



Our Lady of Sorrows

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MASSES: *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 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Brian

There are about 27 more shopping days until Christmas! But before we celebrate Christmas, don't forget that we first celebrate the holy season of Advent. This is a time in which we spiritually prepare ourselves for the birth of Divine Savior. To help you to do that, we offer you the following:

- **Advent Giving Tree**: Please consider sharing your blessings with others by taking a tag from our Advent Giving Tree, which will be set up in the back vestibule of the church. All gifts must be returned to the Church by Noon on Sunday, December 18th. Thank you!
- **Advent Reflection Booklet**: Those of you who were at Mass on the weekend of November 20th were offered a wonderful booklet of daily meditations for Advent. We still have copies left and they are in baskets in the back vestibule of the church. Help yourself!
- **Advent Reflection Talk, Monday, December 5, 7:00 pm**: Allan Wright, the President of the NJ Family Council and Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University, a noted author, and a very gifted, inspiring, and entertaining speaker, will offer us a lot to think about as we get ready to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas. To learn more about Allan, go here: <https://allanwright.org>.
- **Children's Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 11, 4:30 pm**: The children of our parish will perform their annual Christmas Pageant, which will remind us all of the simplicity and humility of that first Christmas in Bethlehem.
- **Advent Penance Service, Monday, December 12, 7:00 pm**: What better way for us to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ Child than to make our souls as pure as possible? We will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. Receive the mercy and forgiveness of the Prince of Peace!
- **OLS Annual Carol Sing, Sunday, December 18, 4:00 pm**: Join members of our incredible music ministry as we reflect, through sacred choral pieces, on the miracle of Christmas. There will be selections for all of us to sing together, as well as sacred pieces performed by our choir, that will help us to wonder at the marvelous miracle of Our Savior's birth. Following the Carol Sing, our parish Youth Group will present an outdoor living Nativity production. This event is well-known throughout South Orange and indeed the Archdiocese of Newark.

Wow, we have a lot going on this month! And that doesn't even include Christmas Masses, which will be at 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 10:00 pm on Christmas Eve and at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am on Christmas Day.

I pray that you have very holy Advent and that you will take advantage of as many of the offerings that we will have at OLS to help you prayerfully prepare for the Birth of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

Advent Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

This will be reported in our next bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which at this time we're offering in particular for peace in Ukraine. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

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.



Stewardship Reflections

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables.

Food donations can be dropped off:

- **Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00 – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)**
- **Saturday: 8:00-6:00 – Church front vestibule**
- **Sunday: 8:00-12:00 – Church front vestibule**
- ***Please do not leave food at the Rectory.***

Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/> Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.



Meet Our Staff

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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. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.**



VIGIL, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2022

5:30 PM William E. Smith - 12th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Augustine Nwagwu
11:30 AM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022

7:00 AM Joseph Grimes
12:00 PM Eugene and Mary Golding

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski and Deceased
Members of the Dambski Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022

7:00 AM Monica Mrozak
12:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of
the Deehan Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

7:00 AM Betty Ann Duthie
12:00 PM John M. McConville - 1st
Anniversary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022

7:00 AM Maureen Driskill
12:00 PM Richard Pilone

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

8:30 AM Filomena and Ralph Ferrace
12:00 PM John Scafaria

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

5:30 PM Robert Novembre

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

8:00 AM Lawrence and Catherine Del Plato
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Tony Wonski - 1st Anniversary

IN MEMORIAM

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

This week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered 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: Cathy Craig, 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, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, 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, Jennie Magliaro, Annalise Magilaro and Grace McGrath.





Our Lady of Sorrows Parish invites you to keep the memory of your deceased loved ones alive by participating in our 1st annual Memorial fundraising event

For a small contribution of \$30, you can select from one of two beautifully crafted wood ornaments which will be personalized the name of your loved one and hung on one of trees which decorate our Church during the Christmas season. Afterwards you can take it home as a treasured keepsake for years to come.

Please complete the following information and return with your \$30 donation to Anne Moore in the Parish office by Thursday, December 1, 2022. You can bring it to the office, put it in the collection on Sunday to the attention of Anne Moore, or mail it to the office at 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Name to be memorialized: _____

Birth and Death Year: _____

Specify which Ornament you want Outside Inside

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL 2022 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 27TH - DECEMBER 4TH

DECEMBER 11TH - DECEMBER 18TH

Small decorated wreath (24") \$25.00
Large decorated wreath (36") \$45.00
Small grave blanket /pillow \$20.00
Medium grave blanket /pillow \$35.00
Large grave blankets \$50.00

This year we are also taking orders!

Order online

<https://www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/wreath-sale>

Or contact Todd Leslie at 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.

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