



# *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 4, 2024***

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

## *A Message from Stephanie Sonnick*

The Holy Spirit, dwelling in and with Jesus, is clearly on the move in today's Gospel reading! Whenever I see this in Scripture, I'm always reminded that as Catholic Christians, we believe the Holy Spirit moves not just in the stories in the Bible, but also in the life of the Church. This means that the Spirit moves in the life of our OLS Church community as well. I'm going to focus my letter today on the stories and feedback that I've heard from this community as the Spirit has moved within you all over this past year, and on sharing an opportunity we have crafted for all of you this Lent as a response.

I'm not formally trained in data science, but I am analytical: so, over the past year I have kept track of the substance of most conversations I've shared with you about your parish. (In other words: *I work for you, so I'd like to report back to the shareholders on what I've heard!*) One of the more common questions or remarks I've received is about community connection: I've spoken to many of you who have been parishioners here for many years who are looking to "*get more connected*," "*plug in*," or "*get to know others here at OLS more than just casually*." I've also heard many anecdotes and lovely stories from folks who've found great friendships and camaraderie here at OLS but would like to get to know those of you who are newer parishioners.

The second element I've noticed in my conversations with many of you is your authentic, mature hunger for God – specifically, your desire to see and hear Him in your daily lives as adults. Time is a precious resource in our culture today, and many of you are looking for opportunities to get to know the Spirit's presence in your lives that will support, not upend, your daily schedules and obligations.

In light of lots of prayer and this feedback from you, a small team of parishioners and I have created a six-week Small Group experience open to all adults here at OLS this Lent. Please join us!! Each Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:15pm, we'll gather to learn more about and discuss a key topic of faith, starting with a video from the popular podcaster and Catholic priest Father Mike Schmitz. Groups are being offered virtually and in-person (here at the Parish) to accommodate everyone, so please join us! The topics have been hand-picked by our team to resonate with our community here at OLS to help us all connect with one another and with God, and include common questions like "what does God want me to do?" and "how do I see God in my daily life?"

So, if you are new to the parish, *join us!* If you are looking to meet other parishioners in a deeper way, *join us!* If you've been around for a while and would like to take the next right step in your life of faith, *join us!* I promise that this experience will be worth your time. More information and registration information can be found on the flyer in the bulletin, but please feel free to contact me directly with your interest or your questions at [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com).

May Jesus bring to completion in you the good work that He has begun. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Peace of Christ,

Stephanie

### **THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 31</b>	<b>Y. to Date</b>
Collection	\$12,112	\$381,746
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$372,825
Communicating God's Word		\$2,217
Repairs and Maintenance		\$350
Food Pantry	\$463	

***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.

### **Christian Initiation Highlights**

Two new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Logan William Chamberlain and Ariella Jolie Pamiloza-Basco. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

### **Rosary Society**

The Rosary Society is looking forward to having Fr Andrew join us and speak at our February meeting. Our meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00PM in the chapel to pray the Rosary. Afterwards we will gather for refreshments and Father's talk. Everyone is welcome!

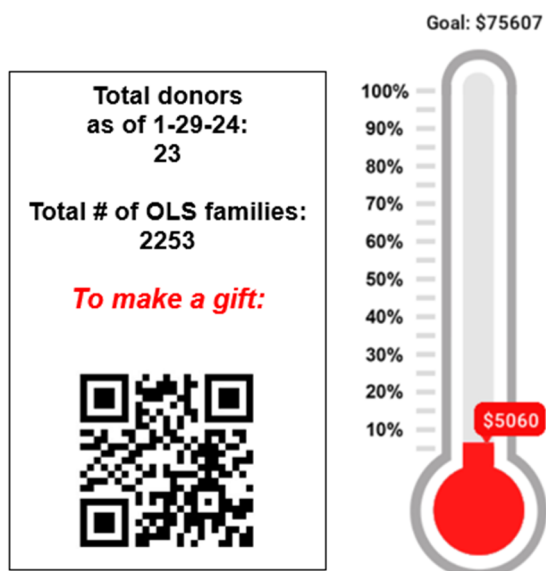
*Please note:* There will not be a March meeting. Instead, we encourage you to attend the Tuesday Lenten Series.

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

### **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? Our parish goal can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there are envelopes available in the pew and in the back of church, or you can visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) or scan the QR code below. Thank you!

### **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action**



### **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.



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

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Join us for this month's:

## Game Night!

open to all those age 21-35

**Friday, February 9th 2024**

**7:30-9:30pm**

PRESENTED BY:

THE ESSEX COUNTY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HOSTED BY:

ST. PHILOMENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

386 S LIVINGSTON AVE  
LIVINGSTON, NJ 07039

\*EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, PARK IN THE REAR OF THE PARKING LOT.\*

### OLS is in need of Marketing Assistance

Do you have skills in marketing, promotion, or advertising? OLS is seeking assistance in spreading the word on specific projects/initiatives, and we need your expertise! Please contact Stephanie Sonnick at [olschurchministries@gmail.com](mailto:olschurchministries@gmail.com) to find out more.

### OLS Troop 99G Scouts Corner

This week our Scouts delivered 14 bags of food collected from the neighborhood surrounding OLS to Our Lady of the Valley Soup Kitchen in Orange. Last year, Fr. Brian asked us to make OLV Soup Kitchen support a special focus for our girls and we are proud and happy to be able to honor his request.

ScoutsBSA Troop 99G meets every Thursday night, 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm right here in St Joseph's Hall. Girls ages 11 - 17 are welcome to join us anytime.

Please contact us at:

[OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com](mailto:OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com) or 973.763.6349 for more information on the ScoutsBSA (formerly known as Boy Scouts of America) program for children of all ages. All are welcome!





### **VIGIL, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024**

5:30 PM Mary Cullen

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Archina and Rodal Cajuste -  
 Special Intention  
 11:30 AM Antonio and Margherita Pizzillo  
 and all deceased Family Members

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

7:00 AM Mary Brown  
 12:00 PM Agnes Blair

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

7:00 AM Fay Etienne  
 12:00 PM Charles Waskevich

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

7:00 AM Mary DiPrenda  
 12:00 PM John M. and Bernice Plesnik

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024**

7:00 AM Joan Matson  
 12:00 PM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante  
 Families

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

8:30 AM Jaime Parlade  
 12:00 PM Adele Bosetti de Esteban

### **VIGIL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

8:00 AM George Blair  
 10:00 AM Bertha Sabater de Sanchez - 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary  
 11:30 AM Joseph & Ellie Rassignola

### **Welcomed Home by God**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Brian C. Matthews, Sr.** Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. 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](mailto: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

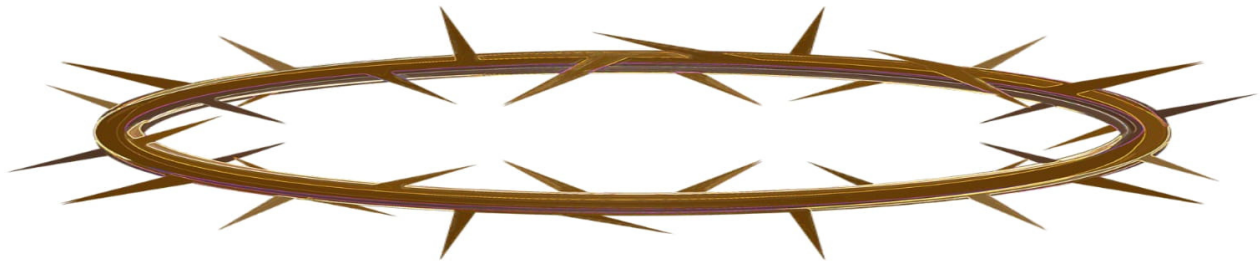
**Mar. 5:** Seeing God in Daily Life

**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](mailto: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](http://www.sceast.org)

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