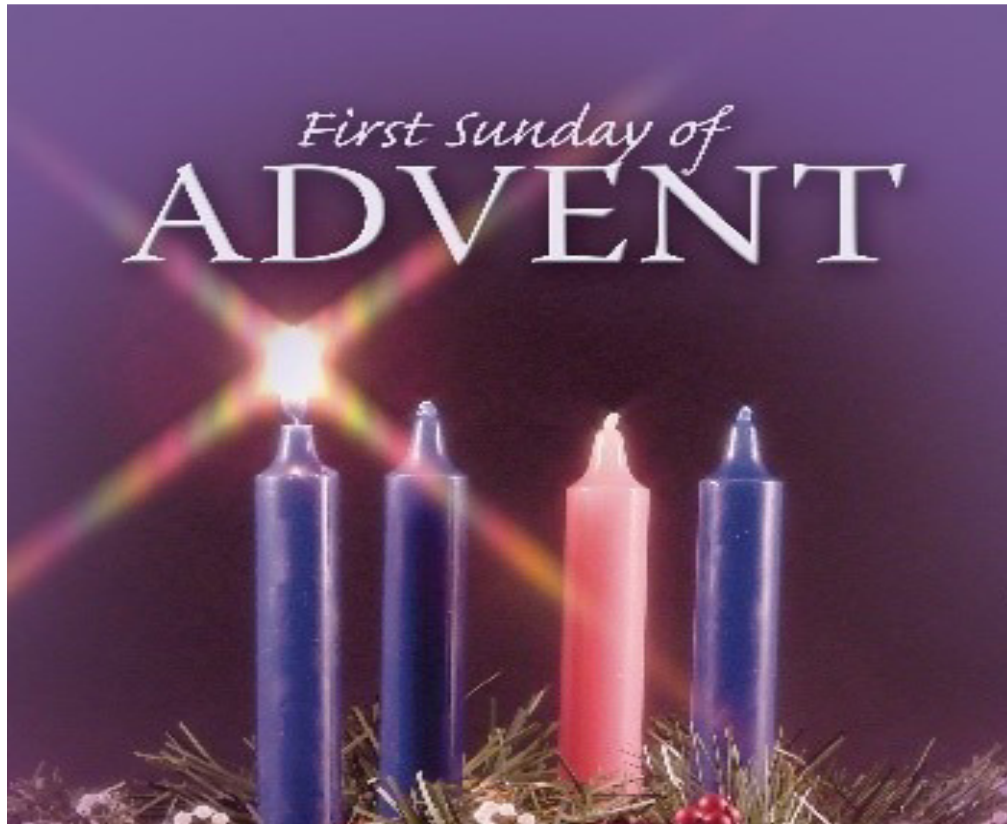


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***MASSSES:*** *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*

*Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)*

***Penance:*** *Confessions Saturday 1:00 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 and arrange communion calls*

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

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***December 1, 2019***  
***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent***

***Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure***

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## A Message from Fr. Brian

This past Friday the world had to endure another Black Friday, the day when crazed shoppers hunt for the latest, greatest merchandise. Why do we call it “Black Friday?” Well, in 1966 an article appeared in *The American Philatelist*, a stamp collectors' magazine. Apparently the Philadelphia police department had used the name to describe the traffic jams, crowding, and mayhem in the downtown stores. Since then, the Friday after Thanksgiving has taken on a life of its own and most people seem to think it's the beginning of the Christmas season. Wrong. This Sunday, we don't begin celebrating Christmas. Instead, we enter into the holy season of Advent. Rather than surrendering to the temptation of going directly into Christmas, why don't we take the time to celebrate *this* season that so many have forgotten about – the Season of Advent? Let's remember the reason for *this* season.

The readings, especially the Gospel, alert us to the fact that something great is about to begin. The language is emphatic. And dramatic. Christ warns us to be watchful, to be alert. He is coming and Advent's purpose is to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the King, to be filled with hope, and to not be caught sleeping when He does come.

At Our Lady of Sorrows, I'd like to draw your attention to some events and activities that will help us enter more fully into this season of preparation and which will ready our hearts and minds for the Birth of Our Savior.

- **Monday, December 2, 7:00 pm, Upper Church:** Advent Reflection Talk. Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin, a well-known neonatologist, will get us ready for the miracle of Christmas by relating her own stories of the miracle births of her 3 children. Dr. Marron-Corwin is a VERY engaging speaker and you will be deeply inspired by her talk. Don't miss this!
- **Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 pm, St. Joseph Church in Maplewood:** Advent Penance Service. What better way for us to prepare ourselves for the arrival of the Christ Child than to make our souls as pure as possible? Together with the parishioners of St. Joseph's, we will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. Receive the mercy and forgiveness of the Prince of Peace!
- **Sunday, December 15, 4:00 pm, Upper Church:** Annual Carol Sing. Join our 3 choirs (72 members in total!), which have been working very hard to prepare new and fresh arrangements of traditional Christmas hymns. There will be selections for all of us to sing together, as well as sacred choral pieces that will help us to reflect on the many wonderful texts of Our Savior's birth. Following the Carol Sing, our 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.

Please see the bulletin for additional details about these events and other activities that our parish is planning to help each of us enter more fully into the mystery and miracle of Our Lord making His entry into our world and into lives.

In this new liturgical year, this new beginning, let's be filled with hope and let's be ready for Christ's coming, both as a babe on Christmas morn and in His majesty at the end of time. And let us sing out to Him: O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Advent Blessings,



## THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Week 21	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,989	\$255,314
Avg Budget	\$13,269	\$278,654

### First Reconciliation Retreat Coming Up

Just a friendly reminder that our mandatory First Reconciliation Retreat is coming up on Saturday, December 7th. Our retreat will begin in the upper church at 8:45 am and will end around 11:45 am. One parent is asked to accompany each student on this important milestone in their sacramental preparation journey. All students should have completed their First Reconciliation workbook and corresponding worksheets prior to attending the retreat. Please bring all completed worksheets to the retreat for collection. This year we will also be collecting food for the OLS food pantry. Please bring a canned good with you to the retreat to help support this worthwhile program.

Our First Reconciliation service will take place on Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am.

### Holiday Time at the Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is distributing Christmas food packages on Saturday, December 14. As we've done for the last several holidays, we are distributing ShopRite gift cards in lieu of turkeys or hams. More flexible to meet our patrons' wide-ranging needs, and easier on everyone's backs. If you'd like to donate cards, \$10 denominations work best. Special foods for Christmas include coffee (1 pound containers), oil (canola, veg, olive) in 32 oz containers (no glass), and cookies. Food donations can be left on the little brown desk outside our door. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office. We've updated our Volunteer Sign Up Genius (<http://bit.ly/OLSPANTRY>) with dates through April 2020. There are many options for volunteering, and we hope that you'll consider joining us in our mission. Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Kate at [katecahill50@gmail.com](mailto:katecahill50@gmail.com). Thanks so much!



## Our Lady of Sorrows School

### Holiday Extravaganza

December 8, 2019  
12pm - 4pm  
OLS Gymnasium

*Have your photo taken with Santa while enjoying shopping, food and raffles!*

## Free Entry



### Our Lady of Sorrows School Annual Wreath Sale



The home-school association will be selling Wreaths, Grave Covers and White Pine Roping on the following Sundays, in front of the church:

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - December 8<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup>**

- \$12 **Plain Wreath**
- \$22 **Small Decorated Wreath**
- \$50 **Large decorated Wreath**
- \$20 **Grave Pillow**
- \$33 **Grave Blanket**
- \$35 **White Pine Roping**

~ Cash, check or credit card accepted ~  
All proceeds support Our Lady of Sorrows School!  
Thank you in advance for your continued support!  
Questions? WANT TO VOLUNTEER?  
Contact KERI DONOHUE  
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### Reflections on Catechism

953 Communion in Charity. In the sanctorum communion, "None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself." "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." "Charity does not insist on its own way." In this solidarity with all men, living or dead, which is founded on the communion of saints, the lease of our acts done in charity redounds to the profit of all. Every sin harms this communion.

### THINK ABOUT IT

"Jesus himself lived in violent times. Yet he taught that the true battlefield, where violence and peace meet, is the human heart: for 'it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come' (Mk 7:21). But Christ's message in this regard offers a radically positive approach. He unfailingly preached God's unconditional love, which welcomes and forgives. He taught his disciples to love their enemies (cf. Mt 5:44) and to turn the other cheek (cf. Mt 5:39). When he stopped her accusers from stoning the woman caught in adultery (cf. Jn 8:1-11), and when, on the night before he died, he told Peter to put away his sword (cf. Mt 26:52), Jesus marked out the path of nonviolence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility (cf. Eph 2:14-16). Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy, becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: 'As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts.'"—Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message, 1/1/17 Think About It . . .

Anna Nelson for the Peace and Justice Committee



We now have an Instagram account. You can follow us at: sorrowschurch.

Our Facebook page can be found by searching: Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey.

We add new content every week! Stay connected by following us!

### Come Adore the Lord

**God is always with us, but so often we are not with God.** If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**

### Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry



#### Month Three: Developing Baby

Your baby is quite active in the womb now – although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow, and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He obtains oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs about one ounce. What a miracle he is!

If you would like to receive these updates via email, contact [elena.santoliquido@gmail.com](mailto:elena.santoliquido@gmail.com).

Please come to LIFENET'S 25th Anniversary Fundraising Gala, "A Child is Born", on **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 P.M.** at the Westmount Country Club in Woodland Park, NJ. Tickets are \$150 per person with an open bar and Venetian Hour. All proceeds will go towards LIFENET's vital pro-life/pro-chastity educational work! For more information or to purchase tickets, call Nicole at 973-497-4500 or email [info@lifeneteducation.org](mailto:info@lifeneteducation.org).

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### Happening At OLS

Advent Reflection Talk Mon, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 pm – Upper Church

School Holiday Extravaganza Sun, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 12-4 – Gym

School Annual Wreath Sale, Dec 1, 8 & 15<sup>th</sup> - Outside Church

Advent Penance Service Wed, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @7:00 pm – St. Joseph Church in Maplewood

Advent Baptism Celebration Fri, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm – St. Joseph Hall

The Carol Sing & Living Nativity Sun, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 pm – Upper Church/Rectory Lawn



## Our Lady of Sorrows School Preschool Preview

December 8, 2019 from 12pm - 1:30pm



Join us to learn more about Our Lady of Sorrows Preschool and our play-based approach in learning with an emphasis on respect and responsibility. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and parents.

After your preschool visit, we welcome you to the school gym for the Holiday Extravaganza to shop and have your child's photo taken with Santa.

Registration begins January 6th.



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It is time to Remember and Celebrate  
your child's Baptism Day!

You are invited to join us for

An Advent Baptism Celebration

For all those Baptized between 2015 and 2017 along  
with their families!

Come and meet the children and their parents who  
share the same Baptism day as your child

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 - 6:00pm

Our Lady of Sorrows Church - St. Joseph's Hall

Questions or to RSVP go to [olsbaptisms@gmail.com](mailto:olsbaptisms@gmail.com)

During the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, please join us for a relaxing evening and some food and drink while your children meet other children baptized with them and have fun with our youth group with crafts and games.



**Advent Reflection Talk**  
**December 2, Monday, 7:00 pm**

Christmas is all about the entry of our Savior into the world, as the Virgin Mary gives birth to the Christ Child. Begin to prepare for that by joining us for our Advent Reflection Talk, which this year will be given by Dr. Mary Marron-Corwin, Director of Newborn Medicine & Pediatrics in Harlem, NY and Professor of Pediatrics at Columbia University. She is a highly respected and honored physician, lecturer, teacher, and author. She has also been named Catholic Laywoman of the Year by the *New York Catholic* newspaper.

The Blessed Mother's pregnancy was, of course, a miracle. Dr. Marron-Corwin experienced 3 miracles of her own during her 3 at-risk pregnancies. Learn how her life of faith helped her to discern what to do in those difficult situations. We promise that you will be very inspired by how one woman has learned to live out her Christian faith in real and challenging ways. Prepare for the Christmas miracle by hearing about 3 other miracles!



### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

5:30 PM Elizabeth Robbins

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette  
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 Purgatory  
 11:30 AM Nwosisi Family – Special Intention

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019**

7:00 AM Betty Ann Duthie  
 12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased  
 Members of the Barwichi Family

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019**

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus  
 12:00 PM Jeanne Clapp Strombelline

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019**

7:00 AM Annabeth Rose Ebert  
 12:00 PM Annabeth Rose Ebert

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019**

7:00AM Brutofsky Family  
 12:00 PM Helen Iantosca

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019**

7:00AM Robert E. Antinozzi – Special  
 Intention  
 12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased  
 Members of the Dambski Family

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019**

8:30 AM Theo Langan Buklad  
 12:00 PM Ralph & Filomena Ferrace

### **VIGIL MASS DECEMBER 7, 2019**

5:30 PM Charles Silano

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019**

8:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish  
 11:30 AM Margaret Higgins

### **IN MEMORIAM**

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **James E. Maloney**. Requested by Kathryn Maloney.

### **OFFER OF GIFTS**

When the Mass intention is for your loved one or friend, and you would like to bring up gifts of bread and wine, please advise one of the ushers.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

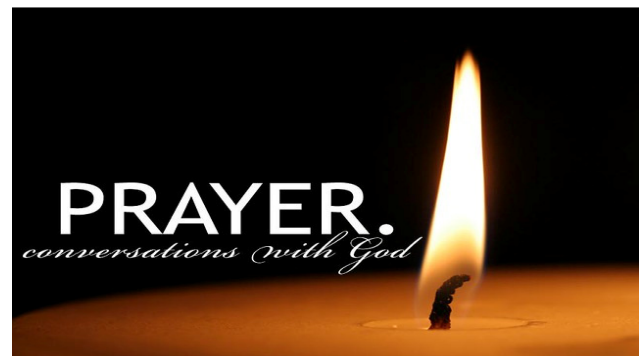
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

### **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, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag, George Richmond Files Jr., Beth Hebron and Henry Hamel.





**Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Joseph**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 7:00 PM  
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, MAPLEWOOD**

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. *The service will be at St. Joseph Church in Maplewood.*

