

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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February 16, 2020
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Rich

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that "unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the Kingdom of God."

The scribes were the educated Teachers of the Law, the record keepers of the Mosaic Law. They eventually were to become the professional theologians and jurists of the Law of Moses. The Pharisees were a group culled from the scribes and wise men of the Hebrew people. They were basically what we would term the 'laity' today. They believed in the Resurrection and in following man made legal traditions that were not necessarily ascribed to the Bible. However, they too, were well known legal experts.

The Disciples of Jesus, and also the core of the Disciples who were the Apostles, were common folk and fisherman. Hardly steeped in the professional nuances and legalities of the Mosaic Law. Thus the profoundness of Jesus directive. He is telling His Disciples, mostly hard working trades people and common folk that they were to somehow be holier than that of all the professionals of the Jewish Religion, who made a career out of determining holiness.

I'm sure many of the Disciples reacted with a dumbfounded scratching of their heads thinking, "How can we be holier than those who were educated in the Law and spent their whole lives expounding on the law."

That's exactly Jesus point. He commands His disciples to be holier than those who are looked upon as beacons of holiness. His directive is to startle them!

To be holy means allowing oneself to be used by God entirely for His purposes. A thing becomes holy by being consecrated, that is, set aside for God's use

Jesus point then is this....Holiness is not a matter of having a lifetime of higher education, or accumulating a myriad of academic letters after one's name. **Holiness is the willing act of dedicating one's entire self for God's use and for God's glory. And it is necessary for everyone.**

We willfully allow our lives to be lived according to God's Law. Every thought, word, deed and action is consciously dedicated to bringing ourselves and others to see the glory of God in our lives and thus in the World.

And since Jesus tells His Disciples to be holier than the scribes and Pharisees, it is essential that we follow His directive.

Our destiny, according to God's Plan, is to know, love and serve Him in this world, so as to be eternally happy with Him in Heaven. In Heaven, our holiness comes to complete fulfillment. In Heaven, we are totally enveloped in the love of God. God's total love for us, consecrates us in His infinite Holiness. We are totally set aside as God's children for God.

And because we are now totally God's in His infinite Love for us, and our total love for Him, our holiness is complete!

Thus, without the practice of holiness by everyone in this world, one can never enter the Kingdom of God. We must be practiced in holiness in this world. Nothing but the holy enter into Heaven.

Jesus said to His disciples: "I tell you, that unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees **you shall not enter** the Kingdom of God."

So just do holiness!

In Christ's love Fr. Rich

THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

February 9	Week 33	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,117	\$411,703
Avg. Budgeted	\$13,269	\$437,886
Assessment \$2,394		

***Due to President's Day Monday February 17th
we will have one Mass only in the Upper Church.***

Reflections on Catechism

2302 By recalling the commandment, "You shall not kill," our Lord asked for peace of heart and denounced murderous anger and hatred as immoral.

Anger is a desire for revenge. "to desire vengeance in order to do evil to someone who should be punished is illicit," but it is praiseworthy to impose restitution "to correct vices and maintain justice." If anger reaches the point of deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. The Lord says, "Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgement."

Men's Lenten Retreat, March 7

All men, high school age and beyond, are invited to take part in a silent retreat to be held on Saturday, March 7 at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. Cost is \$40.00 per person. The day begins with a full breakfast at 8:00 AM and ends with Mass at 4:45. Included in between are two presentations, ample time for personal prayer, Reconciliation, full lunch, Stations of the Cross and the Mass.

The presentations will focus on Freedom and Awareness; showing us how to become free from anything in our lives that could keep us from becoming aware of the many ways God speaks to us every day. It promises to be a wonderful way to wrap up the first week of Lent.

The Retreat is sponsored by the OLS Men's Wednesday Morning Prayer Group. Car pooling will be available.

For reservations and information, please contact Len Mrozak (908 872-4968, lmrozak@aol.com) or Frank Franzonia (973 378-9039, ffranzonia@gmail.com)

UPDATE FROM THE OLS FOOD PANTRY & MEND

As many of you know, our Pantry is a proud member of the MEND pantry network of 20 food pantries in Essex County. MEND, a registered non-profit stands for Meeting Essential Needs with Dignity and is celebrating it's 40th year! MEND provides a great amount of food and funds to its pantries as well as an active forum of support and best practices for pantry managers. MEND is holding its annual Green Bean Gala fundraiser at The Woodland on March 7th. Tickets are available on line at www.mendnj.org, and we hope to see you there!



The OLS Fish Fry Returns!

Friday

March 15, 2019

6:00 - 8:00 pm

OLS School Cafeteria

172 Academy Street

South Orange, NJ 07079

Eat in or take out! BYOB!

Dessert & coffee will be served!

Pre-Orders are Strongly suggested but walk-ins are perfectly welcome.

Sponsored by the OLS Home School Association
All profits raised for will directly benefit our students and school facilities!

Please send in completed order form with cash or check to the School Office attn. Fish Fry.

Please make out checks to "the OLS Home School Association"

Name: _____

Number of Adults: (fish & Chips) _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Number of Kids: (Fish & Chips) _____ x \$10.00 = _____

OR

(Chicken fingers & Fries) _____ X \$10.00 = _____

OR

(Mac & Cheese) _____ X \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL: _____

SAVE THE DATE! - 2020 Catholic Men's Commission and Women's Commission Catholic Men's Conference: Saturday, February 29, 2020, at Seton Hall University.

This year's theme, for the English track, is *"Be Not Afraid: Man of God... I am my Brother's Keeper!"* The speaker for the English track will be **Paul Kim**, who is the founder of the Triumph Men's conference. His background includes a BA in Philosophy (Franciscan University of Steubenville), an MA in Marriage and Family Therapy (Hope International University), religious formation with the community of the Franciscans Friars of the Renewal (NYC), and **Bishop John Flesey**, who is a retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and a popular retreat master and teacher. The master of ceremonies will be Father John Gordon. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with Mass.

Women's Commission Day of Reflection: Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is "Alive in Christ: The Eucharist...His Heart in my Heart". The English track will feature keynote speakers **Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V.**, who professed her perpetual vows as a Sister of Life in 2015 and serves her community as the Vocation Director, **Colleen Kelly Rayner**, founder of CKR Retreats, who is a dynamic speaker whose authentic witness ignites joy-filled evangelization and catechesis, and **Dr. Diane Traflet, J.D., S.T.D.**, who is the Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, is the director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and is a key leader in the Center for Diaconal Formation. She will also be the emcee for the day. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with Mass.

Registration for both events is \$30 for adults. Priests & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. More information will become available in January on these websites at

www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN) or [www.rcan.org/mens-commission\(MEN\)](http://www.rcan.org/mens-commission(MEN))

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

40 Days for Life, a nationwide campaign of prayer and fasting, takes place once again from **February 26 - April 5**, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. in the public right of way across the street from a high-volume abortion center (Pilgrim Medical Center), 396 Bloomfield Ave., in Montclair. Would you prayerfully consider pledging one hour per week at the prayer site for babies in the womb and their families? Can you pray the same day/hour each week? To volunteer, email Lisa Hart at lisa@lifeneducation.org or call her at 973-769-4422. You can also sign up online at <https://www.40daysforlifecom/montclair-nj>.

Coming soon: Baby Bottle Boomerang and St. Gianna Feast Day Celebration

If you feel as passionate as we do about the pro-life movement, consider joining our ministry. To be a volunteer or to learn more, email Elena at elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or Katharine at katharinetownsend@hotmail.com.

Facebook: facebook.com/olsprolife | Instagram: @olsprolife.



Stewardship Reflections

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



Our Lady of Sorrows School News

Learn Serve Lead Succeed

Our Lady of Sorrows School kicked off Catholic Schools Week 2020 with an all school Mass and a well attended Open House!

Catholic Schools week is a chance for OLS to show off our beautiful school and campus, highlight our outstanding students and faculty and have some fun! During the week we held a Religion Bee and had a student organized talent show. The Preschool enjoyed a magic show and grades K - 8 took over FunPlex for a day of fun and games! We ended the week with a Catholic Schools Week Family Appreciation Party in the Gym with dinner and dancing!

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.



COUGAR BOOSTERS

RENT PARTY

BackPack Pals

"Leap Year" Celebration

DRINK & DINE ON 2/29

featuring the horn infused funk and soul of

BIG TRAIN

\$25 per person

\$40 per couple

includes:

- **Beer & Wine**
- **Buffet Dinner**
- **LIVE Music & Dancing**

Saturday, February 29th

Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium
Fourth & Academy Streets, South Orange
7:00pm to 10:30 pm

GET TICKETS ONLINE at
www.chscougarboosters.org



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2020

5:30 PM Gerard Weir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020

8:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

9:00 AM James Kerwin

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020

7:00 AM George Blair

12:00 PM Angelo Magliaro

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

7:00 AM Brutofsky Family

12:00 PM Ernestine Holmok

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020

7:00AM Mary DiPrenda

12:00 PM Dee Israelson

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

7:00AM Bernard Nathanson

12:00 PM Kathy Shelffo – Special Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

8:30 AM Elizabeth Polaski

12:00 PM Tara O'Leary

VIGIL MASS FEBRUARY 22, 2020

5:30 PM Rocco Silano – Special Intention

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

8:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Dale Marshall

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Guisepina Toglia**. We pray for the repose of their soul and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **those lost in the Kobe Bryant Tragedy**. Requested 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, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, George Richmond Files Jr., Beth Hebron, Henry Hamel, Jennifer Bober and Rosemary Muller.



Our Lady of Sorrows Calendar Raffle



\$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: _____

Email: _____

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