

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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“
BEHOLD,
THIS CHILD
IS DESTINED
FOR THE
FALL AND RISE
OF MANY
IN ISRAEL.
”

LUKE 2:34

MASSES: 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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The Presentation of the Lord

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE AND CONSECRATED LIFE

A Message from Sr. Mary Selina, Pastoral Associate

In our liturgy today we are celebrating the Presentation of the Lord in the temple by Joseph and Mary. The Church has also determined this day to be World Day for Consecrated Life. Let us consider the meaning of both as they affect our lives.

It is Jesus' parents that are faithful to their faith and who bring the LIGHT of the WORLD to the temple 8 days after birth. He is recognized and proclaimed by Simeon and Anna who have given their lives over to waiting and acknowledging the Messiah's presence. The Messiah is recognized and proclaimed through faith and obedience of the family and of 2 people (Anna and Simeon) who are part of a family and who are consecrated, that is, set apart, for the worship of God.

When we think of a religious sister, brother or a religious order priest we can look at this special calling in the Church through the lens of the Presentation of the Lord. In this brief article I will look at the consecrated life through the lens of the Presentation but also through my own lens of living this consecrated life in the Church.

The Lord was brought to the temple in thanksgiving to God for the gift of His life and to make an offering of thanksgiving and purification. At the time of Baptism, parents rooted in their faith bring their child to Church to offer thanks and give their baby a share in God's life. At this time the child is set aside as a son or daughter of God. As the child is set aside by God in Baptism, that child may later on experience an invitation to live her baptismal grace in an ever more radical way, and that is by entering into communion with the Trinity through the total self-gift by means of the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience in the consecrated life of a brother, nun, sister or religious order priest. This marriage proposal by God to a soul calls on a person to embrace God alone in total self-emptying love and to embrace the whole family of God and to care for their needs through prayer, action and sacrifice. All people become his or her family and, as in all families, the most vulnerable will have special attention.

Called by God to this love relation, God desires that the person be at home in time and space and be supported in this special Calling. God will then direct the person to a religious order or congregation with others sharing the same charism (that is, a particular spiritual gift given to a person for the good of the Church). Like Simeon and Anna, a religious spends much time in prayer seeking to know the Lord so as to bring His love and light to all he or she is called to serve. A religious is not a functionary, but rather a person set apart for God alone so that the Church family may always realize that God alone is enough and that the light of the Gospel message – Jesus – might flow through every undertaking, helping all people know that that they are called to holiness, to be saints.

Blessed is the family that God has drawn one of their children to intimate union with Himself and to bring His light to the temple, the Church.



“I vow to almighty God perpetual chastity, poverty and obedience...through the grace of the Holy Spirit and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary I may strive for perfect charity for the glory of God in the service of the Church.”

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>January 26</u>	<u>Week 31</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$12,843	\$389,819
Avg. Budgeted	\$13,269	\$411,346

Repairs & Maintenance \$3,079
Catholic Schools \$412

Blessing of Throats - Feb. 3

Monday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blase, who is the patron saint of those with throat ailments. We will have the traditional blessing of throats at our 7:00 am and 12:00 Noon Masses, as well as at a simple service at 7:00 pm.

Christian Initiation Highlights

Two new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Isabella Garcia and Mary Cynthia Sallah. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020.

Stewardship Reflections

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

Reflections on Catechism

531 During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labor. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was "obedient" to his parents and he "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."

"SOUPer Bowl" Collection for OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Peace and Justice Committee will be holding its annual "SOUPer Bowl" collection to raise funds for the Food Pantry after all Masses this weekend—Super Bowl weekend. We welcome contributions of whatever you can give to help the Food Pantry meet the urgent need for food assistance. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Holy Hour

Please save the following dates and join us for Our Holy Hours. All start at 7:00 pm in the upper church. Come spend 1 hour in prayer with Our Lord.

Monday, February 10, Monday, February 24
Monday, March 23, Monday, March 30,
Monday, April 20, Monday, April 27, Monday,
June 22, Monday, June 29

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, f Franzonia@gmail.com)

Live Mass Broadcast

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

Think About It

Today the Peace and Justice Committee is helping to raise money and awareness of the special mission of our Food Pantry at OLS. We call this Sunday every year "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Perhaps it is a reminder of the excessive amount of food we consume on Super Bowl Sunday, and perhaps the waste as well. It is a reminder to me of the time I worked with a young woman who grew up never having tasted a fresh orange. Another young woman I worked with was trying to figure out how to budget for food when 70% of her income went for housing costs (not unusual in New Jersey). Yet another young woman, who was visibly pregnant had never seen a doctor. I took her to a Clinic (she had no insurance) to see a doctor; we waited a whole day (8 hours) sitting on rickety seats for her to be seen. There was very little time to explain and help her understand about the other concerns she might have for her health and the health of her baby, and that is the 1000 day window to meet critical nutritional needs for the developing body and brain of the infant that affect future health outcomes. Bread for the World, an organization that studies these issues worldwide, is worth looking at on the internet. Our Food Pantry is a small but significant sign of the Church's commitment to help mitigate not only need for calories, but nutritional needs as well. The Scriptures call us to the common good. All these young women and their families are our neighbors.

Susan McElroy for the Peace and Justice Committee

Come Adore the Lord

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**



St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry



Month Five: Developing Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His mother can now feel him moving. Before, he was too small for her to feel. Although he swam with ease in his watery world, he needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the uterine wall and dent it – the inside uterine wall has no feeling.

You are midway through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

"We are to give all to Christ and thereby give our all to our brothers and sisters, especially our innocent and defenseless unborn brothers and sisters." — Cardinal Raymond Burke, January 24, 2020

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Facebook: [facebook.com/olsprolife](https://www.facebook.com/olsprolife) | Instagram: @olsprolife.



Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring an

Enrichment for Married Couples. Keep the love alive from Valentine's Day and come **Celebrate Marriage**. This one-day marriage enrichment offers some time to look at where you are in your marriage, improve your basic communication skills, and revisit memories of your life together as a married couple. Family Life Office is sponsoring this day which will be held on Sunday, February, 23 at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue from 9:30am – 4:30pm. The cost for the day is \$50 per couple which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch and presentation materials. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the day. For more information or to register, please contact Brian.Caldwell@rcan.org or call 973-497-4324.

Our Lady of Sorrows Wine and Cheese Happy Hour

*Join us for a relaxed and enjoyable evening of wine, cheese
and light finger food with your fellow parishioners.*

*Saturday, February 8
from 6:30-9:30
at the Elk's Lodge
(across the street
from the Church)*

*\$10 at the door
(adults only)*



RSVP to Anne Moore, ols.pastor@verizon.net
or 973-763-5454, limited seating



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020

5:30 PM Dale Marshall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

7:00 AM Edmund Duthie
12:00 PM Richard Needles

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020

7:00 AM Michael Csedrik – Special Intention
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2020

7:00 AM Agnes Blair
12:00 PM Peter Appleby – Special Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020

7:00AM Brutofsky Family
12:00 PM Linda O'Hagan – Special Intention

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020

7:00AM Joshua Dibble
12:00 PM Donald G. Wilms 6th Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

8:30 AM Dale Marshall
12:00 PM Robert L. Metzger

VIGIL MASS FEBRUARY 8, 2020

5:30 PM The McCauley Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta
& Abramo Families
10:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased
11:30 AM People of the Parish

In Sympathy Of

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

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, 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, Henry Hamel and Jennifer Bober.



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: _____

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