

***Our Lady of Sorrows Church***  
***217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079***  
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***[www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)***



***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 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 13, 2020***  
***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent***

### *A Message from Fr. Brian*

My 2 sisters attended Magnificat High School in Rocky River, Ohio, the town where we grew up. That Catholic high school is named for the prayer that the Virgin Mary recited upon being praised by her cousin Elizabeth for having been chosen by God to become the Mother of the Messiah. The word “Magnificat” is the first word in her prayer, which begins (in Latin), *Magnificat anima mea Dominum*. The literal English translation is “My souls magnifies the Lord.” The translation that we hear in the Responsorial Psalm (actually taken from St. Luke’s Gospel) this Sunday is, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”

What Mary is doing is redirecting the praise that Elizabeth had given to her. Mary instead wants all of the glory to go to God. Even though the pregnant Mary is overjoyed by the news that she was carrying within herself the Savior of the world, she wants all of the praise and glory to go to God. What a contrast to so many of us who want others to glorify or praise us. Mary knows that God is the source of any glory accruing to her.

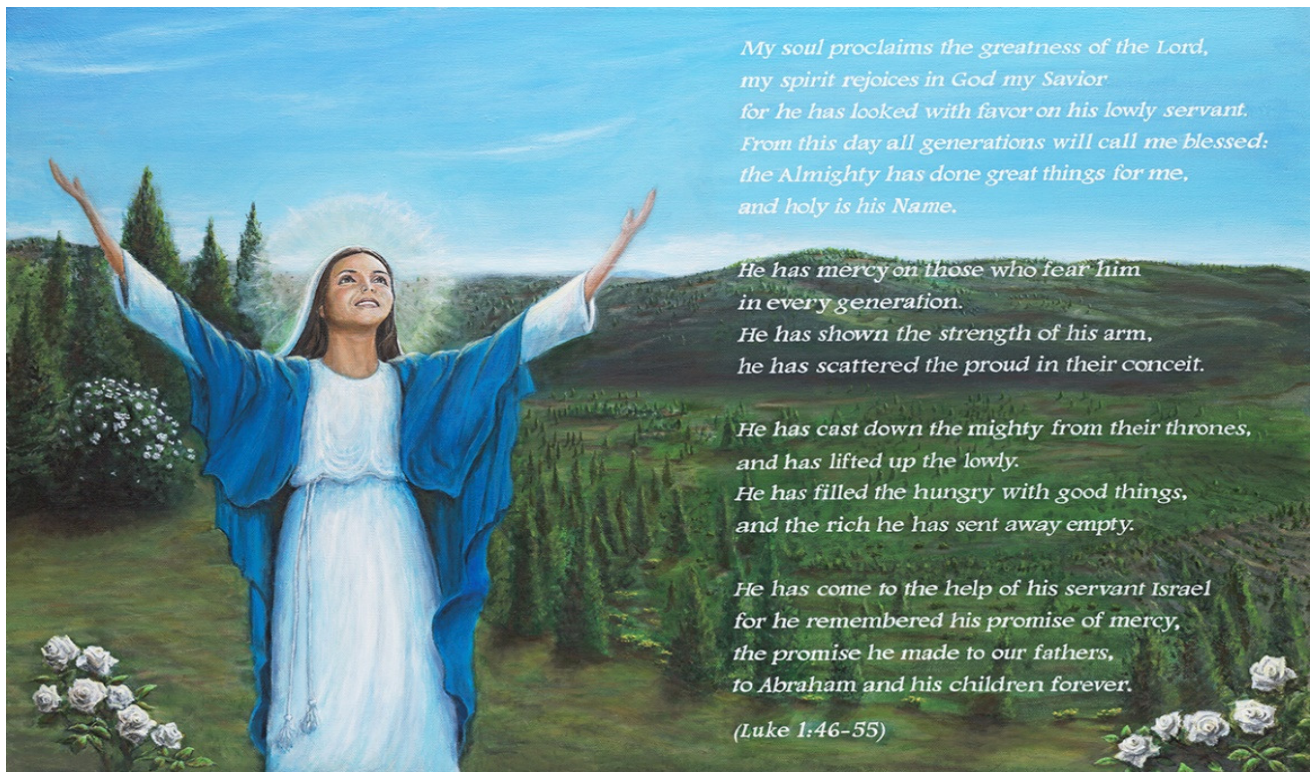
What a lesson for us! Whatever natural gifts, talents, or abilities that we have, whatever material wealth we have accumulated, whatever greatness there is in us, it all finds its origin in God. And, acknowledging that, we should strive to give glory to God for it all.

I myself attended St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland. It is a Jesuit school and the Jesuits urged us to glorify God with our lives. The motto of the Jesuits is *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, which is translated as, “For the greater glory of God.” We high school boys were taught that no matter what we did, whether it was academics, athletics, or extracurriculars, any of the glory we achieved should be directed back to God. That idea has stuck with me ever since, though admittedly I have not always practiced it very well.

The Magnificat prayer of Mary is a reminder that to God belongs the glory. May our lives, like Mary’s, proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and as did Mary, may we rejoice in the Lord our Savior, for the Almighty has done great things for us!

Advent Blessings,

*Fr. Brian*







**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 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.



A decorative border of green holly leaves and red berries surrounds the entire text area.

# Our Lady of Sorrows *Christmas Masses*

Christmas Eve Masses at 4:30pm, 7:00pm, and 10:00pm

Christmas Day Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 11:30am

There is a limit of 150 people at each Mass.

To properly maintain social distancing,  
we're requiring everyone to RSVP for Mass.  
Scan the QR code or click on the link below  
to RSVP through Eventbrite.

Or you can call the office to reserve 973-763-5454

You will receive an email with your tickets.  
Please either print the ticket or bring it digitally,  
as it will be required to enter the Church.

Register On 



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>December 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 22</b>	<b>Y. To Date</b>
Collection	\$13,825	\$279,474
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$276,885
Additional Boiler	\$2,500	

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**Congratulations to our 11th calendar raffle winner!**

Congratulations to Kate Williams on winning our 11<sup>th</sup> of 12 monthly drawings in our Calendar Raffle. Kate won \$1,500! Kate's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for our last drawing on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our 2021 Calendar Raffle is available now. Tickets may be purchased on line or you can mail in your form or you can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. The 2021 drawings will begin on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Good luck to everyone!

**End-of-year tax planning**

Now is the time of the year to consider final tax planning for 2020. You may be aware that Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from your qualified retirement accounts (401-k, 403(b), IRAs) have been waived in 2020 pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. If you would like to consider a donation to Our Lady of Sorrows, you may use a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This permits you to distribute your RMD (up to \$100,000) to the charity of your choice without having to pay income tax on the distribution. The ability to exclude the RMD from your income is in place of taking a distribution for your charitable contribution. Please be advised that this is not tax advice. Questions should be discussed with your accountant or tax advisor.

**Sponsor Certificates A reminder:**

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.**

**Join Relevant Radio (1430 AM) for the Family Rosary Across America daily at 8pm.**

A new novena has begun. "I'll Be Home for Christmas" novena is for all our loved ones who have strayed from the Church. It will be prayed until December 24. Join families across America in praying the Rosary. Listen on the radio (1430 AM), or go to [www.relevantradio.com](http://www.relevantradio.com), or go to "Father Rocky" on Facebook. Remember, the more of us who pray, the stronger the prayer.

**Meet Our Staff**

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**Jesus said to His followers:** "Go and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Are you willing to share the joy and gift of the Faith that you received at Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and Reconciliation?

Do you know someone who needs to complete and make firm their relationship with Christ and His Church through Confirmation? Tell them to inquire: 973-763-5454

Do you know of someone who is seeking a full Relationship with Christ through His Church through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist? If so invite them to inquire: 973-763-5454.



### [Update from the OLS Food Pantry](#)

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided 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 in the front vestibule of the church Monday-Friday 7am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday. 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 [olsparntry@gmail.com](mailto:olsparntry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.

### [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](http://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.**

**Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.**  
<http://www.olschurch.com>

### [The Giving Tree](#)



Be Sure to deliver your wrapped gifts to church vestibule with tags securely taped no later than **Sunday, December 20th at the 11:30am Mass. Though your generosity is greatly appreciated, timeliness is also key. Gifts cannot be delivered to the children if they are not on time. Thank you!** Contact Jonathan Arena with any questions: [jonathan.e.arena@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.e.arena@gmail.com) or (848) 565-5920

### [From the Blood Drive Committee:](#)

Though coronavirus may be preventing us from conducting our scheduled June 2020 blood drive, please don't let it prevent you from considering the needs of others. Blood product reserves are always depleted during the summer months and the current pandemic has only compounded the problem. Yet, consider the cancer patient who isn't afforded the luxury of taking time off from chemotherapy during this lockdown; they are among many who so desperately rely on your selfless donations.

May we encourage you to reach out to Vitalant blood services to **schedule** a donation. They have fixed donation sites in West Orange, Parsippany, Lincoln Park and Paramus, and can be contacted via [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) or by phoning 201-251-3703.

All donors and staff will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the blood drawing site



# Our Lady of Sorrows Carol Sing 2020

**Sunday, December 13, 3PM and 5PM**

**Advance registration is required.**

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 handbells and other instruments.

*This year's program will be only 45 minutes in length and offered twice to  
allow for a greater attendance in person without compromising safety. Only  
120 seats will be available for each concert in our beautiful 700 seat church.  
Both performances will be live streamed to allow everyone to enjoy the  
program, even from the safety of their own home.*

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First Drawing: January 15, 2021

**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).**

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# OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL 2020 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 29<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> - DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

- \$12 Plain Wreath
- \$22 Small Decorated Wreath
- \$50 Large Decorated Wreath
- \$20 Grave Pillow
- \$33 Grave Blanket

This year we are also taking orders! You can order by clicking here.

Or contact Keri Donohue at [keridonohue@yahoo.com](mailto:keridonohue@yahoo.com) or 917-618-3944 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!**

Plain Wreath



Small Decorated Wreath



Large Decorated Wreath



Grave Pillow



Grave Blanket



# Reserve you copy of The Crusader Cookbook 2020-2021

The Crusader Cookbook has gone to press! Do not miss out and reserve your copy today!

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"We don't know what the future holds, but it's all God's work," says Sister Theresa McGrath (center), 86, a member of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, for nearly 70 years.

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

In good times and bad, Sister Theresa and the senior religious shown here have dedicated themselves to God's work. Together with nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the United States, they educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members. Your tax-deductible gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

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Above, from left: Sister Alice Garcia, SSC, 95; Brother Martin Gensules, OCSO, 95; Sister Theresa McGrath, CCW, 86; Sister Anne Cecile McElroy, OSM, 92; Abbot Benedict Peter Szabo, OSB, 79.

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## 2021 Mass Book

The 2021 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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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# St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble



Thursday  
afternoon rehearsals  
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playing appearances



We invite all of our young parishioners in grades 3-8 to participate in the St. Cecilia Singers Handbell Ensemble. This is an extension of our normal choir, which is not currently singing due to COVID-19. Instead, the children gather each week on Thursday afternoons, wearing masks, gloves and distanced spacing to play God's song on Handbells. It is a great way for children to learn a new skill in reading music and about the Church's song, even in this time of pandemic. New children are needed to participate and no prior experience is necessary. Please see Preston Dibble, parish music director, for more information: [olsmusician@gmail.com](mailto:olsmusician@gmail.com)



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## Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,  
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Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



**Email [olssvdp@aol.com](mailto:olssvdp@aol.com) if you are in need of assistance.**

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.





### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020**

5:30 PM Jean Kubilus

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Lessie Lacy 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
11:30 AM Edwin Rustum 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020**

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins  
12:00 PM John Henry Lee

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

7:00AM Walter Wiggins Sr.  
12:00 PM Josephine Romano

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

7:00 AM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour  
12:00 PM Sandra F. Weaver

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

7:00AM Elizabeth Bryce  
12:00 PM Sandra F. Weaver

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020**

7:00AM Quinn, Doyle & Mulligan Families  
12:00 PM Robert Allan DeCastro

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020**

8:30 AM Carolyn Tevlin  
12:00 PM Rose Marie Deehan

### **VIGIL MASS DECEMBER 19, 2020**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020**

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving  
10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato  
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the  
Lambusta & Abramo Families

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

This Week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of *Lessie Lacy*. Requested by Ocie Lacy.

### **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, Rosemary Muller, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Pat Bendrot and Deacon Raj Srinivasa.



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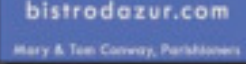
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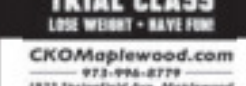


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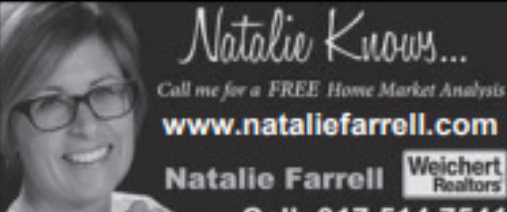
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