



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 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

I can only imagine how many prayers have been recently said worldwide asking God to bring some peace to the Middle East. As we watch the enormous human suffering that is being experienced there, it absolutely breaks our hearts. And when we think about the needless suffering in places like Ukraine, as well as in many parts of Africa that are being devastated by war and violence, we can easily become overwhelmed by the lack of peace in the world.

From my own pastoral ministry, I know that aside from there being a lack of world peace, our own individual lives can often be inflicted by a lack of interior peace. That doesn't need to be the case. We are all capable of experiencing true, authentic interior peace. The response for the Psalm this Sunday is, *"In You, Lord, I have found my peace."*

The key to interior peace and joy is found in being in a loving relationship with God. Yet, we so often allow ourselves to be robbed of that interior peace. What are some of the thieves of interior peace and joy? Allow me to name just a few:

1) *Self-pity*. We've probably all experienced this. We start to feel bad for ourselves, to begin counting not our blessings, but instead our misfortunes. We start to feel as though we're taken for granted and unappreciated. The center of my thoughts and energy becomes "me," instead of Jesus and His people. That's self-pity and it robs us of peace.

2) *Worrying*. Of all the living creatures that God made, we human beings are the only ones that worry. And we worry about everything. You name it, somebody, somewhere is worrying about it. Of course, we all know deep down that worrying produces nothing but ulcers. The antidote to worrying is abandoning ourselves to God, burying all our worries in His loving will. One of the mottos of Alcoholics Anonymous is, "Let go and let God." That's good advice and it reduces useless worrying and anxiety in our lives and it brings us interior peace.

3) *Complaining*. We've all met people who would have even complained about the menu at the Last Supper! Their glasses are always half-empty, they're more prone to criticize than compliment, and they discourage rather than encourage. The opposite of complaining is gratitude. We are called to be a people of gratitude, grateful for all the good things God has given us and also for all the challenges that God has placed before us to make us stronger and more like Him.

4) *Sin*. This is the most significant thing that deprives us of living a peace-filled life. When we are mired in sin, we turn away from God, and that is a sure way of robbing ourselves of interior peace. But there's a very simple solution: confession, which turns us back to God. Even the formula of absolution which the priest says to the penitent makes reference to this. It goes, in part, *"...through the ministry of the church may God grant you pardon and peace..."*

So, those are a few of the things that rob us of interior peace and joy. Are there tremendous problems in the world? Of course, there are. And we're called to do everything we can to alleviate the suffering of those around us, to mourn with those whose lives have been shattered by tragedy or sorrow. But at the same time, we have reason to rejoice because God has come into this world, and He has set in motion the events that will bring an end to all these things. Death and war and disease and sorrow and suffering will not have the final word. God has already spoken the final Word. The final Word is Jesus Christ and it is in Him that we find interior peace.

Peaceful Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>October 29th</u>	<u>Week 18</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$10,346	\$209,790
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$216,479

Food Pantry \$428
Candles \$558
Assessment \$266

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.

Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 pm

Join us to pray the Rosary in the lower chapel, followed by refreshments and fellowship in St Joseph Hall. We will also view a short video on Mary our Mother presented by Fr Mike Schmitz. All are invited.

Looking ahead, mark your calendar for our annual Rosary Christmas Party on December 12th. For information, contact Kathysheffo@gmail.com

OLS Men's Discussion Series

The men of the parish are invited to a monthly discussion series that will focus on a man's role in society, the family, and his own faith. We will meet on the following dates at 7:30 pm in the Lower Chapel.

- Tuesday, Nov. 28: Brotherhood
- Monday, Dec. 11: Sacramental Life

All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Lou Budzyn: kc303@gmail.com. This Discussion Series is sponsored by the OLS Knight of Columbus Regina Pacis (Queen of Peace) Council.

Christian Initiation Highlights

Two new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Charles Thomas Hyland and Chloe Guelce. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, November 26, 2023.

Our Lady of Sorrows School Employment Opportunities

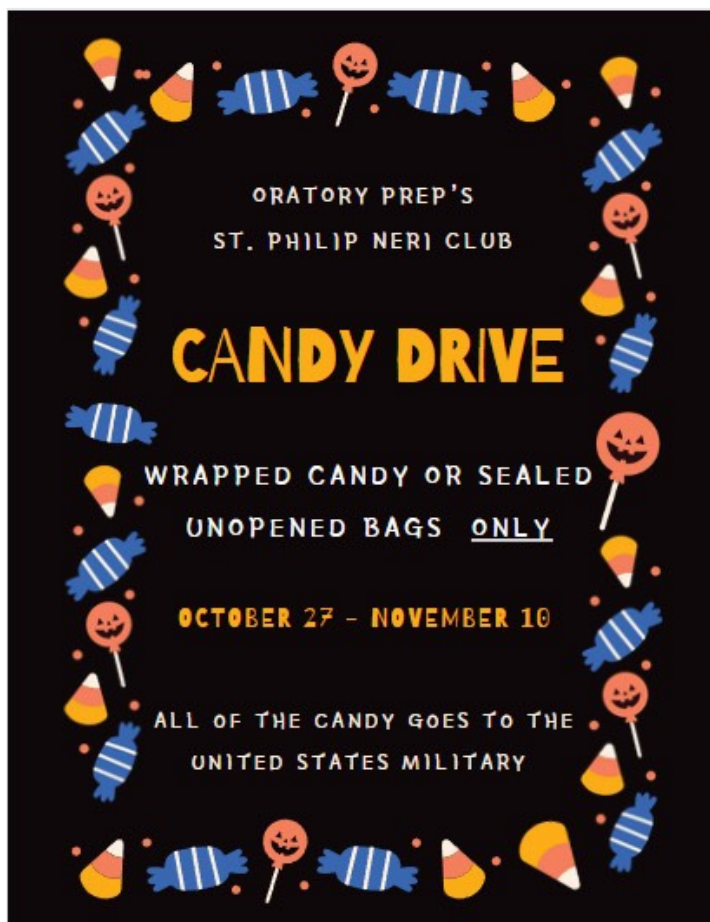
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Part-time Pre-Kindergarten Extended Day Assistant (2023-2024)

Candidates interested in joining an outstanding team of Pre-Kindergarten Catholic school educators are asked to send: cover letter and resume to Ms. Judy A. Foley, Principal, at principal@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org. Afternoon hours till 6pm, daily.

Candy Drive

Wrapped candy can be dropped in the collection bin in the front vestibule of the Church until Nov. 10. Thank you!



Meet Our Staff

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OLS School Tricky Tray

Next weekend, Our Lady of Sorrows School will be holding their 20th annual Tricky Tray event, which is the premier fundraiser for the year.



Representatives from the Home School Association will be selling Grand Prize tickets in the vestibule after Masses *this* weekend. Each ticket is \$10 and at the end of the event, three American Express gift card prizes will be drawn in the amounts of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. Winners need not be present. We thank you for supporting our wonderful school!

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We are serving nearly 200-250 families with each pantry distribution. For the calendar year 2022, this amounts to 8,341 bags of groceries provided to 6,773 families made up of 25,066 individuals. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of Our Lady of Sorrows church, its parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you.

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Food donations can be dropped off in the lower church Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00 pm inside the 4th Street entrance (buzz to be let in) or in the church vestibule Saturday/Sunday morning. 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.

JOIN US

JOIN US AT OUR NEW FAMILY MASS

10:00 am Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Youth Participants needed once a month as:

- Greeter and Clean-Up Crew (ages 4 and up)
- Gift Bearer and Usher (ages 7 and up)
- Reader of a Prayer(s) of the Faithful (ages 7 and up)
- S. Cecilia Singer or Youth Choir Member (ages 8 and up)
- Lector (Confirmation age preferred)

Questions? Want to volunteer?
Email olschurchministries@gmail.com
Or scan here!



VIGIL, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2023

5:30 PM William Cody, Jr. and Alice Cody

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed
11:30 AM Eileen DePaola

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

7:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM Lenora M. Antinozzi

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

7:00 AM Joseph Preston
12:00 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

7:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM Inez Eckhoff

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

7:00 AM Kenel Hyppolite
12:00 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023

7:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:00 PM Margaret McTernan - 40th
Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

8:30 AM Diletta and Gerard Horan -
Special Intention
12:00 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

VIGIL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Rosemarie Iantosca
11:30 AM Augustine Nwagwu

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Margaret Otto**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

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, and Kevin Golding.



2024 Mass Book

The 2024 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) _____ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) _____ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am
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Amount enclosed: \$_____ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)

Essex County Young Adults

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to our:

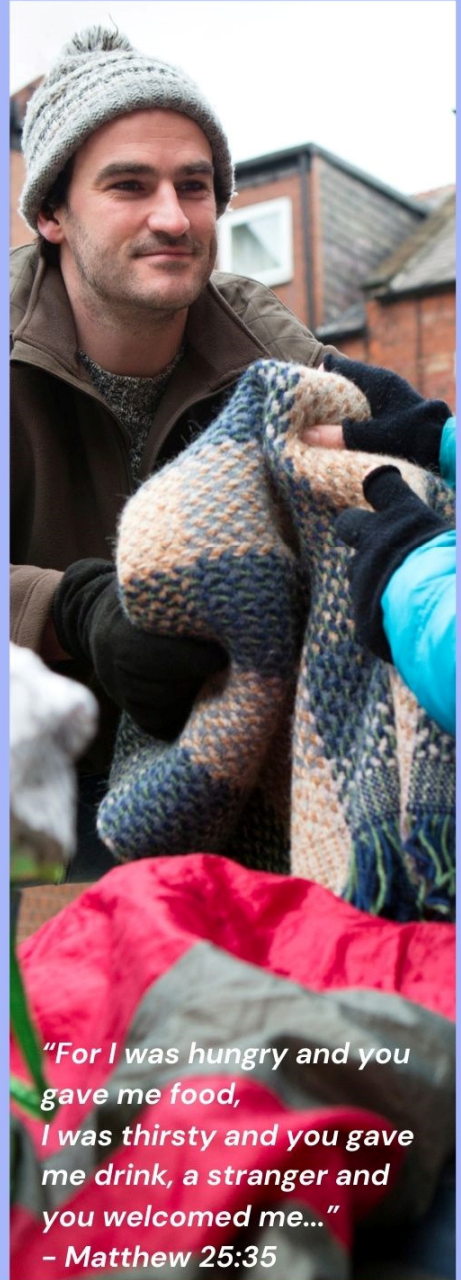
"Midnight Run" November Night of Service

*Prepare care packages
for our homeless brothers and
sisters and distribute them at
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"Midnight Run"!)*

Friday, November 10th

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