

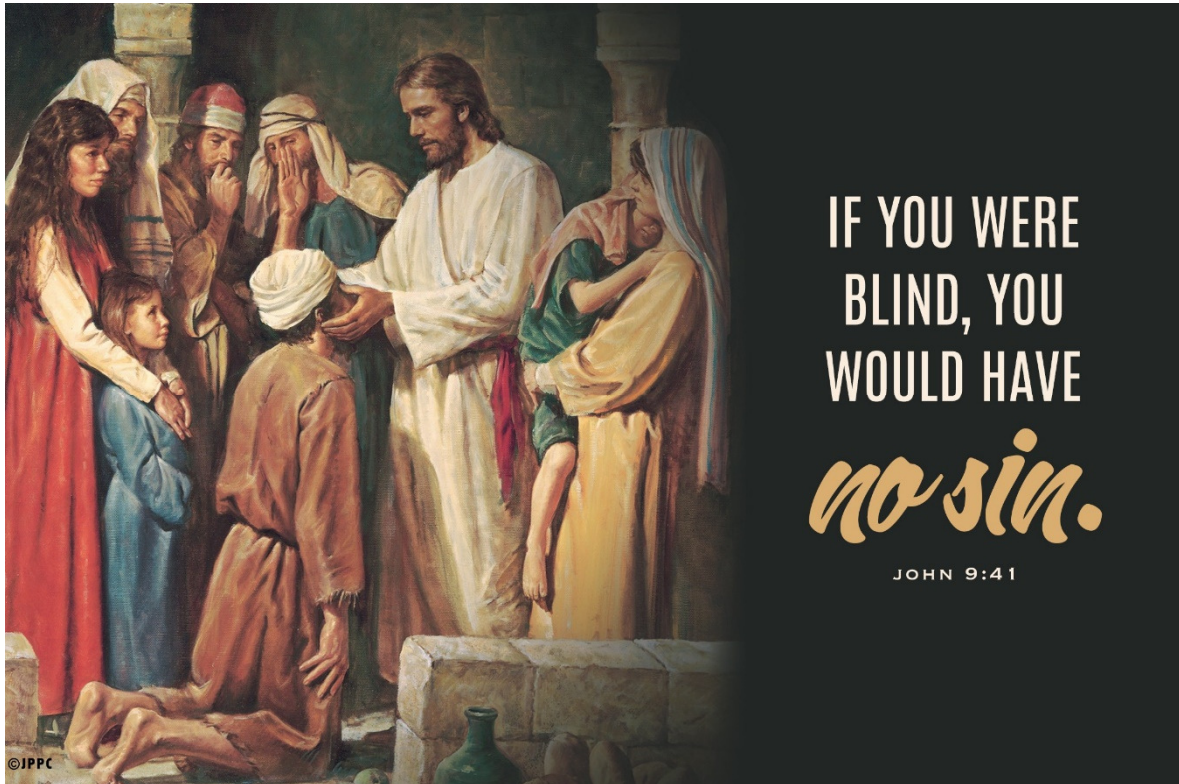


# Our Lady of Sorrows

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IF YOU WERE  
BLIND, YOU  
WOULD HAVE  
*no sin.*

JOHN 9:41

**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

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**March 19, 2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

## *A Message from Fr. Brian*

This Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: “*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. Laetare Sunday is, in a way, a “shot in the arm” as we approach the darkness and horrific reality of Good Friday.

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 2 big evenings coming up at OLS:

**Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 pm:** Our annual Lenten Reflection talk will be given by the husband and wife team of Eric and Susan Johnston, who are the parents of 7 children. The title of their talk is “Spiritual and Real-Life Reflections on Living the Faith in Family Life.” We all belong to families and they don’t all fit the same definition of “family.” We have nuclear, extended, blended, single-parent, and other type of families. Our families may be big or small, and they may consist of either or both young and old members. What we all have in common, though, is that we belong to the family of God. As such, all of our families should be in relationship with God. This is, of course, a massive problem for many families. The Johnstons will help us make sense of it all. Their talk will be informative and thought-provoking, while also being entertaining. See the flyer in today’s bulletin for further information. I, for one, am eagerly anticipating their talk!

**Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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. But we are seeing a crisis in this Sacrament. People simply aren’t going the way they should. A recent survey showed that nearly 50% of Catholics never go to Confession and 74% go less than once a year. I tend to think those numbers are even higher. Much higher. Every week, the Communion line is long, but the Confession line is short. Our loving and merciful God is waiting for us with arms outstretched, waiting for us to come to Him – in the confessional. St. John Vianney said, “When you go to confession you un-nail Our Lord from the Cross.” For the love of Jesus, let’s un-nail Him from the Cross. Take advantage of this life-giving Sacrament!

Laetare Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b>March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Week 37</b>	<b>Y. To Date</b>
Collection	\$12,241	\$443,483
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$436,154

Food Pantry \$1,930  
Repairs and Maintenance \$2,161  
St. Vincent De Paul \$307

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**Please Remember OLS**

Thank you for considering OLS in your will. A bequest to the Parish makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

**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.



**2023 Marriage Anniversary Masses**

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating 5, 25, and 50 years of Christian marriage in the year 2023. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus. Both Masses will be in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

***April 16, 2023 3:00 pm, Cardinal Joseph Tobin  
50 years***

***May 7, 2023 3:00 pm, Bishop Gregory  
Studerus  
5 and 25 years***

Since the Archdiocese was unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid, and many families are still playing catch-up with their celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Golden Anniversary in those years may join as well.

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

**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?





## SCOUT CORNER

Was 2023 supposed to be the year you got the kids into the outdoors?

ScoutsBSA Troop 99G can help you with that resolution! We go on outdoor camping trips and hikes every month.

Come to our Open House on Thursday, March 23 for more info.

We know that spending time in nature and in the natural light improves mood and reduces stress and depression. So does exercise.

ScoutsBSATroop 99 for girls ages 11 - 17 offers our girls great opportunities for fun, friendship, learning, & service.

Email [OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com](mailto:OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com) for more information. We can't wait to tell you about our program!

## Stewardship Reflection

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

## Facebook

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



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## 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](http://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.**



### **VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023**

5:30 PM Albert Thiolat

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023**

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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

7:00 AM Ernestine Holmok  
12:00 PM Joseph and Ellie Rusignola

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023**

7:00 AM Ann O Coakleg  
12:00 PM Dr. Jaime Parlade

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

7:00 AM the Regina Pacis Knights of  
Columbus who died in 2020  
12:00 PM Paul Ribardo

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023**

7:00 AM Lucy Maziarzewski  
12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023**

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

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023**

8:30 AM Michael Flagiello  
12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

### **VIGIL SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2022**

5:30 PM Sebastiano "Sam" Bocconcelli

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM Rev. Brenden Quinn  
11:30 AM Steve Samich

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### **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 OLS Rosary Society.

### **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!

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7:30 - 8:30 PM**

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## Men's Lenten Day of Recollection Saturday, March 25

All men of the parish are invited to participate

Date /Time    Saturday, March 25, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Location:     \* Villa Pauline Retreat and Spiritual Center, Mendham, NJ  
Presenter:    Allan Wright  
Cost:          \$50.00

*"Speaking of Faith: Engaging our Family, Friends and others in a way that's normal and effective."*

Allan Wright is a well-known Author and Speaker and an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University. Please join us as Allan leads us in a relaxing and rewarding day of reflection, faith and fellowship.

About our presenter: <https://allanwright.org/>

Program:

- Continental Breakfast upon arrival
- First Presentation by Allan Wright
- Recitation of the Rosary
- Private Reflection
- Hot Lunch
- Second Presentation by Allan Wright
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (Deacon Walter Wiggins)
- Dismissal by 3:00 PM

For Reservations, contact Len Mrozak: (908 872-4968) or [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: sceast.org](http://www.sceast.org)

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