



Our Lady of Sorrows

217 PROSPECT STREET, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079

973-763-5454

www.olschurch.com



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

RECTORY and PARISH: 973-763-5454 • FAX: 973-763-9506

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

A Message from Fr. Andrew

They say there are five main types of love languages through which we express and receive love. These five include words of affirmation, quality time, receiving gifts, acts of service, and physical touch.

This theory says we can express love by telling others how much we appreciate their presence in our lives, being with our loved ones with undivided attention, and giving & receiving either material or spiritual gifts, including giving ourselves completely for loved ones. Also, working for others to help them unload their burdens and the gentle physical touch of holding hands, putting arms around someone, and giving a heartfelt hug are the other two ways we show our love.

What is your love language? Does any of the types I listed above resonate with what you do to express your love for others? If you feel you don't belong to any of these categories, that is fine because there are other ways to express love.

Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent. With ashes on either our forehead or on top of our heads, we were once again reminded of the two essential things in our lives: the importance of repentance and the fact that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. These two things remind us of our human limit and that our lives here are not our lasting home. Mortality and human frailty are symbolized vividly through the marking on our heads, showing the whole world who we are – the Children of God headed toward heaven by remembering the sufferings of our Lord.

Lent is the time when our love language should be participating in Christ's sufferings on our behalf through penance and prayers. Just like we desire to be there when our loved ones are having a difficult time, Christ, too, must be part of our desire. He willingly embraced the Cross so He could lay down His Cross to build the bridge leading us from the darkness to light. Whenever we feel pushed to the cliff's edge, Jesus places the Cross He bore (and continues to bear) in front of us so we can pass to the other side of the cliff – the green pasture He had prepared for His sheep.

Love always involves two sides—the one that is giving and the one that is accepting. God's timeless and limitless love for us, expressed through the sufferings of Jesus, never fails to get to us. However, we must accept it and respond to it. How? By showing Christ that we desire to be right there with Him at Gethsemane, where He suffered tremendously while embracing the darkness created by our sins.

It is important to stick to what we have decided to give up while remembering Jesus' pains and tears for us. The more we fall in love with our Lord and friend Jesus, the easier it will get for us to stay faithful to this season. So, let's make sure to keep our love language going during the whole season of Lent: By loving like Jesus, who led go of many things to love us.

God Bless,
Fr. Andrew

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

February 11th	Week 33	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,091	\$407,829
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$396,878

Assessment \$3,421

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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: OLSSstvincentdepaul@gmail.com For those looking to donate to this cause, please contact the Parish office or the aforementioned email address.



Sponsor Certificates A reminder:

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action

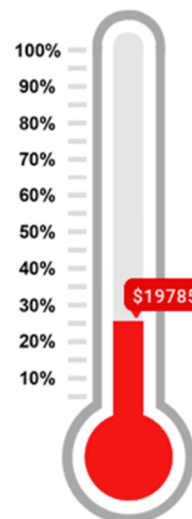
**Total donors
as of 2-12-24:
36**

**Total # of OLS families:
2253**

To make a gift:



Goal: \$75607



Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We are serving nearly 200-250 families with each pantry distribution. For the calendar year 2023, this amounts to 8,341 bags of groceries provided to 6,773 families made up of 25,066 individuals. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of Our Lady of Sorrows church, its parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you.

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Food donations can be dropped off in the lower church Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00 pm inside the 4th Street entrance or in the church vestibule Saturday/Sunday morning. Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/>

Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.

Women Ages 25-39

JOIN US FOR A 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY!

You will be able to gain a much deeper understanding of the word of God and apply these scriptural truths to your everyday walk as a Christian woman of faith. We can't wait to meet you!

**SUNDAYS 1PM-2PM
STARTING FEBRUARY 18TH, 2024
PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE!**

FOR QUESTIONS AND TO RSVP PLEASE CONTACT
IFEOMA ONWUKA (973)-855-1890

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

Meet Our Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Pastor

fbrianneedles@gmail.com

Rev. Andrew Lee, Parochial Vicar

frlee527@gmail.com

Rev. Robert Suszko, Weekend Assistant

Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Priest in Residence

Rev. Eugenio (Gino) de la Rama, Priest in Residence

Rev. Patrick Seo, Priest in Residence

Deacon Walter Wiggins, Permanent Deacon

deaconwalt@outlook.com

Ms. Judy Foley, School Principal

principal@ourladyofsorrowsschool.org

Sr. Mary Selina, S.C.C., Pastoral Associate

passociate07@gmail.com

Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator

jennollols@gmail.com

Christopher Kaiser, Youth Minister

kaiserch@shu.edu

Stephanie Sonnick, Ministerial Associate

olschurchministries@gmail.com

Colleen McDonald, Administrative Assistant

sorrowchurch@gmail.com

Preston Dibble, Director of Music

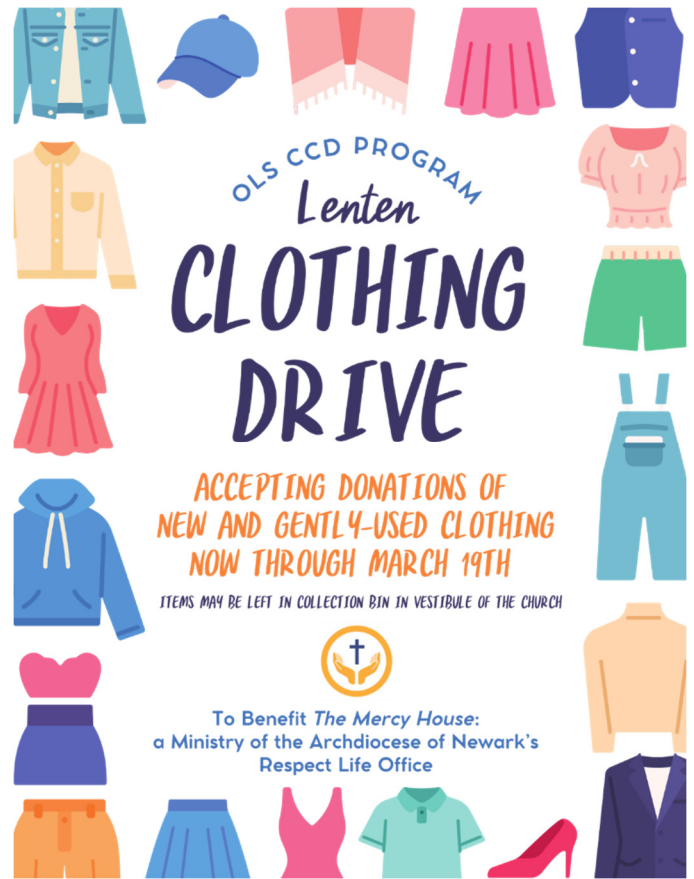
olsmusician@gmail.com

Karlene Campbell, Nursery Director

karlene@thenurseryatols.org

Charles Noun, Business Manager

ols217so@msn.com



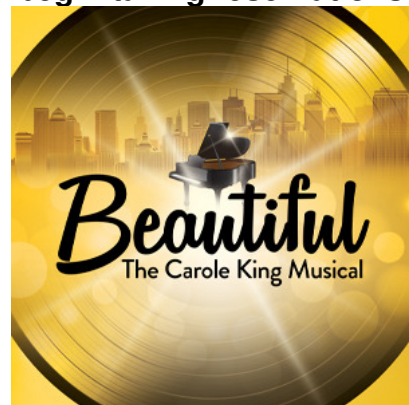
Save the Date!

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn

Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm, \$35

We will begin taking reservations in April



Facebook

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



VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

5:30 PM Mary Ellen Rustum

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

8:00 AM All Rosarians Living and Deceased

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Douglas Moriarta

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024

7:00 AM The Brutofsky Family

12:00 PM Ernestine Holmok

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

7:00 AM Margaret Tallon

12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca-1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

7:00 AM Kevin O'Connor

12:00 PM Bernard Nathanson - 13th
Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

7:00 AM Elizabeth Palaski

12:00 PM Angela Siekavizza - 12th
Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

7:00 AM Clyde Moser

12:00 PM Fay Etienne

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

8:30 AM Sr. Judith Special Intention

12:00 PM Alma de Mal Donado - 40th
Anniversary

VIGIL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024

5:30 PM William Cody, Sr.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Msgr. James Cafone - 9th
Anniversary

11:30 AM James A. Richards

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Claire**

Lauridsen. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one for a special intention.

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: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, 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, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis, Patricia Evanik, Michael Elliot and Judith Gordy.



LENT 2024

**Don't just give something up,
get something more.**



Lenten Small Groups

Join with other adults this Lent to find friendship
and have faith-based conversations that connect with real life.
Insightful video content from Father Mike Schmitz will fuel your
small group's conversations each Tuesday!

**Virtual and In-Person
groups available**



Scan to join us
or **contact Michelle at**
mrs419@hotmail.com
or 862-205-9866 to
register or ask
questions!

Tuesdays 7:00-8:15 pm

Feb. 20: The Real Meaning of Lent

Feb. 27: Faith AND Works

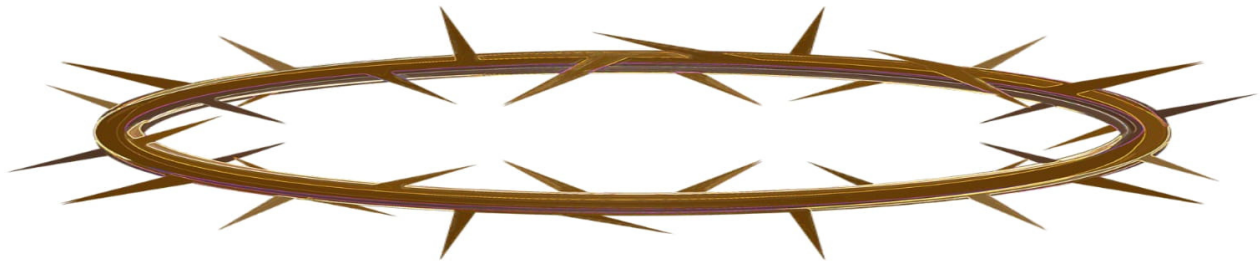
Mar. 5: Seeing God in Daily Life

Mar. 12: What does God want me to do?

Mar. 19: What to do when prayer is hard

Mar. 26: Best Holy Week Ever!

Online or in Lower Church



Men's Lenten Day of Recollection Saturday, February 24, 2024

All men of the parish are invited to participate

Date /Time: Saturday, February 24, 8:45 AM - 3:00 PM
Location: *Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, Mendham, NJ
Presenter: Rev. Andrew Lee, Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Sorrows
Cost: \$50.00

THEME:

“Meditating on the love of God for us and the mystery of Christ's passion through the lens of the stations of the Cross.”

Program:

- Mass begins at 9:00
- Continental Breakfast
- First Presentation by Fr Andrew
- Private Reflection
- Hot Lunch at Noon
- Second Presentation by Fr Andrew
- Recitation of Rosary and Benediction
- Dismissal by 3:00 PM

For Reservations, contact Len Mrozak (908 872-4968); lmrozak@aol.com

* The Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center is located on the beautiful grounds of The Sisters of Christian Charity Mallinckrodt Convent in Mendham. Carpooling from OLS will be available. Visit their website: www.sceast.org

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Regina Pacis Council #4066