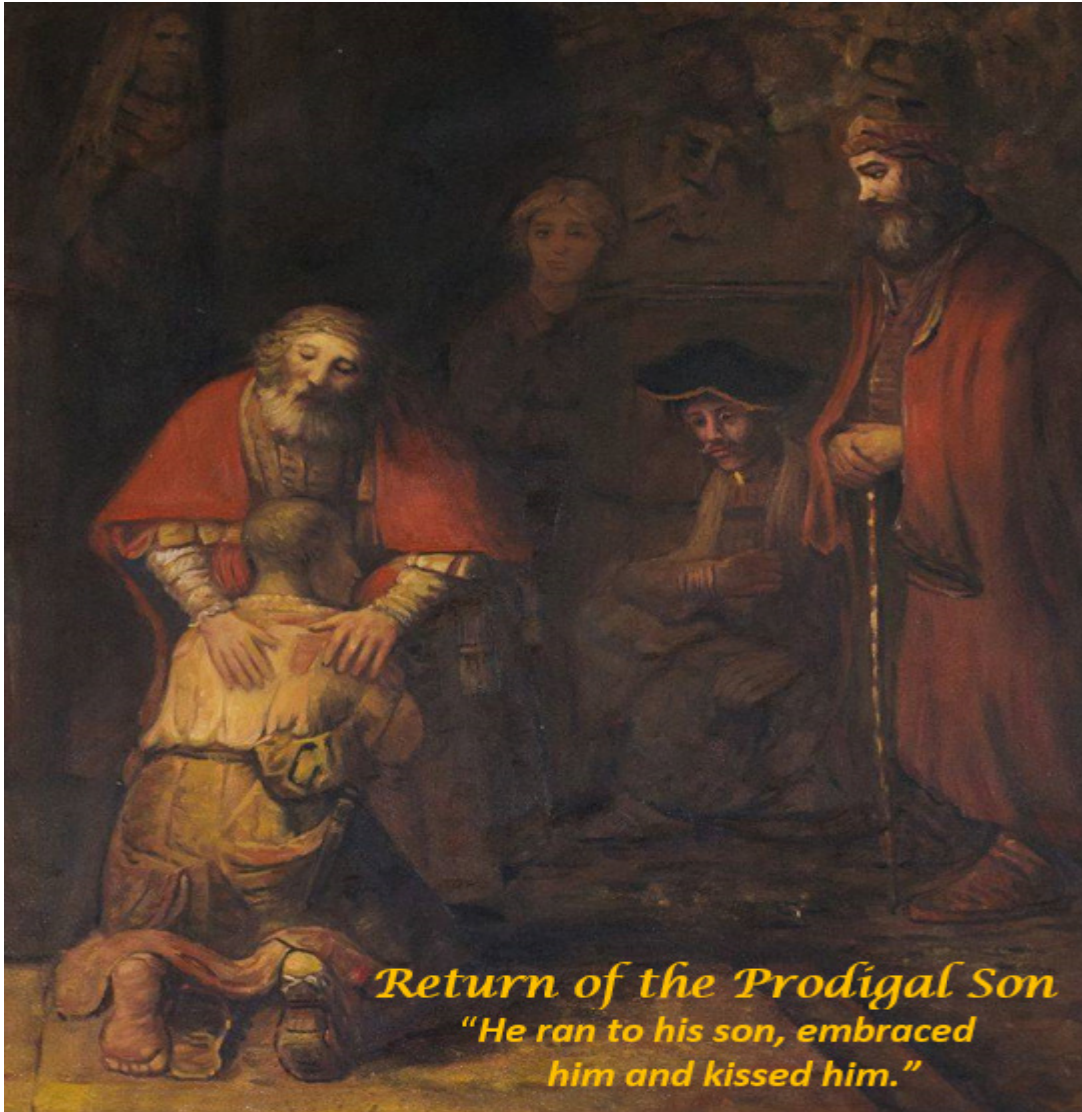


# *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

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**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:** Parents are to contact Parish Office after the birth of their 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 31, 2019**  
**4th Sunday of Lent**

## ***A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRIAN***

Thank you for the many favorable comments about the changes we have made to both our website and the front page of our bulletin. The overwhelming consensus is that the website has become much more user friendly. So many of you have also noted how much you like seeing the colorful images on the bulletin cover which depict that Sunday's Gospel. Thanks to Anne Moore for the work she has done in making these changes.

Today's bulletin cover is from the Dutch master painter Rembrandt and it depicts the return of the prodigal son, which is the parable from this Sunday's gospel. This painting from 1668 has been described by art historian Kenneth Clark as "a picture which those who have seen the original in St. Petersburg may be forgiven for claiming as the greatest picture ever painted."

There are 3 figures that are most prominent in the painting. On the left, we see the bearded father, wearing red tasseled robes. He is tenderly embracing his unkempt prodigal son, in ragged garments. On the right, we see the other son, depicted as an imposing figure who towers over the prodigal son. Like the father, he is also clothed in rich red robes, but he doesn't share his father's joy. He looks displeased about the attention his brother is receiving from their father. Several other figures are also depicted taking in the scene before them.

The parable of the prodigal son that Jesus gives us is truly the perfect short story. It depicts a father who will go to any lengths to show his love. He is a father who refuses to give up on his children. He is a father who stops at nothing to show how overjoyed he is by the return of his wayward child. Despite the awful way that child has treated his father, the father welcomes his son home and blesses him in such a wildly extravagant way.

I invite you to focus on the image of the son kneeling before his father, head pressed to his heart. Rembrandt deliberately painted the father with two different hands: one hand is strong and gnarled and the other hand is smooth and more delicate, like that of a young mother. Rembrandt wanted to depict both the power and tenderness of God. We have a God who is both powerful and tender at the same time.

Fr. Henri J. M. Nouwen (1932-1996) wrote a wonderful book about this masterpiece from Rembrandt. The painting made him look deep within himself. He wrote, "As the returned child of God, living in the Father's house, God's joy is mine to claim. There is seldom a minute in my life that I am not tempted by sadness, melancholy, cynicism, dark moods, somber thoughts, morbid speculations, and waves of depression. And often, I allow them to cover up the joy of my father's house. But when I truly believe that I have already returned and that my father has already dressed me with a cloak, ring, and sandals, I can remove the mask of the sadness from my heart and dispel the lie it tells about my true self and claim the truth with the inner freedom of the child of God."

The most fundamental fact of life is this: I am a beloved child of God. Absolutely NOTHING can ever change that!

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Brian

## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Week 39	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,328	\$495,722
Avg. Budget	\$14,039	\$547,529

### Rosary Society

**AFTER A VERY SUCCESSFUL MARCH MEETING WITH SISTER SELINA THE ROSARY SOCIETY IS NOW MOST HEARTILY INVITING ALL AND EVERYONE TO THE TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019 MEETING WITH OUR NEW PASTOR FR. BRIAN, WHO WILL SPEAK ON: " THE EUCHARIST AND THE MASS: THE WINDOW IN THE WALL". THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM WITH PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL THEN CONTINUE IN ST. JOSEPH HALL WITH REFRESHMENTS AND FR. BRIAN THE SPEAKER.  
LET US FILL THE CHAPEL AND THE HALL!**

### *OLS Lenten Schedule*

*Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 7:30pm*

*Bible & Faith Study: Every Saturday at 9:00am in the Chapel*

*Holy Hour: Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Upper Church*

*Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm - Lenten Penance Service*

### **Facebook**

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

**Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.**

**<http://www.olschurch.com>**

### **Sharing God's Blessings**

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, such as our evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and many other ministries. Our parish goal this year is **\$80,516**, with a total amount committed to date of **\$22,940**. **Your participation in this campaign is vitally important.** If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2019 *Sharing God's Blessings* Annual Appeal, there is still time. Just complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. You may also donate online at [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your generous gift!

### **RCIA**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Kambiz and Ariel who will enter into the fullness of the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Valentino, Deborah, Carolyn, Karina who will be receiving their Confirmation and/or Eucharist

### **THINK ABOUT IT**

The cross of Jesus doesn't just reveal God as unconditional love; it also reveals how vulnerability is the path to intimacy. How is this revealed in the cross? The best place to start is with God. What the cross tells us, more clearly than any other revelation, is that God is absolutely and utterly nonviolent and that God's vulnerability, which the cross invites us into, is a power for community with God and with each other. From *The Passion and the Cross* by Ronald Rolheiser, OMI Sandra Carless; Peace and Justice Committee



## **Reflections on Catechism**

589 Jesus gave scandal above all when he indentified his merciful conduct toward sinners with God's own attitude toward them. he went so far as to hint that by sharing the table of sinners he was admitting them to the messianic banquet. But it was most especially by forgiving sins that Jesus placed the religious authorities of Israel on the horns of a dilemma. Were they not entitled to demand in consternation, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?" By forgiving sins Jesus either is blaspheming as a man who made himself God's equal or is speaking the truth, and his person really does make present and reveal God's name.

## **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACQUIRE A GREATER RESOLUTION FROM THE SUNDAY GOSPEL AND HOMILY? THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST IS THE PLACE TO BE. JOIN OTHER MEN EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 6 A.M. IN THE LOWER CHURCH. "LET YOUR GOOD SPIRIT LEAD YOU TO ME ON A LEVEL PATH" RISE AND SHINE WITH THE LORD.

## ***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*

## **Live Mass Broadcast**

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

## **We Defend Life!**

We have recently begun a Pro-Life Ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows. Our mission is to promote the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural life. We advocate for the rights of the unborn, elderly, people with disabilities, and all those otherwise disadvantaged.

We conducted a baby bottle boomerang during Advent and the proceeds of that benefited First Choice Women's Resource Center, which provides many health related services to women, including those who are pregnant. We also participated in a postcard project, sending nearly 500 postcards to our legislators in Trenton, encouraging them to support the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Many more activities are planned.

We invite all parishioners to become a part of this important parish ministry. To do so or for more information, contact Katharine Townsend at [katharinetownsend@hotmail.com](mailto:katharinetownsend@hotmail.com) or Gina Margolese at [gmarolies@msn.com](mailto:gmarolies@msn.com). The next meeting is on Saturday, April 6th, 10:00 am in the parish center.

Pope Francis put it so beautifully: "All life has inestimable value. Even the weakest and most vulnerable – the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor – are masterpieces of God's creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

## **Sponsor Certificates**

A reminder that in order to receive a sponsor certificate for baptism or confirmation you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates state that the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a Catholic in good standing.



## **Stewardship Corner**

**Our Parish needs your help. Will you answer the call?**

Our Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help organize the food donations during the week and to help on Saturday mornings as needed. Contact Kate Cahill for more information: [katecahill50@gmail.com](mailto:katecahill50@gmail.com)





**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019**

8:00 AM Cecilia Isekenegebe, Delia Earlie &  
All the Souls in Purgatory

10:00 AM Cynthia Brenner

11:30 AM Margaret Webber

**MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019**

7:00 AM Betty Garret

12:00 PM Helen Hamilton

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019**

7:00 AM Edward A. Antinozzi

12:00 PM Lori Nicholas

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019**

7:00 AM Betty Garret

12:00 PM Catherine Marie Moriarity

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019**

7:00AM Virginia O'Shaughnessy

12:00 PM James F. Guyton, Sr.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2019**

7:00AM Lawrence Gallo

12:00 PM Mother Perpetua Giampietro

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**

8:30 AM Rose Coccia

12:00 PM Anand Almeida

**VIGIL MASS APRIL 6, 2019**

5:30 PM Susan Meeker 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019**

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette  
Ezuduemoih and Family and All  
Souls in Purgatory

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta  
& Abramo Families

11:30 AM People of the Parish

**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, Gloria Renner, Jerome Pallo, Nico Cipriano, Rose Merritt, Sonia McIntyre, Craig McLean, Austin Dukes, Isabella Vacchiano, Patricia Be, Kathleen Fontenello, Kathleen Ciambuschini, Angie Sena, Fred Mesot, Diane Silver, Jesse House, Kathleen Lorenzo, Joan O'Brien, Amy Dombrowski, Olivia Frances Cady, Brenda Johnston, Claudette Englesk, Jeffrey Pierre, Teresa Mckilop, Sal Maisano, Cooper Owens, Dolores McNany, Carmela Crooks, John DiEsso, Lewis Berkenstock, Ellen Warshaw, Mark Davonski, Angelina Ciambuschini, Margaret Elizabeth Evans, Nicholas Ciambuschini, Donna Moghrabi, Doreen Carmiche, Rosetta Karas, Paul R. Ciambuschini, Josh Papp, Mary Lou Perrini, Jessica Darling, Roberta Mariam Kelly, Kristen Buttros, Jude Greenleaf, Elena Baiz Sanchez, Robert Hines, Margaret Farrell, Jeanine Panzone, John Sabbak, Michael D. Greenleaf, Sofia Vallejos, Beth Hebron, David Dorcy, Linda Read, Ronald Tylor, Jim O'Connor, Angelina Zurruro, Daniel Callaghan, Frank Erickson, Michael Maffei, Allison Wessel, Rev. Paul Power, MaryAnn Cappaze, Nick Elliot, Brian Hartnett, Owen McNany, Kevin Chang, Peggy O'Reilly, Elizabeth Stuart, Jill Vacciano, Marie Somers, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jerry McElroy, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Julie Edmonds, Marie Manno and Melanie Zappo.

# Parish Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Function</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
<u>Sun 3/31</u>	RCIA Youth Group	9:00 am 7:30 pm	Neumann St. Joseph Hall
<u>Mon 4/1</u>	CCD CCD Holocaust Committee School Board	3:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Cafeteria Cafeteria Seton Kateri
<u>Tues 4/2</u>	CCD	3:45 pm	Cafeteria
<u>Wed 4/3</u>	Holy Hour NA Piedmont Chorale Youth Group Leaders	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm	Upper Church Cafeteria Chapel Youth Room
<u>Thurs 4/4</u>	SCS Rehearsal Following Christ Parish Choir Rehearsal	3:30 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Upper Church St. Joseph Hall Upper Church
<u>Fri 4/5</u>	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm	Upper Church
<u>Sat 4/6</u>	Bible Study Pro Life Meeting AA	9:00 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm	Chapel Kateri St. Joseph Hall
<u>Sun 4/7</u>	Coffee & Donuts  RCIA Youth Group	After 10:00 & 11:30 am Masses 9:00 am 7:30 pm	St. Joseph Hall  Neumann St. Joseph Hall



*Stewardship is a way of life*

## ***The Parish Staff***

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Administrator  
Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Mr. John M. Ingauggiato, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. John Baltus, Deacon  
Rev. Mr. Walter Wiggins, Deacon  
Sr. Mary Selina McHugh, S.C.C., Pastoral Associate  
Judy Foley, Principal  
Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator  
Christopher Kaiser, Youth Minister  
Glenn E. Devitt, Music Director/Organist  
Karlene Campbell, Nursery Director  
Charles Noun, Business Manager

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