

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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“GET
AWAY,
SATAN!”

MATTHEW 4:10

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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March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

You may have heard the old joke about the bartender who noticed that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons ordered three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asked the man why he always orders three beers. The man said, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man had only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

For many people, Lent is a time for giving up something pleasurable, e.g., chocolate, alcohol, coffee, social media, etc. Indeed, it is a good practice to make those types of sacrifices during Lent, for the sacrifices we make help us to identify more easily with the enormous sacrifice that Christ made for us on Calvary. Our sacrifices are a sign of the commitment to the fasting that we are encouraged to do during Lent. Fasting is one of the traditional Lenten practices, together with prayer and almsgiving (acts of charity).

In last week's bulletin, I gave a list of things we might sacrifice from. I also listed a few things we might do in the areas of prayer and almsgiving. The practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving all serve to encourage us to respond to God's invitation that we heard in the 1st reading of Ash Wednesday: *"Return to me with your whole heart."*

Sin in our lives turns us *away* from God. And mortal sin, that is, grave sin, actually kills the life of grace within us. This is a result of the "death penalty" that was given to our first ancestors in the Garden of Eden. Our readings on this 1st Sunday of Lent make that abundantly clear. That's the bad news. The good news is that, as St. Paul tells us in the 2nd reading, *"if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many."*

In other words, Paul says that just as sin and death came through Adam, salvation and life come through Christ. Christ restored for us the right relationship with God that Paul calls justification. Literally, we are rehabilitated by the undeserved grace which comes to us through the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ.

Unfortunately, by not overcoming temptation in our lives and instead allowing serious sin to creep into our lives, we "re-lose" the grace of justification that was won for us by Christ. Thankfully, there's a very easy fix for that: sacramental confession, which rehabilitates our relationship with God once again. Lent is a perfect time for us to reacquire the grace we need in order to return to the Lord with our whole heart. I encourage you to take advantage of this incredible gift that God and His Church offer us. We will have a Lenten Penance Service on **Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 pm**. This will include a communal turning toward God, together with individual confession. Please mark your calendars for this. This will be our chance to say, together with the Psalmist in this Sunday's liturgy: *"Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me...A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me."*

Lenten Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

February 23	Week 36	Y. to Date
Collection	\$15,470	\$442,571
February 16 th Collection	\$15,398	
Eastern Europe Collection	\$2,032	

Christian Initiation Highlights

Four new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Mateo Torres Savitskie, Theodore Russell Sidwa, Oliver James McGuire Lee and Emilia Jane Bryan We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

Reflections on Catechism

2835 This petition, with the responsibility it involves, also applies to another hunger from which men are perishing: "Man does not live by bread alone, but...by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God," that is, by the Word he speaks and the Spirit he breaths forth. Christians must make every effort "to proclaim the good news to the poor." There is a famine on earth, "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD." For this reason the specifically Christian sense of this fourth petition concerns the Bread of Life: The Word of God accepted in faith, the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist.

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).

2020 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

The 2020 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$21,025 already pledged. This is approximately 30.04% of our goal of \$70,000. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

2020 Anniversary Liturgies

We are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2020. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 19, 2020 3:00pm
25 years and 5 years (All Counties)

May 3, 2015 3:00 pm
50 years (All Counties)

If you wish to participate in either Mass please call Anne Moore at the parish office 973-763-5454 she will need **your 1st & last names, your address ,date of marriage and which liturgy you wish to attend.**

Think About It - Peace and Justice Committee

Pope Francis writes in his encyclical LAUDATO SI' (On Care for Our Common Home), that, when elected as Pope, he took his name from St Francis as his guide and inspiration. He writes: "I believe that St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology. . . . He was also particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved, for his joy and generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace".

***Women's Commission Day of Reflection:
Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Seton Hall
University.***

This year's theme is "Alive in Christ: The Eucharist...His Heart in my Heart". The English track will feature keynote speakers **Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V.**, who professed her perpetual vows as a Sister of Life in 2015 and serves her community as the Vocation Director, **Colleen Kelly Rayner**, founder of CKR Retreats, who is a dynamic speaker whose authentic witness ignites joy-filled evangelization and catechesis, and **Dr. Diane Traflet, J.D., S.T.D.**, who is the Associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, is the director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and is a key leader in the Center for Diaconal Formation. She will also be the emcee for the day. The day begins at 8:00 am with registration and ends at 4:00 pm with Mass.

Registration for both events is \$30 for adults. Priests & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch. More information will become available in January on these websites at

www.rcan.org/womenscommission (WOMEN) or www.rcan.org/mens-commission(MEN)

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!**

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



**An Evening of Spirituality
with
Father Peter Okafor
Tuesday, March 10th
7:00 PM**

Please join us in the Chapel to pray the Rosary and then in St. Joseph Hall for Fr. Peter's talk:

"From Suffering to Glory: A Lenten Journey with Jesus"

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary Society extends a cordial invitation to all men and women of every age! Coffee and refreshments will be served

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. Please know that it may take a month or two for the envelopes to stop coming.**



The OLS Fish Fry Returns!

Friday March 6, 2020

6:00 - 8:00 pm

OLS School Cafeteria

172 Academy Street

South Orange, NJ 07079

Eat in or take out! BYOB!

Dessert & coffee will be served!

Pre-Orders are Strongly suggested but walk-ins are perfectly welcome.

Sponsored by the OLS Home School Association

All profits raised for will directly benefit our students and school facilities!

Please send in completed order form with cash or check to the School Office attn. Fish Fry.

Please make out checks to "the OLS Home School Association"

Name: _____

Number of Adults: (fish & Chips) _____ x \$20.00 = _____

Number of Kids: (Fish & Chips) _____ x \$10.00 = _____

OR

Mac n' Cheese _____ X \$10.00 = _____

TOTAL: _____



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

5:30 PM Margaret & Joseph Buttor

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

8:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Dale Marshall

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

7:00 AM Agnes Blair
12:00 PM Edward Kimmins

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020

7:00 AM Tina Zannino
12:00 PM Florence Moran 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette
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Family & All souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Jessie McNamara

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2020

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2020

7:00AM Timothy Gibson
12:00 PM James McDonnell
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

8:30 AM Dale Marshall
12:00 PM John Joyner

VIGIL MASS MARCH 7, 2020

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr. 24th Anniversary
11:30 AM Margaret O'Reilly

In Sympathy Of

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

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Michael R. Buttros**. Requested Margo & Michael Buttros Sr. & Family. This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Marie DiLorenzo**. Requested Pauline Lewis.

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, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, George Richmond Files Jr., Beth Hebron, Henry Hamel, Jennifer Bober and Rosemary Muller.



Mark Your Calendars – And please join us for:



Our Lady of Sorrows
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner
March 14, 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows Gymnasium

Bring the family for a night of fun and enjoy
Corned Beef and Cabbage from Town Hall Deli, Hot dogs and Chips for the kids.
Keg of Irish Beer, Wine, Soda, Coffee and Dessert
Bagpipers, Face Painting and Raffles to entertain adults and children



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Number of people: Adults _____ Children _____

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

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Credit card payments are accepted (please write number and expiration date)

(\$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 10th** to:

Marli Craig
560 Summit Avenue
Maplewood, NJ 07040



Questions, Call Marli at:
(973) 313-9699 or you
can email her at:
marlicraig2@gmail.com