



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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March 10, 2024
4th Sunday in Lent

A Message from Fr. Brian

This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent and it is also called Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* is the Latin word for “rejoice” and it comes from the opening antiphon at Mass for this Sunday: “*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*” (Cf. Is 66:10-11)

Now that we’re more than halfway through Lent, the Church invites us to anticipate the joy that we will experience at Easter, when we rejoice at the greatest truth of our Christian faith, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. As a people of faith, as believers who turn to God at all times, both good and bad, we should all be inwardly rejoicing, be filled with joy, and be exulting and consoled knowing that the time of our salvation (Easter) draws near.

Given all the problems we face in the world and in our own individual lives, joy is probably not the first emotion we always experience. And that’s especially true if we look at it from a merely non-religious, non-faith based perspective. But as a people of faith, as believers who turn to God at all times, both good and bad, we should all be inwardly rejoicing, be filled with joy, and be exulting and consoled knowing that the time of our salvation (Easter) draws near. Let’s take to heart the words from this Sunday’s Psalm (Ps. 23): “*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.*”

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We have a few big evenings coming up at OLS:



Monday, March 11, 2024, 7:00 pm: We will have our Lenten Penance Service, which will offer us a chance to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness. We will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Our Lord’s idea, not the Church’s. Jesus instituted this Sacrament, just the way He instituted the other Sacraments. 2,000 years ago, He gave the Apostles the power to forgive sins and this has been the normal way to receive the forgiveness of our sins and to encounter God’s loving mercy. Please take advantage of this life-giving Sacrament! Receive the forgiveness of your sins that Jesus won for you on the Cross. No doubt, this will make you rejoice!

Saturday, March 16, 2024, 6:30 pm: Another chance to rejoice will be at our annual OLS St. Patrick’s Day party! On my mother’s side, our relatives come from the town of Castlebar in County Mayo, Ireland. Castlebar is about 20 miles from the Our Lady of Knock Shrine, where I once had the privilege of celebrating Mass. I still have many relatives in Castlebar. But on St. Patrick’s Day, everyone is 100% Irish and so come join us for this joyous celebration! We’ll have corn beef and cabbage from Town Hall Deli, hot dogs for the kids, a keg of Irish beer, bagpipers, Irish step dancers, Irish music, and lots of Irish cheer! See the flyer in today’s bulletin to register.



Laetare Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 4th	Week 36	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,487	\$444,047
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$432,958

St. Vincent de Paul Society \$1,489

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.

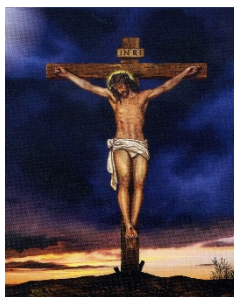
St. Vincent DePaul Society

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 For those looking to donate to this cause, please contact the Parish office or the email address above.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, 7:00 pm. Join us as we prayerfully meditate on Christ's Passion and Death, which is the ultimate demonstration of God's love for us.



Hospital Privacy

Privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and you desire that a priest visit you or your loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action

Please help OLS to reach our goal!

Total donors
as of 3-4-24:
65

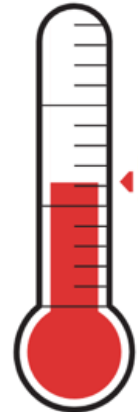
Total # of OLS families:
2256

To make a gift:



Annual Appeal Goal

\$75,607



Confession & Absolution

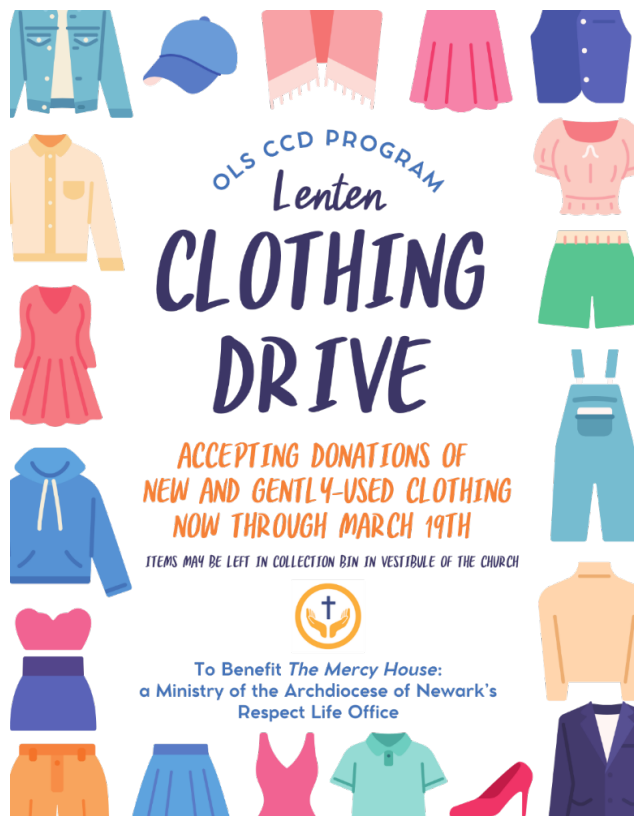
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 PM

Please join us for our Lenten Penance Service. We will have a communal penance service, followed by individual confessions. Prepare your soul for the Death and Resurrection of Jesus by first making a good sacramental confession.





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 (4th 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 or 973-477-9546.

Meet Our Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Pastor

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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"

Book Collection

If you have any books (children, young adult or adult fiction or non-fiction) that you want to get rid of, please contact Larry Petraccaro at (973) 943-9853 and he will pick them up. The children's books will be shared with Anne Quinn who distributes them at the OLS Food Pantry and the others will be distributed at the Franciscan Charities Soup Kitchen in Newark. You can also email me, Larry Petraccaro at lpetraccaro@gmail.com. Thank you!



Mass Intentions

VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Antonio Margherita and Putra Pizzillo
11:30 Manuel Fernandes

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

7:00 AM Deacon Joe Sisco
12:00 PM The Etienne Family – Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

7:00 AM Departed members of the Isekenegbe Family and the Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Richard Needles

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024

7:00 AM Sean Patrick Needles
12:00 PM Vincent McNany

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Jennifer and Ryan Ambrosia

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

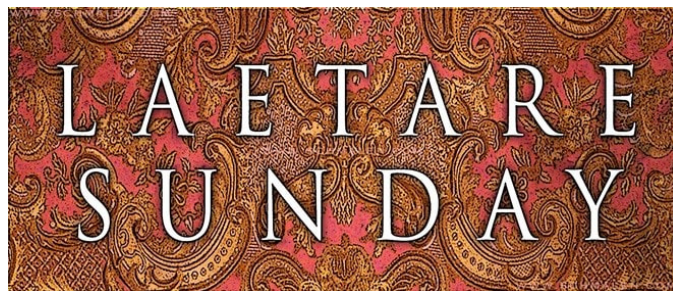
8:30 AM Elizabeth Palaski and Ann Cupper
12:00 PM William Moran

VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

5:30 PM William E Smith

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:00 AM The People of the Parish
10:00 AM Russell Somers
11:30 AM John and Evelyn Fanneron



Request a Mass

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses. Either go here:

<https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/>

Or scan the QR code.



In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one for a special intention.

Christian Initiation Highlights

Two new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Katherine Hope McManemin and William Vincent DeAngelo. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

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, Judith Gordy and Alan Droppa.



Andiamo in Italia!

That's right: OLS is going to Italy, and we'd love for you to join us! Experience the rich history, faith, culture, art, architecture, and food and wine (!) of this beautiful country. This pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Brian and Stephanie Sonnick, and we will visit Rome, Assisi, Orvieto, and Loreto. This trip may fill up quickly and so don't wait too long to register. For the full itinerary and more information: <https://prorometours.com/ourladyofsorrows/>



Mark Your Calendars - And please join us for:



Our Lady of Sorrows
Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

March 16th 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** 

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 11th**
to:

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Maplewood, NJ 07040

Questions, Call Marli at:
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email her at:
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