

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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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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3rd Sunday of Advent

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Deacon Walter

Some time ago, I read an online article by a young man who wrote about his understanding of the permanent diaconate based his observations of his parish deacon at mass. Among some of the things he wrote, he stated that the deacon entered into the clerical state when he was assisting at mass. Then, when the mass was over the deacon returned to the lay state. I exchanged some emails with the gentleman to explain this wasn't the case and to clarify other misconceptions he appeared to have about the permanent diaconate.

In light of this and some other misunderstandings I occasionally come upon, I would like to touch on a few important aspects of the diaconate to help parishioners understand who deacons are and what they do for the Church.

Diaconal identity and ministry are rooted in the person of Christ the Servant

Diaconal identity and ministry are rooted in the person of Christ the Servant, who, "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) Pope St. John Paul II in an address to the deacons of Detroit in 1987 stated, "The service of the deacon is the Church's service sacramentalized. Yours is not just one ministry among others, but it is truly meant to be, as Paul VI described it, a "driving force" for the Church's *diakonia*. You are meant to be living signs of the servanthood of Christ's Church."

Deacons receive the sacrament of Holy Orders for the ministry of Liturgy, Word and Charity and not to the priesthood

The Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* states, "At a lower level of the hierarchy are deacons, upon whom hands are imposed "not unto the priesthood, but unto a ministry of service." For strengthened by sacramental grace, in communion with the bishop and his group of priests, they serve the People of God in the ministry of the liturgy, of the word and of charity. It is the duty of the deacon, to the extent that he has been authorized by competent authority, to administer baptism solemnly, to be custodian and dispenser of the Eucharist, to assist at and bless marriages, in the name of the Church, to bring Viaticum to the dying, to read the sacred Scripture to the faithful, to instruct and exhort the people, to preside at the worship and prayer of the faithful, to administer sacramentals, and to officiate at funeral and burial services." (*Lumen Gentium* 29)

A deacon is typically known either as a "transitional deacon", that is, a deacon on the road to the priesthood or as a "permanent deacon", that is, a deacon who will remain a deacon. In reality, there is only one Order of Deacons. All deacons enter the clerical state upon ordination and remain clerics at all times.

Deacons are intermediaries between the bishop and priests and the laity

In his book, "Understanding the Diaconate: Historical, Theological, and Sociological Foundations" Bishop W. Shawn McKnight explains that, "... the deacon is other than the bishop and his priests, and other than the laity. While distinctly other, the deacon is nonetheless directly related to both the clergy of a higher grade (by virtue of ordination) and the laity (by virtue of not sharing in the presidency of the assembly). The deacon therefore stands not only in the unique position as other, but is also among the people of God. From this dual perspective, the nature of the diaconate allows the deacon to serve as an intermediary, whether in the specific dialogue between shepherd and flock, or generally among the people of God as a whole." (Page 69)

There is much more that could be said about the ministry of deacons. I hope to write about some of these things in a future post.

Yours in Christ the Servant,

Deacon Walter Wiggins

Stewardship is a way of life

THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

December 8 th	Week 24	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,840	\$293,186
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$318,462

2nd Collections

Music Collection	\$2,448
Assessment	\$2263

MASSES ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 PM Family Mass with St. Cecilia Singers,
Trumpet and Flute

7:30 PM Mass with Cantor

9:30 PM Carol Concert with Canticum Novum
Singers, Parish Choir, Harp and
Gramercy Brass Quintet

10:00 PM Mass

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM Mass with Cantor

10:00 AM Mass with Canticum Novum Singers

11:30 AM Mass with Parish Choir and Trumpet

Our Lady of Sorrows School Annual Wreath Sale

Outside of Masses December 15th

- \$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



Advent Reflection Talk *December 17, Tuesday, 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!

Reflections on Catechism

304 And so we see the Holy Spirit, the principal author of Sacred Scripture, often attributing actions to god without mentioning any secondary causes. This is not a "primitive mode of speech," but a profound way of recalling God's primacy and absolute Lordship over history and the world, and so of educating his people to trust in him. The prayer of the Psalms is the great school of this trust.

RE-GIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

This year Our Lady of Sorrows will again be participating in the Re-Gifting Project. Few of us "need" all of the gifts we receive at Christmas, and sometimes we receive gifts we do not want or can't use. Instead of rushing back to the store right after Christmas to return the gifts, or letting them gather dust on a shelf, why not share our Christmas joy by giving these gifts to others? This is an opportunity to give to those in need at a time when many are struggling, and it is a great lesson for adults and children alike to look at all of the gifts they have received and offer one to someone who may have none at all.

Your donated gifts may be brought to church on the weekend of **December 28/29** and **January 4/5**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items. They will be delivered to St. Mary's at Newark Abbey, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. Volunteers are needed to help with packing up and transporting the items to St. Mary's on Sunday, January 5. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136.

THINK ABOUT IT

Twenty-two years after selling Joseph into slavery, his brothers now stand before him as Prime Minister of Egypt. They don't recognize him and he holds their fate in his hands. If you had been in his shoes, what would you have done? Reminded them of their past offenses? We set the standards by which we ourselves will be judged. Instead, Joseph made sure no one knew what his brothers had done to him. Isn't that how God treats us? The fact is He knows enough about our past, yet he refuses to resurrect our sins. Joseph wanted restoration, not revenge. He knew that the long-term benefits of healing a relationship far out-weighed any short term retaliation. He knew that only by releasing your offender you set yourself free.

Peace and Justice Committee

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020



Please join in solidarity with fellow pro-lifers as we march for life in Washington, D.C. on **Friday, January 24, 2020** for the 47th annual March for Life. We will be meeting at 6:00 A.M. for Mass at Immaculate Conception Chapel presided over by Fr. Colin, Director of Campus Ministry, at Seton Hall University. We will depart at 6:30 A.M. and return to campus at approximately 10:30 P.M. Trip includes the March for Life Rally and a peaceful march to the United States Supreme Court. Cost is \$25.00. Checks should be made payable to Campus Ministry. Trip includes round trip transportation and bagels and coffee. 20 seats are available, on a first come, first served basis. To secure a spot on the bus or if you have questions, email elena.santoliquido@gmail.com.

Save the Date: Movie screening of *Unplanned* on Friday, January 17, 2020, at 7 P.M. -- more information to follow

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/olsprolife or on Instagram @olsprolife.

Improving Language Skills to Better Spread God's Word!

Do you have a strong background in Spanish or are you Spanish/English bilingual? Volunteers, preferably having past experience in teaching or training, are needed to teach Spanish to local seminarians at Immaculate Conception Seminary located on the campus of Seton Hall University. If you are interested and have one hour a week to volunteer, please contact Chandler Cohen (chandler.cohen@shu.edu OR 973.761.9226) as soon as possible at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology for further details and/or application procedures for the upcoming spring semester!



Our Lady of Sorrows School News

Learn Serve Lead Succeed

Our Lady of Sorrows School middle school students and faculty took a break from studies to participate in the 2019 Rosary Congress. This years Rosary Congress was a remarkable unified effort of prayer that occurred throughout the Newark Archdiocese for 7 days and 7 nights during the week of October 6th - October 13th.

We encourage you to schedule a tour and even have your child visit for the day!

See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer! Visit www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org or call 973.762.5169.



Our Lady of Sorrows Carol Sing & Living Nativity 2019

Walk in the Light

Featuring the Saint Cecilia Singers,
Canticum Novum Singers and Parish Choir
under the direction of Preston Dibble
with harp, flute, the Gramercy Brass Quintet,
and Kristin Dabaghian, organist.

Sunday, December 15th • 4:00PM
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South Orange, New Jersey

“Whatever you did for one of these least
brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

Christmas Giving Tree

You can bring holiday joy to underprivileged families in our area: Make generosity part of your Advent preparation for the Christ Child.

300 Children are in need – please be as generous as possible!



Please select a request tag(s) from the trees in the church vestibule. Deliver wrapped gifts with tags securely taped to church the weekend of

December 22 by 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: Jonathan Arena
Jonathan.e.arena@gmail.com or 848-565-5920



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 PM Karen Ann Caputo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Annabeth Rose Ebert

11:30 AM Lessie Lacy 37th Anniversary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus

12:00 PM Flynn Sullivan – Special Intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

7:00 AM Elizabeth Bryce

12:00 PM Bernard J. Degnan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

7:00 AM Quinn, Mulligan & Doyle Family

12:00 PM Deacon John Inguaggito – Special Intention

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

7:00AM Deacon John Baltus

12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased Members of the Grajski Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 2019

7:00AM Elizabeth & Lyndon Bryce

12:00 PM Jeanne Clapp Strombelline

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

8:30 AM BettyAnn & Ed Duthie

12:00 PM John Kirk 2nd Anniversary

VIGIL MASS DECEMBER 21, 2019

5:30 PM Robert Elsmann

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

8:00 AM John Guarente

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Lessie Lacy 36th Anniversary**. Requested by Ernestina & Ocie Lacy.

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

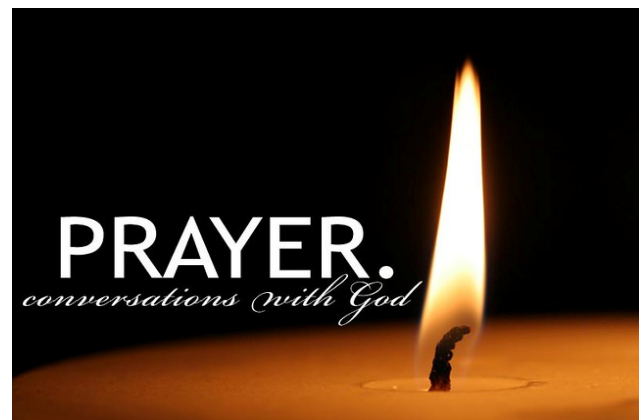
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

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
"2020 Calendar Raffle"**

**Tickets Will Be Available at the
Carol Sing & Living Nativity**

A Great Gift For Christmas



**\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win!
Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month**

Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 2nd day of each month at @2:00 pm in the Church office.

First Drawing: February 2, 2020

**Purchase Monday thru Friday in the Parish office between 9:30am & 4:00 pm
Or complete the form below and mail with your donation. Please make checks
payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).**

We can take checks, cash or credit cards

**Our Lady of Sorrows 2020 CALENDAR RAFFLE
ORDER FORM**

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ chance(s) in the Raffle

Credit Card # _____ Security # _____ Expiration _____

Name(s) _____
Please Print, PERSON ENTERING MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

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