

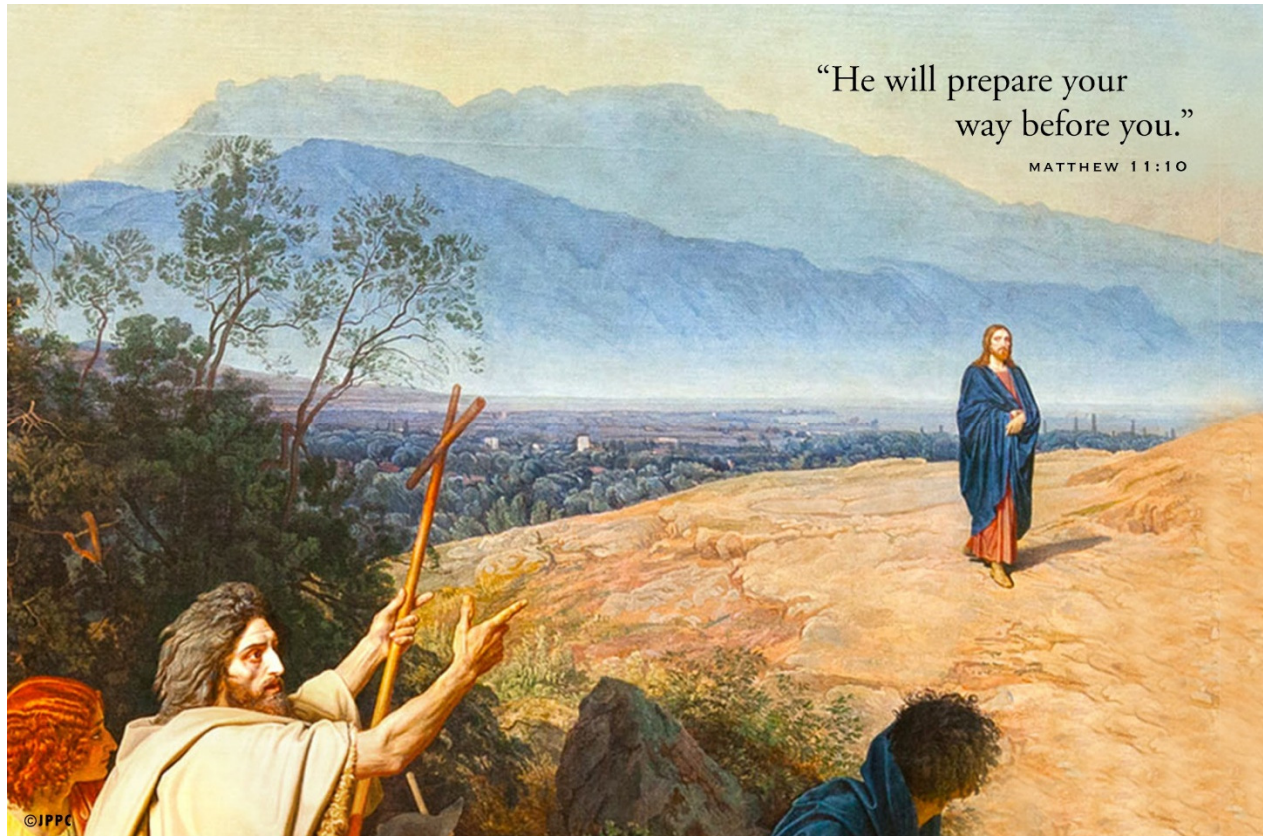


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

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

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***December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent***

Message from Fr. Brian

We call this Third Sunday of Advent “Gaudete Sunday,” *gaudete* being the Latin word for “rejoice.” The word “rejoice” comes from the Opening Antiphon of Mass: “*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near*” (Phil 4:4-5). On “Gaudete Sunday,” we light the rose candle on the Advent Wreath and the priest wears a rose-colored vestment, because rose is the traditional color for signifying joy. And so it is worthwhile for us to reflect a bit on whether our lives are filled with joy.

From my perspective, a large number of us don’t seem to live their faith with much joy. On the outside, we may seem happy and good-humored, but our inner life is another story. I know that there are tremendous problems in the world: Covid continues, death, war, famine, senseless shootings, all sorts of suffering and sorrow. But at the same time, we have every 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. God will speak the final Word, and He has spoken it. The final Word is Christ, who we will soon welcome as a little baby on Christmas morning.

The source of our joy should be Christ, for He plants it in our hearts. And it comes from the conviction that God loves us. We must live our lives fully convinced of God’s love, to bask in it, to accept it, to express gratitude for it, and to return it in love to God and our neighbor.

Too often, though, we allow ourselves to be robbed of joy. What are some of the thieves that steal away our joy? One of them is self-pity. We begin 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. We say, O poor me! Of course, the problem is that the “me” becomes the focus. The antidote is simple: stop pitying ourselves and think first of the needs of others, rather than our own.

Another thief of joy is worrying. Of all the living creatures, we humans are the only ones that worry. But deep down, we know that worrying produces nothing but ulcers. The old expression says it all: *Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its joy*. Throughout Scripture, Jesus constantly admonishes us not to worry, but instead to place our trust in Him. His words are not idle. They are His promise. And when we entrust ourselves more fully to God, we experience inner joy.

A third thief of joy is constant complaining. Some people 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. The fact is that we are more blessed and gifted than 99% of the people who have ever walked the face of the earth. Let’s work on developing an attitude of gratitude. It will chase away the temptation to complain.

To transform the world, God chose a humble maiden from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and the Angel greeted her: “*Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you.*” The secret to an authentic Christmas lies in these words. God repeats them to the Church, and to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is with you!

Joyful Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Help Bring Christmas Joy to our Parish
at our Annual Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 11, 2022**



This Advent, the children of Our Lady of Sorrows can help prepare the hearts of everyone in the parish for the coming of Jesus Christ in a very special way: by participating in the OLS Christmas pageant. The birth of our Savior is VERY BIG news worth sharing with everyone! Please help us deliver this exciting message by having your child participate in our upcoming pageant. It's a fun way for kids to learn about their faith and a great opportunity for them to share their many talents - acting, singing and storytelling - with others. The commitment is minimal, costumes are provided and the photos are always PRICELESS!

Please email Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com if your child in grades K-8 would like to participate. Or sign up electronically via the SignUpGenius which will be arriving in your inboxes shortly!

Pageant Roles

K and Grade 1:
Lambs

Grade 2:
Angels

Grade 3:
Shepherds

Grades 4 and Up:
Central Figures

* Costumes Provided for
All Cast Members



Pageant Showtime 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Pageant Schedule

Practice

Friday, December 9th
4:30 - 7:00 pm (Grades 4-8)
6:00 - 7:00 pm (Grades K-3)
upper church

Pageant Day

Sunday, December 11th
Central figures
arrive 3:00 pm, upper church

Sheep, Angels and Shepherds
arrive 4:00 pm, St. Joseph's Hall

Join us for our Christmas Pageant Pizza Social immediately following the show in St. Joseph's Hall
\$20 per family



Christmas at Our Lady of Sorrows

Carol Sing and Living Nativity

Sunday, December 18 - 4:00PM

Christmas Eve

4:30PM Family Mass with Saint Cecilia Singers and Youth Choir

7:00PM Mass with Cantor

9:30PM Concert with Parish Choir and Gramercy Brass Quintet

10:00PM Mass

Christmas Day

8:00AM Mass with Cantor

10:00AM Mass with Cantor

11:30AM Mass with Parish Choir



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:00 PM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH**

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.



**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 (14") \$25.00
Large decorated wreath (16") \$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.ourladyofsorrowschool.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.

CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

December 4th	Week 23	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,838	\$267,758
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$271,123
Repairs & Maintenance	\$490	
Food Pantry	\$1,518	
Music	\$337	
Candles	\$547	
Assessment	\$412	

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Thank you for considering OLS in your will. A bequest to the Parish makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

Christian Initiation Highlights

Four new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are:
Lucy Grace Conway, Olivia Rose LaMarca, Nathan Chibuikem Ogbolu, Natalie Victoria Sison, Nolan Hugo Henion, Daniel Thomas Giblin and Shannon Catherine Cooney. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2023

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?

Stewardship Reflections

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all that took the tags from our Giving Trees. You are bringing holiday joy to underprivileged families in our area. Please be as generous as possible!



Please be sure to deliver wrapped gifts, with tags securely taped, to the church vestibule any time up until

December 18 no later than 12:30 pm

Though your generosity is greatly appreciated, timeliness is also key. Gifts cannot be delivered to the children if they are not on time.

Questions: Anne Moore

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Meet Our Staff

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Anne Moore, Parish Secretary

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BSA Troop 99G

November was a busy month for OLS Scouts BSA Troop 99G. It started with our girls representing Our Lady of Sorrows at the South Orange Memorial Day Ceremony, where we joined Village President Sheena Collum to pay tribute to our fallen heroes, especially commemorating two local soldiers lost in the Iraq War with new memorial plaques.

<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/soma/sections/community/articles/south-orange-memorial-day-ceremony-b8ac7034-4c6a-408e-bf66-86ecb6e30f6a>



We ended the month with Cardinal Tobin! We represented OLS at the investiture of St Rose of Lima's new pastor Fr. Larry Evans and we were able to meet and speak with Cardinal Tobin afterward. It was a very moving ceremony and we were happy to learn that His Eminence is a great supporter of Scouting - he even asked Star Scout Jennifer McCarthy to hold his pastoral staff for our photo!



Facebook

Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey"

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page at the bottom of the page.
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OLS Scouts BSA Troop 99G meets every Thursday, either here at OLS or with our sister troop at SRL in Short Hills. All girls ages 11-17 are welcome to join us for fun, friendship, fellowship, and of course, achievement. Please join us: email OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com or call 973-763-6349.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

5:30 PM Jean Kubilus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusto
and Abramo Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022

7:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of
the Deehan Family
12:00 PM Gerard Civil – Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

7:00 AM Claire Miller
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the
McDonnell, DiPrenda and Goutieri
Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
12:00 PM Mae Crimmins

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

7:00 AM George Boselli
12:00 PM Donald Curry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

7:00 AM William Cody Jr., Maria Cavallaro
and Michael Standing
12:00 PM Lionel J. Miller, Jr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

8:30 AM Elizabeth Bryce
12:00 PM Maureen Phillips

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

5:30 PM All Rosarians, Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

8:00 AM John Kirk
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Rosetta Guiliano - 11th 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.

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 Carol Sing 2022

**Sunday, December 18, 2022
4:00 PM**

All are invited to place themselves in a spirit of preparation
for our Lord's birth with the annual Carol Sing.
Members of our parish choirs will offer traditional carols
and choral music with instruments.

**Preston Dibble Director of Music
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Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 15th day of each month at @ 1:00 pm in the Church office.

First Drawing: January 15, 2023

Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday (it will be brought to the office. We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

We can take checks, cash or credit cards

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