



Our Lady of Sorrows

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They can
no longer
die for they
are like
Angels.
LUKE 20:36

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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

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November 6, 2022
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

This Sunday's readings focus on the afterlife and they give us the opportunity to reflect upon what happens to us after we die. Without intending to be morbid, it's always a good thing to review what the Church teaches about certain things, including the afterlife. And besides, the Church's teaching is the teaching of Christ Himself and it is very good news because it means that eternal life awaits us. So back to Catechism class we go.

All those who die before the 2nd coming of Christ will be judged immediately at their deaths. This is known as the *particular judgment*. We call it the particular judgment because it's particular to each person. As Catholics, we believe that when we die, we'll have to account for our lives, for all the good that we've done, as well as for any sins that we've committed.

Now there are 3 possible outcomes to the particular judgment: Heaven, Purgatory or Hell. Those whose love for God has been perfected in this life are taken straight to *Heaven*, where they enjoy endless happiness in the face-to-face vision of God. These are those souls that die in the grace of God. We celebrated them on November 1st. The happiness of Heaven is amazing. It consists in seeing God immediately and directly, clearly and distinctly, face to face. We call this the Beatific Vision. It's impossible for us to understand the happiness of Heaven. Every pleasure has some limitation, some imperfection. But in the face-to-face vision of God, there is no imperfection. Once we see Him as He is, we will be filled to capacity with love of Him. And we will be perfectly happy. What a reward! That's Heaven.

Those who die in God's love but still love Him imperfectly must first be purified before entering into Heaven. If we have died without atoning for our venial sins, Our Lord in His love and mercy will first purge and heal our soul in *Purgatory*. After this purgation and healing, our soul will then be welcomed into Heaven. Purgatory is not a temporary Hell and it's not permanent. Purgatory lets us know that we're welcome in Heaven, but that first our souls must be clean. So Purgatory turns out to be the anteroom to Heaven, and it consists of rehabilitation rather than retribution. And it's good news because it means we're on our way to Heaven. By the way, saying prayers and having Masses offered for the dead help them to make that transition from Purgatory to Heaven.

Now for *Hell*. The Bible clearly attests to a place of eternal damnation called Hell. Hell doesn't come from the imagination of man. It's biblically based and Jesus Himself referred to it many, many times. The Church has also consistently taught that Hell does indeed exist. We have to remember that God doesn't predestine anyone to go to Hell or desire for any soul to be lost. God lovingly gives us the grace that we need to do good and turn away from evil. But a person, with the full consent of his will, can still choose to do evil, to commit mortal sin, and thereby to turn away from God. If a person doesn't repent of mortal sin, and doesn't have any remorse and persists in this state, then that person's rejection of God will continue for eternity. In a sense, people put themselves in Hell. We must therefore pray for the grace to resist temptation and follow the way of Our Lord while at the same time always seeking forgiveness – including in the Confessional – for any failing.

So Heaven, Purgatory or Hell: that's what happens after the particular judgment. But as Catholics, we also believe in the Resurrection of the Body. Every Sunday, we profess in our Creed our belief in the resurrection of the dead. When the resurrection of the dead will occur, we don't know. But we do know that when it does occur death will be no more. Death will no longer have power over us. The dead shall rise and those souls will have their souls united again to their bodies. And we'll all will have a glorious, transformed, spiritualized body.

At the Resurrection of the Body, we'll rise with the *same* bodies, except devoid of any disease or weakness. Just as everything came perfect from the hand of God at the time of Creation, so everything will be restored to perfection after the Resurrection of the Body. Our bodies will be transfigured into a glorified form. No more canes or eyeglasses or aches and pains!

At the Resurrection of the Body, God's purpose will be accomplished; the human race will attain its final destiny; and the reign of Christ over mankind will commence and will never end. There will be Heaven on earth.

So that, in a nutshell, is what happens after we die. It's good news because we ourselves will determine whether or not we enjoy the Beatific Vision. God has given us the unbelievable gift of our freedom to allow us to choose our eternal destiny. And if we choose rightly, something unbelievable, unimaginable, and unspeakable awaits us: union with God and all of his angels and saints forever. In the meantime, if we have sinned, we simply ask God's forgiveness and then move on and continue to live in His love as we await our eternal reward.

We'll let St. Paul have the last word: "*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, God has prepared for those who love him.*"

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

October 30th	Week 18	Y. to Date
Collection	\$13,866	\$210,302
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$212,183

Food Pantry \$2,678
Candles \$342

Thank you for your generosity!

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Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

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?

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main page under news and events.
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Stewardship Reflections

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

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.



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To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**



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 5, 2022

5:30 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2022

8:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

10:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

11:30 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

7:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

12:00 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

7:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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12:00 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

7:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed

12:00 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

7:00 AM Joseph Preston

12:00 PM Inez Eckhoff

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

8:30 AM Carter Falzarano

12:00 PM Peter and Mark Gagliardi

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2022

5:30 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Lambusto and Abramo Families

11:30 AM William C. Murphy, Jr.

In Sympathy of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Lucy Chirico**. We pray for the repose of her soul 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 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 and Annalise Magilaro.





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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

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