



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 12, 2023
3rd Sunday of Lent

A Message from Fr. Brian

In every single chapel of the Missionaries of Charity (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta's religious order), next to the crucifix and etched on the wall of the chapel are 2 simple words: "I thirst."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus expresses His thirst to a Samaritan woman. Aside from this beautiful Gospel passage, there's only one other time when Jesus admitted to being thirsty. That was while He hung on the Cross on Good Friday. In the midst of His agony, He said, "*I thirst!*" But He was thirsting for more than water. He was thirsting for souls.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus thirsts for the soul of the Samaritan woman.

What a beautiful encounter that was: the Samaritan woman finds in Jesus not the hostile rejection she usually experienced from the Jewish people. As a public sinner, she finds in Jesus, not the usual cold-shoulder treatment, not the whispered gossip, but instead someone who engages her in conversation, someone who treats her like a person. And in treating her this way, Jesus whets her appetite to become a faithful child of God.

But before she can be that, Jesus forces her to confront her sins so that she can move beyond them, so that she'll see herself as not just the sum total of her sins, but instead as a redeemed child of God. If we're honest with ourselves, we'll admit that we too should be confronting our sins. Not to wallow in them, but to move beyond them.

Our Catholic faith is NOT about sin; it's about the redemption of our sins. Sin is bad, yes, but it's not the end of the world. God is quick to forgive. But unrepentance, not seeking forgiveness, *is* a big problem. And so we have to be like the Samaritan woman. She faced up to her sins, and because she did she was able to experience the tender love and infinite mercy of Jesus. Because of her repentance, her sins were forgiven.

Although God's love for us is constant and consistent, He will not save us without our cooperation. That is why He invites us during Lent to repent of our sins and to renew our lives. Lent is the ideal time to do this and we can start by making a good sacramental confession. We will have our annual parish Lenten Penance Service on **Monday, March 27th at 7:00 pm**. That will be a wonderful time for us as a community to approach the infinite ocean of God's divine mercy and then make an individual confession.

We started Lent with the invitation to "*return to the Lord with our whole heart.*" Our whole heart! Not a partial heart, but our whole heart! And so, especially in this Lenten season, let's commit to giving God not just part of ourselves, but our entire selves, including the repentance of our sins. Christ can't wait to say to us, "Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven."

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 5 th	Week 36	Y. To Date
Collection	\$13,624	\$431,242
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$424,366

Food Pantry \$547
Repairs and Maintenance: \$3,110

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

Volunteer for Family Promise of Essex County

We will again be supporting families experiencing homelessness for Family Promise of Essex County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) in late March. We need to shop for a list of grocery items for four to five families and prepare a meal for each family. The meals and grocery items will need to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows in the lower church (Fourth Street entrance) the evening of Monday, March 27 or the morning of Tuesday, March 28. These items will all be delivered by a volunteer to the Family Promise Office in Montclair on March 28. The volunteer roles include:

- Cooks to prepare and pack a meal, or part of a meal, for each family.
- Shoppers to buy and donate the requested grocery items for each family.
- Volunteers to help accept and store meals and groceries on Monday evening (March 27) and Tuesday morning (March 28).

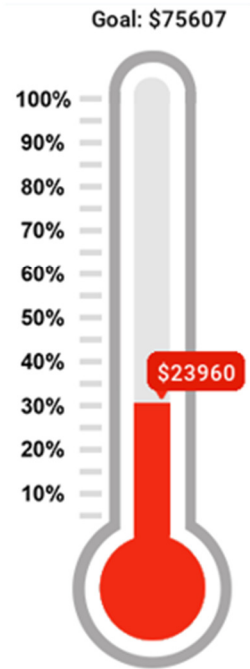
We have sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for these roles. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles, or have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-477-9546.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action

Total donors
as of 3-6-23:
54

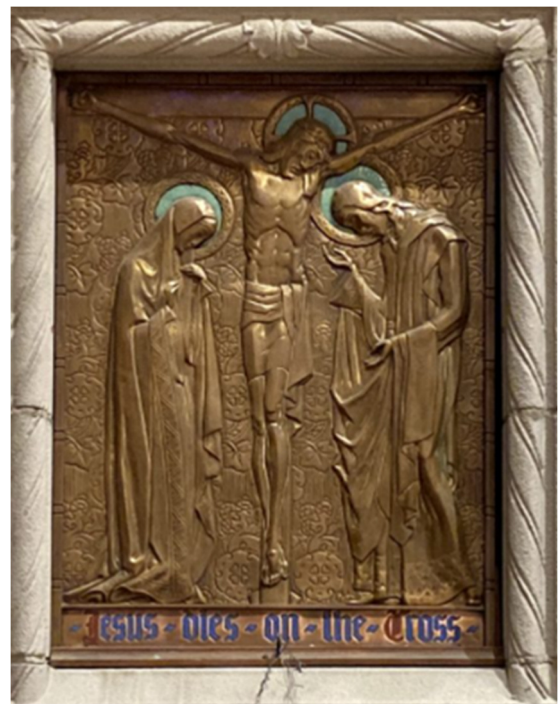
Total # of OLS families:
2210

***We are lagging far
behind last year's total.
Please help your parish
reach its goal.
Thank you!***



Stations of the Cross

We 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.



Regina Pacis Knights of Columbus "Open House" on March 13, 2023

All men of the parish are invited to attend the next Knights of Columbus meeting on March 13, 2023, as "honored guests" of the council. The meeting is in the lower chapel from 7:00 pm to approximately 8:00 pm. Come and meet council members and see what being a "Knight" is all about.

Stewardship Reflection

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered."

SCOUT CORNER

Thursday March 23 is the date to save! Girls ages 10 - 17 can join us at 7:30 in St Joseph's Hall for fun and friendship. What does Scouts BSA Troop 99 do? Come meet our Scouts and find out for yourself! This Thursday, we will be working with a local artist on our Art Merit Badge.

Next month, we will have a weekend at BSA Camp Lewis in Fanny State Park where our Scouts can choose to work on Merit Badges like Astronomy, Emergency Preparedness, Family Life, Fishing, or Digital Technology. What do you like to do? Chances are there's a Merit Badge for that! Take a look: <https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>

Get enough Merit Badges, and you could achieve the highest rank in Scouting, the prestigious Eagle Scout Award. Find out more at our Open House, Thursday March 23 at 7:30 here in St. Joseph's Hall. See you soon!



Meet Our Staff

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm – 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Spend some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your day than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?





VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

5:30 PM Walter Borowicz

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

8:00 AM Richard Needles
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Marilyn Cucciniello

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Etienne Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

7:00 AM Natale Mantone
12:00 PM Bernard Egan

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023

7:00 AM William Moran
12:00 PM William E. Smith

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish
9:30 AM School Mass – Cathy Craig
12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

8:30 AM Ernest Cushing
12:00 PM Fr. Edward McCorry

VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

5:30 PM Albert Thiolat

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Casa Grande Family
11:30 AM Jerry Bober

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **James Polisin**. 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 or for a special intention.

The Sanctuary Candle in the upper church is in loving memory of **Rosemarie Iantosca**. Requested by Neil Pagano.

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: Cathy Craig, Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, 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, Jennie Magliaro, Annalise Magilaro, Grace McGrath and Anne O'Brien.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS LENTEN TALK

Blessed be the Mess:

Spiritual and Real-Life Reflections
on Living the Faith in Family Life



WITH SUSAN AND ERIC JOHNSTON

Family life is full of joys, but also many difficulties and day-to-day challenges. How can our faith help us make sense of that - beyond the platitudes and pleasantries? Join the husband-and-wife team of Dr. Eric Johnston and Mrs. Susan Johnston for an evening of reflection exploring this question. Eric is a theology professor at Seton Hall University and Susan works to empower women out of poverty through sustainable business. As parents of seven children, this duo will offer us all an informative, moving, and entertaining evening of reflection on living the faith in family life. Don't miss this!

**FREE ADMISSION:
FAMILIES WELCOME!**

**BABYSITTING AVAILABLE
IN ST. JOSEPH'S HALL**

CONTACT: OLSMINISTRIES@GMAIL.COM

**WED MARCH 22ND
7:30 - 8:30 PM**

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217 PROSPECT STREET
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Our Lady Sorrows Church



St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Celebration

March 18, 2023 6:30 - 10pm

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



Reserve online!

www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/stpatrick

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____

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

CSV: _____

Please send reservations
no later than **March 6th** to:

Marli Craig
560 Summit Avenue
Maplewood, NJ 07040

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(973) 313-9699 or you can
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