pregnancy was, of course, a miracle. Dr. Marron-Corwin experienced 3 miracles of her own during her 3 at-risk pregnancies. Learn how her life of faith helped her to discern what to do in those difficult situations. We promise that you will be very inspired by how one woman has learned to live out her Christian faith in real and challenging ways. Prepare for the Christmas miracle by hearing about 3 other miracles!