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Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

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November 28, 2021
First Sunday of Advent

A Message From Fr. Brian

Advent is here! And that means that Christmas is not far away! But before we jump right into Christmas, I encourage you to use this holy season of Advent to spiritually prepare yourself for the birth of Christ. To help you to do that, we offer you the following (these are all listed on the calendar on the next page):

- *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 19th. Thank you!
- *Advent Reflection Booklet*: We have a wonderful booklet of daily spiritual meditations for Advent from Magnificat Press. Please take one from the baskets in the back vestibule of the Church.
- *Seton Hall University Choir performance of Handel's Messiah, Sunday, December 5, 4:00 pm*: The choir from Seton Hall University, under the direction of Jason Tramm, will perform the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*, a true musical masterpiece. The SHU choir will be accompanied by an orchestra and professional soloists. While this is a Seton Hall event, it is open to the public, including all of us from OLS and there is no cost to attend. What a blessing for OLS that Seton Hall has chosen to have its concert here!
- *Advent Reflection Talk, Monday, December 6, 7:00 pm*: Fr. Mariusz Koch, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal and a wonderful priest and speaker, will offer us a reflection on the theme of "Be Not Afraid." See the flyer in this week's bulletin for further information on what promises to be a very inspiring talk!
- *Children's Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 12, 4:00 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 13, 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 19, 4:00 pm*: Join members of our 3 choirs 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. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. 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,





December 2021

Our Lady of Sorrow - South Orange, NJ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent 8:00AM 10:00AM 11:30AM	29	30	1	2	3	4 First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00AM Second Sunday of Advent 5:30PM
5 Second Sunday of Advent Masses at: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM <i>Coffee and Donuts after morning Masses</i> Seton Hall University Concert Handel's Messiah 4:00PM	6 Advent Reflection 7:00PM	7	8 Immaculate Conception <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Masses at: 7:00AM 9:30AM (School) 12:00PM 7:00PM	9	10	11 First Reconciliation 10:00AM Third Sunday of Advent 5:30PM
12 Third Sunday of Advent Masses at: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM OLS Children's Christmas Pageant 4:00PM	13 CCD Confessions 3:55PM Advent Penance Service 7:00PM	14 CCD Confessions 3:55PM	15	16	17	18 Fourth Sunday of Advent 5:30PM
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses at: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM OLS CAROL SING 4:00PM	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve 4:30PM—Mass with Children's Choir 7:00PM—Mass 9:30PM—Concert with Parish Choir and Brass 10:00PM—Mass with Parish Choir and Brass	25 Christmas Day 8:00AM 10:00AM 11:30AM No evening vigil Mass
26 Holy Family 8:00AM 10:00AM 11:30AM	27	28	29	30	31 Mary, Mother of God 5:30PM	Jan. 1 Mary, Mother of God 10:00AM 11:30AM No evening vigil Mass

Advent Reflection Talk
December 6, Monday, 7:00 pm
"Be Not Afraid!"

Christmas is all about the entry of our Savior into the world, as the Virgin Mary gives birth to the Messiah. Before that wonderful Birth, the angel appeared to the Virgin Mary and said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Our Advent Reflection Talk this year will be given by Fr. Mariusz Koch, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal. His theme will take up the message of the angel: "Be not afraid." The times we live in can cause us much fear and anxiety, but as people of faith we are encouraged to "Be not afraid!"

Prepare for the joy of Christmas by embracing that beautiful message. Fr. Mariusz's talk will inspire us and better prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ Child. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!





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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. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. 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?

Get Formed

For several years, Our Lady of Sorrows has provided a free subscription to FORMED.org to all of our parishioners. FORMED has wonderful resources for the whole family (including young children and teens!) to learn more about our Catholic faith. FORMED provides Bible studies, documentaries, talks and movies for people of all ages so that everyone may grow in their faith. If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

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VIGIL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021

5:30 PM Debra Flynn

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Eugene and Mary Golding
11:30 AM All Rosarians, Living & Deceased

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

7:00 AM Raymundo L. Bautista
12:00 PM Marian Grant
7:00 PM ***Pro-Life Eucharistic Holy Hour***

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

7:00 AM Betty Ann Duthie
12:00 PM Anthony Richards

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

7:00AM Silano Family
12:00 PM Katherine Phillips

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

7:00 AM Kirk Family
12:00 PM Josephine Cantelli

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

8:30 AM Filomena and Ralph Ferrace
12:00 PM Debra Flynn

VIGIL MASS DECEMBER 4, 2021

5:30 PM Anabeth Rose Ebert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Annabeth Ebert
11:30 AM The Brutofsky Family

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: ***Carrie Pfannenstiel***. We pray for the repose of their souls and also for those left behind during this time.

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a 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, 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, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon and Mary Jane Tannen.



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