



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 26, 2023
5th Sunday of Lent

A Message from Fr. Brian

Have you heard the one about the guy who was talking with three of his friends about the subject of death and he asked them: "What would you like people to say about you at your funeral?"

The first friend said, "I'd like them to say, 'He was a great humanitarian, who cared about his community.'"

The second friend said, "I'd like them to say, 'He was a great husband and father.'"

The third friend said, "I'd like them to say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

In this Sunday's Gospel, the family and friends of Lazarus thought that he was dead and gone, but then Jesus entered onto the scene and all of a sudden everyone was saying, "Look, he's moving!"

Jesus had arrived four days late, after having been told that Lazarus was on his deathbed. When Jesus finally did arrive, Lazarus was already dead and buried. Martha ran out to meet Jesus, and her heart spoke through her lips. Her words were partly a reproach of Jesus, but they also demonstrated a faith that nothing could shake. *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of Him."*

Martha is such a model of faith for us, especially when we're confronted with uncertainty and struggles and challenges or when we're in our time of greatest need. But blessed we are, for the same Jesus who spoke to Martha, who was so saddened by the death of Lazarus, speaks to each one of us. He says, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* And He asks each of us, *"Do you believe this?"*

Do you believe that God is always with you? Do you believe that He is the solution to your every problem? Do you believe that He is saddened by your troubles? Do you believe that with Christ your life becomes new, that you're freed from the unhappiness of a life filled with sin? Do you believe that with Christ you're freed from the loneliness of a life without meaning? Jesus said that He is both the *resurrection* and the *life*. He promises future resurrection, yes, but He also invites us to share in the fullness of His life in the present, right now.

The Gospel says, *"He cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'"*

Jesus called Lazarus from his tomb and unbound him. And He wants to do that for us as well. So what is our tomb? What do we need to be unbound from? So many people allow themselves to be bound up by the chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, slander, gossip, envy, prejudices, hatred and anger and they bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Perhaps you're in the tomb filled with the negative feelings of fear, worry, anger, or guilt? If you're in that tomb, let Jesus stand before you and cry out *"Come out!"* If you're in the tomb of selfishness, so self-absorbed that you are dead to the needs of others, let Jesus stand before you and cry out to you, *"Come out!"*

No matter what it is in our life that we've tucked away and hidden in our tombs, Jesus desires to bring life where there is death. He's not afraid of the stench of our sins. He wants to set us free. He wants to give us new life. He stands before our tomb and He calls our name and He cries out, *"Come out from your tomb, for I am the resurrection and the life."*

Lenten Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 19th	Week 38	Y. To Date
Collection	\$11,772	\$455,255
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$447,942

Black and Indian Relief \$2,121
 Food Pantry \$2,375
 Repairs and Maintenance \$250
 St. Vincent De Paul \$253
 Candles \$274
 Flowers \$310

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.

Congratulations to our third 2023 Calendar Raffle Winner!

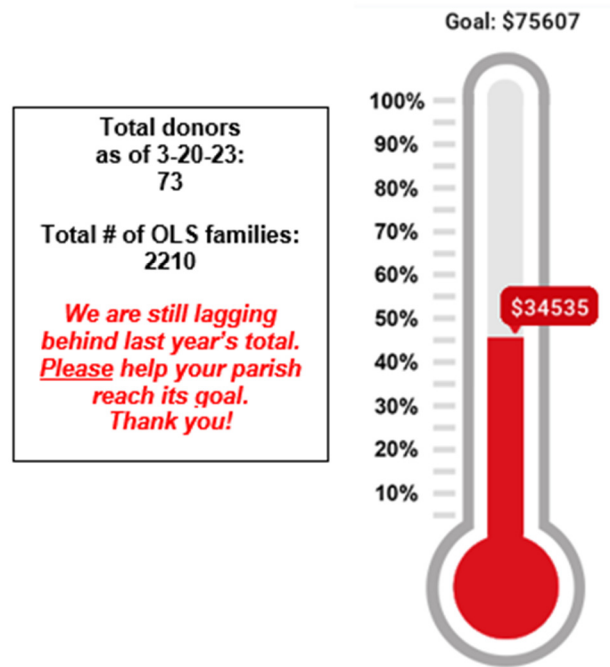
Congratulations to Joyce Ashurst on winning our 3rd of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Joyce won \$1,500! Joyce's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 10 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com and purchase directly from there. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is April 15th. Good luck to everyone!

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?



Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action



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.



Facebook

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VIGIL, SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

5:30 PM Sebastiano “Sam” Bocconcelli

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

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

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023

7:00 AM Cathy Craig
12:00 PM All Rosarians Living and Deceased

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Gary Clemens

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

7:00 AM The Brutofsky Family
12:00 PM James Polisin

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Rev. Paul Manning

SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

8:30 AM Androcles Clitus
12:00 PM Dr. Julian Orleans

VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

8:00 AM Donna and Robert Horan - Special Intention
10:00 AM Gaetano Fastiggi - 26th Anniversary
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

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 Church is in loving memory of ***Rosemarie Iantosca***. Requested by Roseann McDonough.

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.



Confession & Absolution

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 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.





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Annual Easter Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt

Holy Saturday – April 8, 2023

9:45 – Blessing of the Easter baskets in the Church.

The egg hunt will immediately follow the blessing, on the Church lawn near the playground.

In the event of rain, the egg hunt will be held in St. Joseph's Hall.

Children of all ages are welcome.
Little ones will hunt separately.

The suggested donation is \$5 per child and no more than \$15 per family.
Payment may be made the day of the event.
Bagels, juice and coffee included!

Don't forget to bring a collection basket or bag!

Please email Colleen McDonald at: sorrowschurch@gmail.com

Swienconka or “The Blessing of the Baskets” Swienconka (Sveen-Tsonka) in Polish

Swienconka refers to the Easter foods taken to church, in baskets lined with linens, for blessing on Holy Saturday. Swienconka also refers to the meal at which they are eaten on Easter morning. Each food is symbolic of the life, death, or resurrection of Christ. This meal is considered the first breakfast in the traditions of many nationalities, serving to break-the-fast of the season of lent; therefore, it is a meal of celebration.

On **Saturday, April 8thth at 9:45 am**, O.L.S. will have our annual blessing of these baskets before our Easter Egg Hunt. For those wishing to participate in the Swienconka, the following is a guide to familiarize yourself with this traditionally Polish custom. Feel free to alter the foods and bring your own interpretation of the Easter Breakfast in a basket to be blessed.

Eggs – (Hardboiled) Eggs have long been regarded as a symbol of new life. The emergence of a newborn chick from the shell is a sign of the new life Christ provided through His resurrection, but also been compared to His emergence from the tomb on Easter morning. Poles cut the first egg into pieces so that all may share the egg, symbolizing our sharing of Christ with each other. Salt is a symbol of prosperity, and that we are the “salt of the earth” (St. Matthew 5:13) and is sprinkled on the egg. Pepper and horseradish are reminiscent of our Lord’s passion and may be sprinkled on the eggs.

***Ham, Pork, Kielbasa** – all of these types of pork were forbidden under the dietary codes of the Old Testament. Since our Lord comes to fulfill the law, the old makes way for the new. One main element of the Swienconka ceremony is the blessing of those formerly forbidden foods, emphasizing the “New Covenant” which Jesus Christ established for all by His death and resurrection.

***Butter (or Pascal) Lamb** – This lamb may also be made of dough or of cast plaster. This lamb is featured carrying a red banner emblazoned with a cross. The symbolism of the lamb has many meanings. Our Lord proclaimed, “I am the Good Shepard.” (St. John 10:11). St. John the Baptist proclaimed, “Behold the Lamb of God.” St. John 1:29). The lamb a sacrificial animal in ancient times, portrays Christ as victorious through this presentation.

***Bread or Babka** – This is a round loaf of bread topped with a frosting cross. This symbolizes the bread of the Eucharistic meal.

Vinegar – Reminds us of the sour wine given to Jesus as He hung upon the cross.

Wine – Reminds us of Jesus’ blood, particularly His request to drink of His blood.

*Items with an asterisk, such as Kielbasa, babka and the butter lamb are traditional Polish items.

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