



Our Lady of Sorrows

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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

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

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December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

Message from Fr. Brian

The image below was taken from our Holy Land pilgrimage this past November. 34 of us from Our Lady of Sorrows visited Bethlehem and we celebrated Mass at the Church of the Nativity (in the background of the photo), which marks the spot where Jesus was born. It was an incredibly grace-filled and blessed opportunity for us to celebrate Mass where God entered into human history. None of us who were on that pilgrimage will ever forget it.

Of course, one doesn't need to travel to Bethlehem to rejoice in the Birth of Our Savior. And one doesn't need to be restricted to just one day a year to celebrate Christmas. I encourage you to live every single day of the year as though it were that first Christmas in Bethlehem and to continually hold the Baby Jesus in your hearts and to share Him with the world that surrounds you.

On behalf of the priests, deacons, and staff of Our Lady of Sorrows Church and School, 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!

Fr. Brian



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

December 11th	Week 24	Y To Date
Collection	\$11,647	\$279,405
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$271,123

Repairs and Maintenance \$3,120
Food Pantry \$1,153
Flowers \$604
Retirement Fund for Religious \$2,452

***Please be as generous as possible with
your Christmas gift to the parish.***

Thank you!

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

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?

OLS School Pre-K and K-8

973-762-5169

www.ourladyofsorrowschool.org

Nursery

973-763-4040

www.thenurseryatourladyofsorrows.com

REGIFTING PROJECT FOR THOSE IN NEED

This year Our Lady of Sorrows will again be participating in the **Regifting 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 following dates: the weekends of **December 31/January 1** and **January 7/8**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule. There is no need to wrap the items. They will be delivered to Mercy House, where they will be directly distributed to those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136.

Stewardship Reflections

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." JOHN 1:14
God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

Facebook

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

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Digital newsletter today! Go to our website
main page at the bottom of the page.
<http://www.olschurch.com>**

Giving Tree

Thank you to all who participated in our Giving Trees. You are brought Christmas joy to more than 300 underprivileged children in our area. Your generosity was greatly appreciated



Meet Our Staff

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Merry Christmas from the Saints!

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: *"A God who became so small could only be mercy and love."*

St. Cyril of Jerusalem: *"Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry."*

St. Leo the Great: *"Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing."*

Venerable Fulton Sheen: *"The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it."*

St. Teresa of Calcutta: *"My prayer for you is that when Christ comes to you in Christmas, He may find in you a warm home, warm love like that of a heartfelt love, like that of a simple shepherd who was the first one chosen to see Christ."*

St. Alphonsus Liguori: *"Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid."*

St. Anthony of Padua: *"O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity."*

Pope St. John Paul II: *"And in the end everything will turn out to be unimportant inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love."*



VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

4:30 PM People of the Parish
 7:00 PM People of the Parish
 10:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022

7:00 AM Dennis J. Greaney
 12:00 PM Geraldine Bougades

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022

7:00 AM Kathleen Nicholson
 12:00 PM John McGrath

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022

7:00 AM Lorraine Giles
 12:00 PM Yolande Casimir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022

7:00 AM Angelina Puleo
 12:00 PM Mae Crimmons

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel
 12:00 PM Sheila Magliaro

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

8:30 AM Walter Mattheiss
 12:00 PM The Brutofsky Family

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, DEC. 31, 2022

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM The Brutofsky Family
 11:30 AM June Borneman Lynch

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 ***Maria Louisa Arana***. Requested by Alma Handy.

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.



2023 Mass Book

The 2023 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 _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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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Amount enclosed: \$_____ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)

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