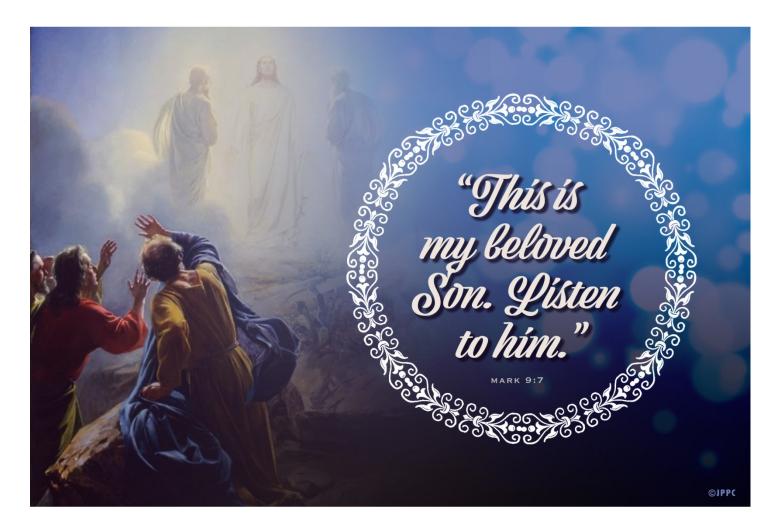
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 MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm
Penance: Confessions Saturday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment
Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program
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FEBRUARY 28, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup>Sunday of Lent

#### A Message from Fr. Brian

Do you remember the TV show *Cheers*, the show about a bar in Boston "where everybody knows your name?" I loved it and I especially loved the character of Norm Peterson, a sort of down-on-his-luck guy who every time he walked into the bar was greeted by everyone shouting out his name "Norm!" And whenever someone asked Norm how his life was, he usually answered in a negative, but fun and humorous way. I remember one of his responses very well. When Sam, the bar owner, asked Norm how he was doing, Norm replied, "It's a dog-eat-dog world, Sammy, and I'm wearing Milkbone underwear."

Don't you sometimes feel that way? I know I do, especially with everything we've all faced over the past year. Think about the times in your life – including this last year and continuing today – when you had to deal with discouragement, disappointment, mourning, boredom, depression, poor health, social isolation, deadlines, impatience, family problems, work issues, and the list goes on and on and on.

In response to this seemingly endless list, St. Paul in this Sunday's 2<sup>nd</sup> reading from the Letter to the Romans asks a very pertinent and perennial question: "*If God is for us, who can be against us?*" (Romans 8:31). This question is a battle cry for us when we are faced by suffering and difficulties. The rhetorical question that St. Paul asks and then answers leaves us one of the greatest and most hope-filled promises in the Bible. It assures us that that God is near to us and is on our side, especially when we are faced by challenging moments, when we're mourning a loved one at the graveside, when we hear someone say, "there's nothing more we can do," during moments of fear, doubt, and uncertainty, or at any other difficult times that we must confront in our broken world.

This text should give us the courage and confidence to know that we're not alone, that "this too shall pass," (a favorite expression of my mother), that God is not against us but instead is very much in our corner. The important truth that is expressed here is both simple and profound: GOD IS FOR US. Four short words, but loaded with meaning. Whether our problems are caused by our own sin or instead are a result of suffering in the world that we didn't cause, we must know that there is nothing that is outside of God's loving intentions for us. God loves us. He is for us!

Now, does that mean that everything will be easy and that all our problems will suddenly disappear? No! But it does mean that God's providence rules our lives and so we must respond with true and trusting faith, the type that Abraham demonstrated in this Sunday's 1<sup>st</sup> reading,

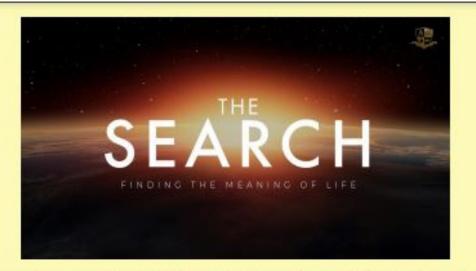
Now, spend some time meditating upon this truth and repeat it to yourself: "God is with me. God is for me. God is greater than all these things." Then, with trusting faith, visualize these things giving way to God's mighty and providential power.

Here's the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in its entirety: read, live it, and bask in it:

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died – or rather, was raised – who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Brian



"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you, O Lord." - St. Augustine

Why are we restless? Why is life this way? Why are we here? Not just here in these bodies on this planet and in this year. But why do we exist? What is this journey in between the event we call "birth" and the one we call "death?" Why are we filled with longing?

The questions are there. And the answers are too.

### A new and impactful video-based series is coming to our parish!

It's called **The Search**, and the national reception to it has been so enthusiastic that we are bringing it to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Search is beautifully filmed and is hosted by well-known Catholic evangelist Chris Stefanick. The Search features scientists, artists, philosophers, and other people from all walks of life proclaiming how their searches for meaning in life led them to Jesus and the Gospel.

But The Search is not meant just to be watched . . . and it's certainly not meant to watched alone. That's why we are forming small groups - virtually - to watch, discuss, and truly benefit and grow from experiencing The Search.

#### We will meet every Monday at 7:00 pm for 7 Mondays, beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> (if you have a scheduling conflict with one of the Mondays, don't let that be an obstacle!).

We will start by watching together a video of about 30 minutes. We will then break into virtual small groups and discuss what we have just watched. In total, we will spend about an hour or so together. The 7 episodes ask these 7 BIG questions: What do you seek? Who am I? Why a God? What's our Story? Who is Jesus? Am I saved? Why a Church?

> If your faith is already solid, The Search will help you to deepen it. If you're feeling unsure, it's for you too. If you're worried about your kids or grandkids, it's a great series for you to share with them.

There's nothing quite like it in the Catholic world. The Search proclaims the Gospel in words that modern ears are ready to hear and images that modern eyes can't help but see and remember.





#### THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Week 34	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,447	\$401,851
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$409,308
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Thank you for your continued support!

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We once again have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need more than anything else right now is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

#### Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to Heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

#### Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: <u>www.olschurch.com</u>. Simply click the link for "Bulletin

#### Facebook

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



#### Parish Offices Now Open

You may now enter our Parish Office on Monday through Friday, from 10:00am-3:00pm. You must enter through the 4th Street entrance. When you arrive, press the new electronic button next to the door and a member of our parish staff will respond. You may visit us during those hours to arrange for Masses, to pick up or drop off items, to drop off food to the Food Pantry, or for any other parish related business. *PLEASE NOTE: A MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN YOU VISIT US.* We look forward to seeing you!

#### Meet Our Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Pastor frbrianneedles@gmail.com Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Parochial Vicar Fanmann91@msn.com Rev. Eugenio (Gino) de la Rama, 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 Colleen McDonald, Administrative Assistant sorrowschurch@gmail.com Preston Dibble, Director of Music olsmusician@gmail.com Karlene Campbell, Nursery Director karlene@thenurservatols.org Charles Noun, Business Manager ols217so@msn.com Anne Moore, Parish Secretary ols.pastor@verizon.net

#### Sponsor Certificates

A reminder that to receive a sponsor certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of 6 months. Sponsor Certificates state that the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a Catholic in good standing.

#### Stewardship Reflections

"Here I am! He answered." – Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

#### Electronic Parish Giving

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site (www.olschurch.com). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.

#### New Confession start time

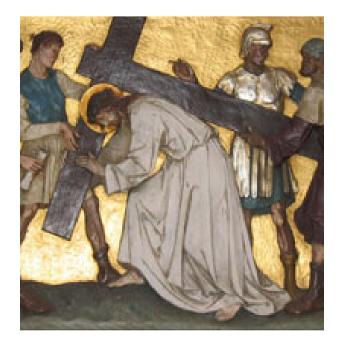
Confessions will begin to be heard at 12:45 pm on Saturdays (rather than 1:00 pm) and will continue until 2:00 pm. This adds an additional 15 minutes of scheduled confession time.

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events. <u>http://www.olschurch.com</u>



#### Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm.Please join us as we accompany Our Lord on the road to Calvary.



#### Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. Prior to March, we served 100-125 families each week. For the past 2 months, we have provided bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1gt. all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables. Food donations can be dropped off outside of the Food Pantry Monday-Friday 10am-3pm or Saturday, 8:30am-3:00 pm and at the front door of the rectory 3-5pm Monday-Saturday. 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.



# Men's Lenten Retreat Saturday, March 13

### Men of the parish are invited to participate in a 1/2 day Lenten retreat sponsored by the OLS Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group

Date:	Saturday, March 13, 2021 - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Mass:	8:30 AM Mass at OLS (optional)
Venue: *	Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ (carpooling from OLS parking lot after Mass)
	Gather at Villa Pauline for 10:00 am start
Leader: **	Linda M. Garofalo
Theme:***	Exodus and Easter: Lenten Parallels.
Program:	Continental breakfast upon arrival at Villa Pauline, full hot lunch, two presentations,
	opportunity for private prayer and reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
	Benediction conducted by Deacon Walter Wiggins of OLS.
Cost:	\$40.00 (includes continental breakfast upon arrival and full lunch)

For Reservations and questions, contact Len Mrozak (908 872-4968); Imrozak@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 will be available. Visit their website: <a href="mailto:scceast.org">scceast.org</a>

\*\* Linda M. Garofalo has an MA in Theology and a background in adult religious education. She currently works in professional development for faculty and administrators at Seton Hall University.

\*\*\* Exodus and Easter: Lenten Parallel:

The parallels between the events of the Exodus and the events of Easter offer a unique opportunity to enrich our understanding of redemption in both the Old and the New Testaments. The prophet, Moses, and the Exodus suggest a pattern for our spiritual life that challenges our understanding of God and His ways, while the Lenten season presents an occasion for deepening our relationship with Him.

Covid-19 protocols are in effect:

- 1. Maximum participants allowed 20
- 2. Temperatures will be taken upon arrival
- 3. Masks must be worn. (Please bring your mask)
- 4. Social Distancing will be enforced throughout the Center
- 5. Food will be served by the staff
- 6. All dishes will be washed and sanitized.

Can you commit one hour per week to help an innocent child during this this campaign?

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Nursery Opening

Infant Teacher Position openings The Nursery 7:30am -12:30pm & 9:00am-5:00 pm 5 days a week. Experience preferred If you are interested please reach out to Karlene Snipe Director at 973-763-4040 ext.1 or email karlene@thenurseryatols.org



#### \$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 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month at @ 1:00 pm in the Church office. First Drawing: January 15, 2021

Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday (it will be brought to the office.)We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

We can take checks, cash or credit cards

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#### 2021 Mass Book

The 2021 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).

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## Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt 25:40)

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of

Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



#### Email <u>olssvdp@aol.com</u> if you are in need of assistance.

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.



# **COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Services**

NJ Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) at the Family Service Bureau of Newark is available to assist communities affected by COVID-19. We are a neighbor helping neighbor team with staff on-call to provide the following services:

- Online Support for Stress Management Techniques
- Develop New Coping Skills
  - Compassion Fatigue
- Communication Techniques
  - Resource Linkage



Hours of Operations: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone Number: 973-272-7488 Email Address: FSBNJHH@newcommunity.org

Services offered in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Passaic counties. Various languages are available.

Services are available remotely for families, individuals and youth.





This program is brought to you by/through NJ Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program (CCP). Family Service Bureau of Newark in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disaster and Terrorism Branch, is offering a Crisis Counseling Program (CCP) through a FEMA/SAMHSA grant.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

5:30 PM Walter A. Mattheiss, Jr.

#### <u>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021</u>

8:00 AM People of the Parish10:00 AM George O'Neill11:30 AM Vincentia Lewis

#### MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

7:00 AM Agnes Blair

12:00 PM Walter A. Mattheiss, Jr.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

7:00AM People of the Parish12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Dupis Family

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

7:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	People of the Parish

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

7:00AM Jessie McNamara & ErestineHolmok12:00 PM People of the Parish

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

7:00 AM People of the Parish 12:00PM William Reed

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

8:30 AM Tom Tevlin 12:00 PM James P. McDonnell

#### VIGIL MASS MARCH 6, 2021

5:30 PM Dawn Mattheiss

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Manuel Fernandes
11:30 AM	Ginevra Formisani

#### **In Sympathy Of**

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

#### <u>In Memoriam</u>

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a 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 So mers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Pat Bendrot, Deacon Raj Srinivasa, Kate Mullin and Stephen Fuld.



