



# *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

**Marriages:** Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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***November 26, 2023***

***Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

Next Sunday, we begin the Holy Season of Advent. But before we begin our preparations for the coming of Christ at Christmas, we first celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In the 1920s, Communism was spreading all over the globe. Pope Pius XI saw it as a threat because it tried to repress belief in Christ and it tried to suppress the presence of the Church in the world. Communism was – and still is – nothing more than a powerful series of outrageous lies. In the face of these lies, something needed to be done. And so to proclaim the fact of Christ's kingship in the Universe, Pope Pius XI in 1925 proclaimed the Feast of Christ the King.

This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ if they want to be future citizens and heirs of the kingdom of heaven.

Of course, our King is no ordinary king. In fact, the last thing that Jesus resembled as He hung on the Cross on Good Friday was a king. He was bathed in blood, not clothed with royal purple. He was hammered to a Cross, not seated on a throne. He was crowned with thorns, not with gold and diadems. No, our King is no ordinary King. Our King's power comes from His passion, death and resurrection. But Christ's kingdom cannot be crucified. Christ's kingdom is forever.

The first purpose of the Feast of Christ the King is to recognize Christ's kingship in the universe and to proclaim it to an ever increasingly secularized world.

But there's another, perhaps even more important, purpose to this Feast: to examine our lives and ask ourselves whether Christ, whom we proclaim as King of the universe, actually reigns in our own lives.

Far more fundamental than the question of whether Christ is recognized by the state is whether Christ's lordship is recognized and lived by us. Is Christ truly King of my life? Is He the Lord of my time? Is He the Lord of my wallet? Is He the Lord of my conversations? Is He the Lord of my time spent on the Internet and on social media? Is He the true source and summit of my hopes and aspirations? Is He *my* King?

Friends, we can't have Christ rule some parts of our lives and not others. The Lord Jesus Christ is Lord of all or not at all. We get to decide.

The Kingdom of Christ is a Kingdom of Faith, Hope and Love. If we sometimes fall victim to a life of doubt, despair and anger, then maybe it's time for a regime change in our heart. Let us surrender our whole life to Christ the King. Let Him be the Lord of our entire life. Of every aspect of our life. The choice is ours. We get to choose who will sit on the throne of our heart.

*Christ the King Blessings,*



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

***This will be reported in our next Bulletin***

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**Please Remember OLS**

Thank you for considering OLS in your will. A bequest to the Parish makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

**Advent Wreath  
Assembly and Blessing  
for Parish Families**



**Sunday, December 3rd  
Following 10am Mass, Parish Hall**

Cost per family: (Includes bagels & coffee)  
\$10 with own wreath & candles  
\$20 if wreath & candles needed  
Cash/check payment at the door



**RSVP by Nov 27th!**

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

**Stewardship Reflections**

***"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40***

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

**Congratulations to our 11th 2023 Calendar Raffle Winner!**

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Bowling** on winning our 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 monthly drawing in our calendar raffle. **Elizabeth** won \$1,500! **Elizabeth's** ticket went right back into the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win our last drawing. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website [olschurch.com](http://olschurch.com) and purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is December 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to everyone!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm.

*If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please contact Colette Gill Pierre at [cpierre6860@gmail.com](mailto:cpierre6860@gmail.com) or via phone at 917-767-5344*

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**<http://www.olschurch.com>**



## Gifts that Give Back

NOVEMBER 25-26  
AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES

JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS FOR  
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## Our Lady of Sorrows School 2023 Wreath Sale



Volunteers from the Home-School Association will be selling Wreaths and Grave Covers in front of the Church after Mass on the following Sundays:

**NOVEMBER 26th - December 3rd -  
DECEMBER 10th**

Small decorated wreath (12") \$25.00

Large decorated wreath (24") \$45.00

Small grave blanket /pillow (24"x24") \$25.00

Medium grave blanket /pillow (24"x26") \$40.00

This year we are also taking orders! Order online  
<https://www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/wreath-sale>

We will have a limited number of medium grave blankets so ordering early is encouraged in order to reserve! Or contact Todd Leslie at [taleslie@mac.com](mailto:taleslie@mac.com) to place your order.

You can pick up your wreaths the Sunday after you make your purchase or let us know if you need to make alternate arrangements. Cash, check or credit card accepted All proceeds support Our lady of Sorrows School!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT!**

### 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 please contact the parish office.**

## ESSEX COUNTY YOUNG ADULTS

### **Holy day Mass & Trivia night**

**~ Friday, Dec. 8th ~**

Adults ages 20-35: join us as we celebrate Advent  
and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception!

7PM Mass (Location TBD)  
8:15pm: Trivia at Brook Tap House  
811 Passaic Ave, West Caldwell, NJ 07006



RSVP so we have  
space for you &  
to get updates  
on Mass location!



### **VIGIL, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

5:30 PM William E. Smith 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM John David Leone & Stephen King Wesley

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023**

7:00 AM Archina and Rodal Cajuste Special Intention

12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee Special Intention

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

7:00 AM Mary and Eugene Golding

12:00 PM Frank "Bo" Ench

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023**

7:00 AM Andrew Muller

12:00 PM Melissa McAuther

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023**

7:00 AM Marie Saykanie

12:00 PM Anne O'Brien

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023**

7:00 AM Betty Ann Duthie

12:00 PM Gervasio A. DeChaves

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**

8:30 AM Filomena and Ralph Ferrace

12:00 PM Edward Silliere

### **VIGIL SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**

5:30 PM Barbara Tinari

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023**

8:00 AM Jennie Magliaro

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Rosemarie Iantosca

### **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 in loving memory of **James E. Maloney**.

Requested by Kathryn Maloney.

### **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.




# Help Bring Christmas Joy to our Parish at our Annual Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 10, 2023



This Advent, the children of Our Lady of Sorrows can help prepare the hearts of everyone in the parish for the coming of Jesus Christ in a very special way: by participating in the OLS Christmas pageant. The birth of our Savior is VERY BIG news worth sharing with everyone! Please help us deliver this exciting message by having your child participate in our upcoming pageant. It's a fun way for kids to learn about their faith and a great opportunity for them to share their many talents - acting, singing and storytelling - with others. The commitment is minimal, costumes are provided and the photos are always PRICELESS!

Please email Colleen McDonald at [sorrowschurch@gmail.com](mailto:sorrowschurch@gmail.com) if your child in grades K-8 would like to participate. Or sign up electronically via the SignUpGenius!

<p><b>Pageant Roles</b></p> <p><b>K and Grade 1:</b> Lambs</p> <p><b>Grade 2:</b> Angels</p> <p><b>Grade 3</b> Shepherds</p> <p><b>Grades 4 and Up:</b> Central Figures</p> <p>* Costumes Provided for All Cast Members</p>		<p><b>Pageant Schedule</b></p> <p><b>Practice</b></p> <p><b>Friday, December 8th</b> 4:00 - 6:30 pm (Grades 4-8) 5:30 - 6:30 pm (Grades K-3) upper church</p> <p><b>Pageant Day</b> <b>Sunday, December 10th</b> Central figures arrive 3:00 pm, upper church</p> <p>Sheep, Angels and Shepherds arrive 4:00 pm, St. Joseph's Hall</p>
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**Pageant Showtime 4:30 - 5:00 pm**

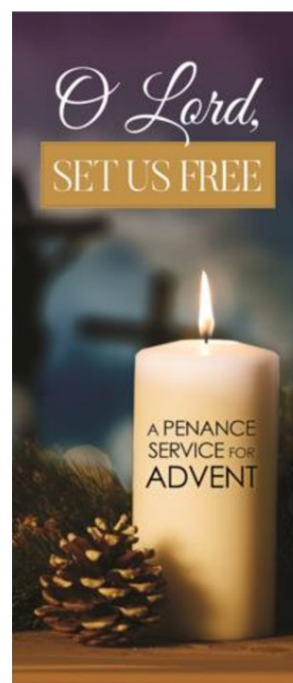
**Join us for our Christmas Pageant Pizza Social immediately following the  
show in St. Joseph's Hall  
\$25 per Family**





**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 7:00 PM  
OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH**

Please join us for our Advent Penance Service. We will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. Prepare your soul for the Birth of Our Savior by first making a good confession.



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