



# *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 25, 2024***  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent***

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

If you like to go to the movies, you know that it's not necessary to get there right at the published start time because when the lights are dimmed, the first thing you see isn't the movie you came for. You first must sit through a half dozen or so previews of coming movies. Those sneak peeks, those coming attractions, are meant to pique your interest so that you'll go see the whole film when it comes out.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus goes up to Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John, the inner circle of His disciples, and they were given a preview of coming attractions. Christ was completely transfigured before their very eyes. His clothes became dazzling white, His face shone like the sun, and Jesus was seen talking to Moses and Elijah.

Up on that mountaintop, Jesus showed the disciples who He really is. He is God come to earth, and He gave them a brief glimpse of His Godliness. They got a sneak preview of the coming attraction. That coming attraction would, of course, be Easter.

And the disciples would need that sneak preview of Easter to prepare them for what lay ahead: the agony of Good Friday and the death of Jesus on the Cross. The memory of the Transfiguration – of seeing Christ in all His glory – would help the disciples to cope with what lay ahead.

And just as the disciples got a glimpse of Christ's glory to help sustain them during the events of Good Friday, we too get glimpses of the presence of Christ to help sustain us during tough times. But that only happens when we listen for the voice of Christ. At the Transfiguration on top of Mount Tabor, God the Father said to the apostles: *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him."*

Are we listening to Him? Heaven knows we listen to so many other voices! God is constantly speaking to us in so many ways and through so many people. When He speaks to us and when He communicates with us, He gives us a preview of who He really is. And He lets us know that He's present to us.

I'm sure I don't need to tell you that life is sometimes tough, that sometimes it's not at all what we want or expect. And so just as Jesus showed the disciples a glimpse of His glory to help them through the grind of Good Friday, we too get sneak peeks of God's glory now and then to keep us going through the tough times. Let's be attentive to those glimpses of the divine. Let's remember that God always gives us a good seat to preview the coming attraction.

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After 17 years at OLS, Anne Moore, our parish Secretary/Administrative Assistant, has taken a wonderful new job opportunity with the Archdiocese of Newark in the HR Department. They are very blessed to have Anne as an employee and as a co-worker, but we're going to miss her as an important member of the OLS parish staff. We are, of course, most grateful to Anne for her dedicated years of service to the parish. Anne performed a multitude of tasks at OLS. Every time you picked up the bulletin, it's only because Anne had compiled it. Just a few of the many other items for which she was responsible included editing and sending out our weekly parish email, running our parish raffles, scheduling the use of our facilities, registering new parishioners, and maintaining the parishioner database, and (most importantly), making sure that every parish employee and volunteer is compliant with the Archdiocesan program "Protecting God's Children." We ask God's blessing upon Anne as she begins this exciting new chapter in her life. Anne, thank you!

Lenten Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

*This will be reported in the next bulletin*

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**Please Remember OLS**

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

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



**Scout Corner**

This week, OLS Scouts BSA Troop 99G begins our sneaker drive! Get an early start on your spring cleaning by donating your used sneakers to us. We will pass them along to a recycler who finds new homes for good sneakers. Sneakers that are not wearable will be repurposed as rubber matting for places like playgrounds and running tracks!

Look for our donation bins in the vestibule and downstairs by the 4th Street entrance. Leave your sneakers in the bins and we will collect them each week *through the season of Lent*. Help us raise money and do a good turn by giving good sneakers to good people and keeping not-so-good sneakers out of landfills.

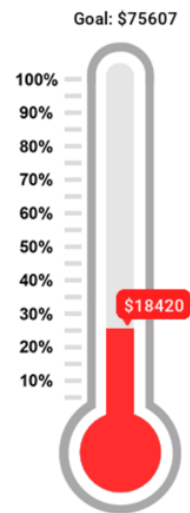
ScoutsBSA Troop 99G is open to all girls ages 11-17. We meet every Thursday at 7:30 in St Joseph's Hall. Interested in Scouting for boys or younger children? Contact us at 973.763.6349 or [OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com](mailto:OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com).

**Archdiocesan Annual Appeal  
Catholic Stewardship in Action**

**Total donors  
as of 2-19-24:  
40**

**Total # of OLS families:  
2253**

***To make a gift:***



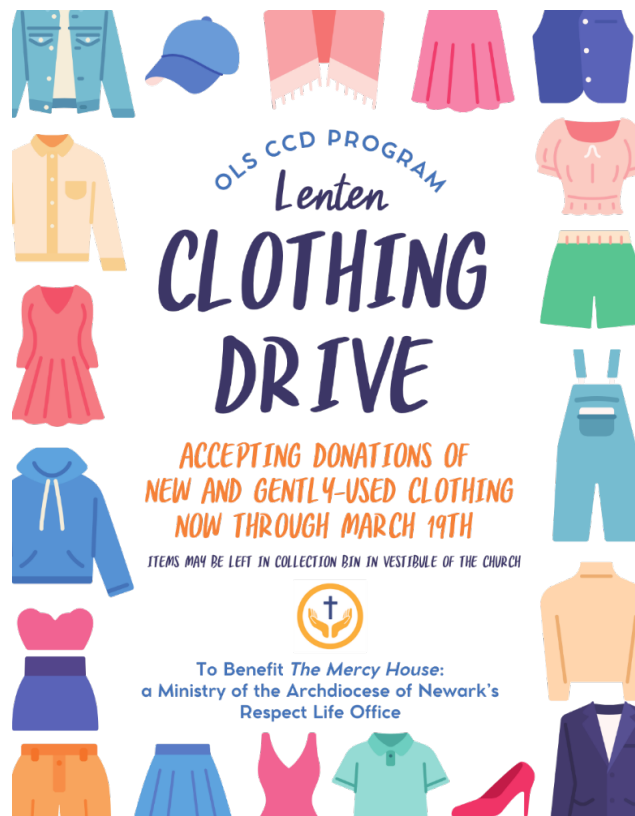
**Update from the OLS Food Pantry**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:olspantry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.





### **Volunteer for Family Promise of Essex County**

We will have an opportunity to serve those in need this Lent by supporting families experiencing homelessness for Family Promise of Essex County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network). We need to provide grocery items for 4-5 families and prepare a meal for each family. The meals and grocery items will need to be brought to Our Lady of Sorrows in the lower church (4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance) either on the evening of Monday, March 18 or the morning of Tuesday, March 19, and will be delivered to the Family Promise offices on March 19. The volunteer roles include:

- Cooks to prepare a meal, or part of a meal, for a family.
- Shoppers to provide grocery items for a family.
- Volunteers to help accept and store meals and groceries on Monday evening (March 18) and Tuesday morning (March 19). Starting this weekend (February 24/25), we will have sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for these roles.

If you have questions about volunteering for any of these roles, please contact Anna Nelson at: [annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com) or 973-477-9546.

### **Meet Our Staff**

**Rev. Brian X. Needles**, Pastor

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**Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel**, Priest in Residence

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

**Rev. Patrick Seo**, Priest in Residence

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### **Facebook**

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

### **Mount Tabor in Israel – Site of the Transfiguration of Jesus**





### **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 - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary  
11:30 AM James A. Richards

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024**

7:00 AM Kim Herbert – Special Intention

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

7:00 AM Sean Patrick Needles  
12:00 PM Jerry Pallo

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

7:00 AM Eric Jean-Charles – Special  
Intention  
12:00 PM Vincent McNany

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**

7:00 AM Anna DiBlasio Gallo  
12:00 PM Janina Nowak

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024**

7:00 AM Agnes Blair  
12:00 PM Jerry Pallo

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

8:30 AM Judith Matthews  
12:00 PM Sean Patrick Needles

### **VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024**

5:30 PM Rosemary Moore

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Eric Thomas Guzzo  
11:30 AM Larinda Montefusco

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### **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.



Mark Your Calendars - And please join us for:



Our Lady of Sorrows  
**Saint Patrick's Day Dinner**

March 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium

Bring the family for a night of fun and enjoy

Corn Beef and Cabbage from Town Hall Deli, Hot dogs and Chips for the kids.

Keg of Irish Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee and Dessert

Irish Dancers, Bagpipers, Face Painting and Raffles to entertain adults and children



**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**



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*Yes, we want to share in some Irish Cheer on March 16, 2024*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

To be seated with (name of person's table/8 per table):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to pay by credit card, please indicate below and you will be sent  
an invoice from Square Deposit

Pay by Credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(\$30 per Adult or \$70 per Family)

\* Family max is 2 adults and children under 16 years of age

Please send reservations  
no later than **March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
to:

Marli Craig  
560 Summit Avenue  
Maplewood, NJ 07040

Questions, Call Marli at:  
(973) 943-0079 or you can  
email her at:  
marli@newtexas.com



## 2024 Mass Book

The 2024 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am  
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Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to Our Lady of Sorrows)