

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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December 29, 2019
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message From Fr. Rich

As I am sitting here on Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 15th, I am somewhat in violation of my admonishment from my homily today to slow down and live in the present. I am tasked with writing this bulletin letter for the Solemnity of the Holy Family, which is two weeks away on Sunday, Dec. 29th.

This is a perfect example of how things go in an imperfect world. It seems there are always "exceptions to the rule." (Although I believe this concept has been inverted and stretched to its limits today, where the adage appears to be "the exception IS the rule") That, my brothers and sisters, is an extremely dangerous condition. However, that will be a topic for another day.

If we look at today's Gospel, it is the epitome of the life of St. Joseph. There is not ONE recorded word of St. Joseph in the whole of Sacred Scripture, which by the way, comprises 750,000 words. That is quite amazing and I believe makes a profound theological point.

St Joseph, by human standards, would appear to be an extraneous appendage certainly to the life of Jesus and helpful but not necessary for the life of Mary. He does not contribute to the human generation of Jesus Christ, which in the flesh is entirely of Mary's flesh.

But he is an integral figure in the make-up of the Holy Family. He is an essential and an integral person within this family, in that **God the Father places him IN the Family of Jesus and Mary.**

His words are not recorded, but his responsibility and his obedience to God the Father are. God commands him, "Get up, take the Child and his Mother and flee to Egypt!" And Joseph immediately complies.

Then after some long length of time in Egypt, God commands St. Joseph, "Get up take the Child and His Mother and set out for the land of Israel!" We are told again that immediately complied with that command.

And not to be outdone, on their way back to Israel, St. Joseph receives another command because of new danger, and went to the region of Galilee and settled in a town called Nazareth.

Quite a series of events for the young family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. These recordings about Joseph who never is quoted as even uttering a sound is an extremely profound Divine viewpoint on the Sacredness of Family. That the glory of Christmas, the glory of our Savior entering into human history, the glory of our salvation occurs within the context of a human family is a Divine affirmation of the essential sacredness of the human family. In a way, the glory of Christmas can be said to be brought to fruition within the family. This occurrence is a Divine affirmation of the necessity of the family.

And think about this: St. Joseph, who is the least within that family unit, (Jesus is Almighty God, Mary is the Immaculate Conception, never experiencing the stain of sin), is given the monumental task of guiding that family through history! And even more amazingly, God Almighty and Mary the sinless Mother of God never countermand his guidance. They cooperate fully with his charge.

That's why this family is Holy. Holy means to be designated or consecrated for God's use. In this Holy Family there is never a clash of Egos. There is never one-upmanship. There are no jealous feelings. There are no power plays. There are no squabbles about authority. All the family members are dedicated to following the will of God.

Now, maybe, that may be why St. Joseph never had a recorded word in Scripture. The Word they all lived for and obeyed was God's. No need for anyone to say anything in that case, except "Yes." And remember, actions speak louder than words.

All families are called to be Holy. All families are called to be the sacred means to ensure the continuation of the Christmas glory throughout human history.

With the Christ-Child's Love and Peace,
Fr. Rich

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

| December 15 th | Week 25 | Y. to Date |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Collection | \$17,843 | \$311,029 |
| Avg. Budget | \$13,269 | |
| | \$331,731 | |
| Retirement Fund for Religious | \$4,068 | |
| Assessment | \$3,022 | |

Like the Wise Men of old,
the children of Our Lady of Sorrows
have a special gift to offer:
All the people of the parish,
relatives and friends
are invited to join the
children of the OLS parish and school
as they present the
40th Annual Parish Epiphany Pageant
Sunday, January 5, 2019
at 4:00 pm in the Upper Church

Stewardship Reflections

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, Obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." Colossians 3:18-21

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

Reflections on Catechism

2223 Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgement, and self-mastery – the pre conditions of all the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones." Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them.

New Years Mass Schedule

December 31st 5:30 pm Upper Church

January 1st 10:00 & 11:30 am Upper Church

Think About It.

We adapt to the Advent season, as a time for Compassion, Kindness, Humility, Gentleness and Patience. Saint Paul teaches this in his letter to the Colossians as God's chosen people, we have to "Bear with each other and forgive one another. If any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.... Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another through wisdom..."

During these times of such human division, disparity and desperation, we can also learn and adopt some of Mother Teresa's teachings..."Lord open our eyes that we may see You in our brothers and sisters...Open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord open our hearts that we may love each other as You love us."

Think About It. Lynette Wilson, Peace and Justice Committee.

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 **this weekend** and next weekend **January 4/5**. Please place the gifts in the church vestibule (where the presents for the Giving Tree were placed). 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.

[Thank You from the OLS Food Pantry!](#)

Thanks to the generosity of the OLS Parish and the SOMa community, your Food Pantry was able to serve 225 patrons for Thanksgiving and 185 patrons for Christmas. From gift cards to fresh produce, coffee, jam, holiday foods, and grocery staples, we were thrilled to be able to provide such a wide assortment of items. The Pantry will now take a little break and formally re-open in early January. That said, we can always provide food on an emergency basis if you are or know someone in need.

As part of our mission, we are committed to improving the nutritional quality of the foods we offer. During 2019, we provided more fresh produce, milk, and low-salt/low-sugar non-perishables than ever before. Our partnerships with MEND, local CSAs, and the Elks-Rent Party garden across the street provide much free produce. Your monetary donations allow us to purchase bananas and produce out of season. We worry that recent cuts in the SNAP program (formerly food stamps) will mean more patrons to serve in 2020, but we will continue to seek grants and kind donors like you. For more information and volunteer opportunities, please check out our Sign Up Genius: <http://bit.ly/OLSPANTRY>. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the OLS Food Pantry Team!

[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.**

[St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry](#)

Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at 10:00 A.M. in the lower church. All are welcome!



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.

MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us for the movie *Unplanned*, which will be screened in St. Joseph Hall on Friday, January 17, at 7:00 PM. The movie tells the story of former Planned Parenthood clinic director, Abby Johnson, and her life-changing conversion to the pro-life movement.

There will be pizza and light refreshments. All are welcome!

When: Friday, January 17, 2020

Time: 7:00 PM

Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish | St. Joseph Hall
217 Prospect Street | South Orange

Please RSVP by January 10, 2020 to elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or katharinetownsend@hotmail.com, or text (973) 902-1296.

Note: Rated R; parent or adult guardian required

This event is sponsored by the St. Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Our mission is to promote the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. We advocate for babies in the womb, the elderly, people with disabilities, and those otherwise disadvantaged.





Our Lady of Sorrows School News

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Merry Christmas

from

Our Lady of Sorrows School

*Save the date for the Catholic Schools Week
Our Lady of Sorrows Open House
January 26, 2020 from 11am-2pm*



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 sorrowschurch@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 |
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| K and Grade 1: Lambs |
| Grade 2: Angels |
| Grade 3: Shepherds |
| Grades 4 and Up: Central Figures |
| * Costumes Provided for All Cast Members |

| Pageant Schedule |
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| 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



Renew your Consecration

Or

Consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary for the first time

Join in this LIFE CHANGING

experience which touches the world around you
Saint John Paul II, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta,
Saint Maximillian Kolbe, Saint Louis de Monfort among
Other saints found this way to way to holiness.

Won't you consider joining them

and prepare to consecrate yourself to Jesus through
Mary?

Many parishioners have already did the consecration
and even renewed it.

Starting Tuesday, Feb.11th through March 24th (choose
one session to join)

10 a.m to 11:30a.m. or 7p.m-8:30p.m.

cut and send in

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

email _____

Cost: \$30 for the materials [if someone wants to do this
and can't afford the \$ just let S.Mary Selina know]

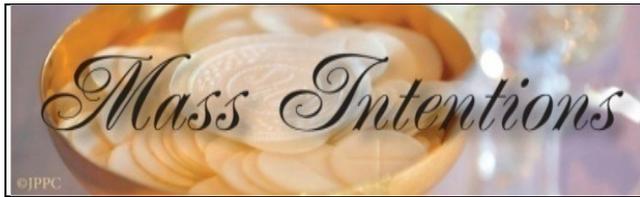
[] This is the first time for me [] I would like to renew
my consecration

Put this in the collection basket or bring to the office of send it to
S.Mary Selina 217 Prospect St. South Orange, NJ 07079

***N.B. If you are renewing and would like to use a different book
let me know. I have a very good one but it doesn't have a video.
We could do this if we have enough people wanting this option.

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SATURDAY, 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,
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Families and Souls in Purgatory
11:30 AM Mary & Mario Inguaggiato

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019

7:00 AM Sister Theresia Maria Special
Intention
12:00 PM Annabeth Rose Ebert 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2019

7:00 AM Brutofsky Family
12:00 PM Joan Hamilton
5:30 PM Thomas DeMeo 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020

10:00 AM Brutofsky Family
11:30 AM Rose Marie Kelly

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020

7:00AM Russell Pace Sr.
12:00 PM Thomas F. Clark

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 2020

7:00AM Ronald Roger Graham
12:00 PM Anne Doorish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2020

8:30 AM Dale Marshall
12:00 PM Rose DiMaria

VIGIL MASS JANUARY 4, 2020

5:30 PM Nicola Silano Special Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta
& Abramo Families
11:30 AM William Horan

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 Calendar Raffle
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: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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