

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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MASSES: *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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4th Sunday of Advent

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A Message From Fr. Brian

The Nativity story captures us year after year, as it brings good tidings of great joy into our lives. And we wonder once more at this amazing event planted in our midst – the birth of Jesus, an event buried deep in history and tradition; and at the same time an event born anew into our hearts with each passing year.

This is the mystery of what we Christians have called for 2,000 years the Incarnation: The Infinite God being born into our frail humanity. And we are reminded that Jesus is born into a place where the first witnesses to who He is and who He is to become are not the experts or the high and mighty. They are the lowly shepherds. And He is born to the most humble of parents, Mary and Joseph.

Can you imagine how excited Mary was? Not just the normal excitement of a mother with her first child – as beautiful as that is – but the excitement of a mother who has had a glimpse of the future and knows that her child is the Prince of Peace. That night must have been something else. In fact, that year in the life of Mary and Joseph must have been incredible. Both of them visited by angels; the events that led them to Bethlehem; the disappointment of finding the inn full; the birth in a barn; the angel choirs singing in exaltation; and then that magical moment when Mary finally held her newborn child in her arms.

Can you picture it all? Don't you wish that you could have held that baby, to look into His eyes, the King of Kings, to grasp His dear little fingers? Don't you wish you could whisper to Him, "Sweet Jesus, I love you?" Don't you wish you had been there? Well, you can still go there. We can all go there by faith and by imagination. Even if we can't get our limited minds wrapped around such a big concept as the Infinite and Omnipotent God becoming man, we can picture a baby. That's something we can all grasp.

And God realized that. Perhaps that is why Jesus came as an infant, born to a man and a woman, in a specific time and place. Joseph and Mary didn't find Jesus in a basket on their doorstep one morning. He didn't just appear out of the wilderness with no past, no family and no connection to you and me. Jesus had earthly parents, relatives and a history. He didn't just *appear* to be one of us; He truly *was* one of us.

God came as one of us. He came to dwell among us, as a defenseless and vulnerable baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Not for God's joy, but for our benefit. He came to give us the gift of salvation and new life and to bring His love into the world.

That's the whole meaning of Christmas. Through the birth of this child, God tells us *whose* we are and He tells us that we're loved. This little baby gives meaning to our lives. That's the miracle of Christmas: God staggers the world by stepping out of Heaven and into a manger. That should melt our hearts and fill up our emptiness with joy.

As you celebrate the Birth of Our Savior, I encourage you to live every day of the year as though it were Christmas, as you hold the Baby Jesus in your hearts and share Him with the world that surrounds you.

On behalf of the priests, deacons, religious sisters, and staff of Our Lady of Sorrows parish, I wish upon you all the joy and peace of this holy season. May you and your families forever experience the love and blessings of the Christ Child and the maternal protection of His Blessed Mother! A very Joyous and Merry Christmas to all!

Christmas Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

This will be reported in the next bulletin

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

Stewardship Reflections

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24
Putting our complete trust in the lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Giving Tree

ALL GIFTS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH VESTIBLE BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd NO LATER THAN 12:30!

Thank you to all who participated. Your generosity will bring joy to 300 children in need.



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Reflections on Catechism

437 To the shepherds, the angel announced the birth of Jesus as the Messiah promised to Israel: “To you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” From the beginning he was “the one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world,” conceived as “holy” in Mary’s virginal womb. God called Joseph to “take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit,” so that Jesus, “who is called Christ,” should be born of Joseph’s spouse into the messianic lineage of David.

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.

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for “Bulletin.”

[Think About It](#)

“Go back in time and remember the very best holiday season you had as a child. Bring up the memory and see it very clearly... What were some of the things you did? If you never had a wonderful holiday, make one up. Picture it exactly as you’d like it to be. As you think of this special time, notice that your heart is opening. Perhaps one of the most wonderful things that of that particular season was the love that was present. Bring into your heart all the people you know and care about. Surround them with this love. Know that you can carry this special feeling of the holidays with you everywhere and have it all the time, not just during one season of the year.” Louise Hay Elaine Pomerantz for the Peace and Justice Committee

[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!**

[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.**

[Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry](#)



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.

[Men’s Prayer Breakfast](#)

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men’s Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. “Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path” Rise and Shine with the Lord.

[Live Mass Broadcast](#)

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.



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.



Help Bring the Joy of the Epiphany to our Parish at the 40th Annual OLS Epiphany Pageant Sunday, January 5, 2020

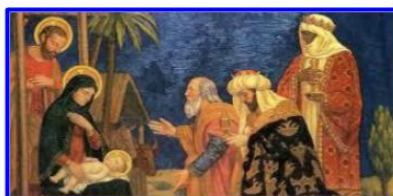


The *Epiphany* is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. That's BIG news worth sharing with everyone! Please help us deliver this exciting news to the people of the parish by having your child participate in our annual Epiphany Pageant. It's a fun way for kids to learn about their faith and a great opportunity for them to share their many talents - acting, singing and storytelling - with others. Plus, the photos are always PRICELESS!

Please contact Colleen McDonald at 973-764-5454 or email her at sorrowchurch@gmail.com if your child would like to participate. Families can also sign up via the SignUpGenius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4eadac23a2f85-40th>

Pageant Roles	Pageant Schedule
K and Grade 1: Lambs Grade 2: Angels Grade 3 Shepherds Grades 4 and Up: Central Figures * Costumes Provided for All Cast Members	Practice Friday, January 3, 2020, upper church 4:30 - 7:00 pm (Grades 4-8) 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Grades K-3) Pageant Day Sunday, January 5, 2020 Central figures report at 3:00 pm Sheep, Angels and Shepherds report at 3:30 pm SHOWTIME 4:00 - 4:30 pm, upper church

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



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SATURDAY, 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

7:00 AM Russ Pace
12:00 PM Reno Luciani

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

9:00 AM Rosetta Giuliano 8th Anniversary
4:30 PM Annabeth Rose Ebert
7:30 PM Lood Anthony Olibrice – Special Intention
10:00 PM Lenox (Russ)Hollenbeck and Fr. Leonard Klein

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

8:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.
10:00 AM Eric Flanagan
11:30 AM Gloria Santiago

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

7:00AM Dale Marshall
12:00 PM Joseph Loffredo 35th Anniversary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 2019

7:00AM Mary Adele Eibell
12:00 PM Tadeusz Kozlowski & Deceased Members of the Kozlowski Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan
12:00 PM Thomas Fasolo

VIGIL MASS DECEMBER 28, 2019

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Thanksgiving for the Ezuduemoih, Isekenegbe Oshogwes & Ngwu Families & Souls in Purgatory
11:30 AM Mary & Mario Inguaggiato

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Manuel Fernandes**. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family. This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Marie Maddi**. Requested by Maddi Family.

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
Only 500 tickets will be sold**

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: _____

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