



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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February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Easter Sunday can fall at any time between the dates of March 22nd and April 25th. This year, Easter comes quite early: March 31st. That means that Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, also comes early: February 14th, which is also Valentine's Day, a day on which lovers express their love for each other. Lent is our annual opportunity to deepen our love for God. We know, of course, that God's love for us is infinite and perfect. We also know that our love for God is not always perfect. Lent though, is a chance to work on that, by deepening our friendship with God. Our parish has many ways to help you do that during Lent, including:

- **Ash Wednesday Masses:** We will have Masses at 7:00 am, 9:30 am (*School Mass, but all are invited*), 12:00 Noon, and 7:00 pm. At every Mass, ashes will be imposed on the forehead.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Women aged 25-39 are invited to gather for 6 consecutive Sundays, from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. The Word of God is so powerful and exploring that Word with others is a wonderful way to make the Lenten season more meaningful. For more information or to register, contact Ifeoma Onwuka at 973-855-1890.
- **Lenten Small Groups:** All are invited to meet, either in-person or virtually, on the Tuesdays of Lent, from 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm. We will watch a short video from Fr. Mike Schmitz and then break into small groups to discuss very relevant topics. For more information or to register, contact Michelle at mrs419@hotmail.com or 862-205-9866. See also the flyer in this bulletin for more information.
- **Men's Lenten Day of Retreat:** Saturday, February 24, 8:45 am - 3:00 pm. See the flyer in this bulletin for more information on this wonderful day of reflection, prayer, and fellowship, which will be led by Fr. Andrew.
- **Lenten Reflection Booklet:** A Lenten companion booklet from Magnificat Press is offered to every parishioner. They will be at the doors of the Church this Sunday. Please pick up a copy and try to read the daily reflections. They will help you to grow in more perfect love of God.
- **Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 pm. Join us as we prayerfully meditate on Christ's Passion and Death, which is the ultimate demonstration of God's love for us.
- **Lenten Penance Service:** Monday, March 11, 7:00 pm. This is an opportunity to receive God's mercy and forgiveness. We'll have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. We also have confessions every Saturday, from 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm. In this Sunday's Mass, the Psalmist says, *"I confess my faults to the LORD, and you took away the guilt of my sin."* And in this Sunday's Gospel, the leper says to Jesus, *"If you wish, you can make me clean."* Confession our faults to the Lord and being made clean: what a great way to show our love for God and to receive His love!
- **St. Patrick's Day Party:** Saturday, March 16, 6:30 pm in the school gym. This celebration of St. Patrick will give us a wee little break in our Lenten disciplines! Stay tuned for further information.

Let's each of us use the 40 days of Lent to grow in holiness and more perfect love of God so that we'll be more ready to joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on March 31st.

Lenten Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

February 4th	Week 32	Y. to Date
Collection	\$13,992	\$395,738
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$384,851

Candles \$421
Repairs and Maintenance \$3,425
Assessment \$365

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The OLS St. Vincent DePaul Society seeks to find and aid those in need in our Parish, and the Maplewood/South Orange communities on a confidential basis. If you know of someone potentially in need of financial and/or advisory assistance, have them contact the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish office. (973) 763-5454 or email: OLSStvincentdepaul@gmail.com For those looking to donate to this cause, please contact the Parish office or the aforementioned email address.



Rosary Society

The Rosary Society is looking forward to having Fr. Andrew join us and speak at our February meeting. Our meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00PM in the downstairs chapel to pray the Rosary. Afterwards, we will gather for refreshments and Father's talk. Everyone is welcome! *Please note:* There will not be a March meeting. Instead, we encourage you to attend the Tuesday Lenten Small Group Series.

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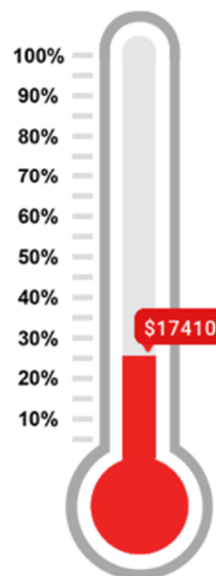
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**Total # of OLS families:
2253**

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