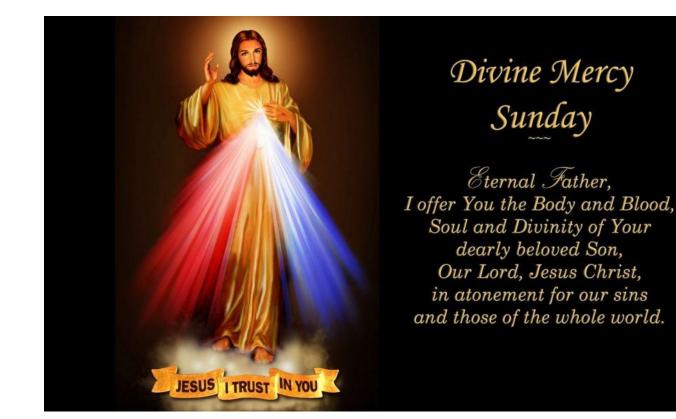




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Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment
Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program
Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically 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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April 16, 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday

A Message from Fr. Brian

Happy Easter! The Octave of Easter ends on the Sunday after Easter and so each of the 8 days in that Octave are celebrated as "little Easters." I am writing this bulletin column on the Monday after Easter, which in many countries of the world is classified as a national holiday. It's also a church holiday in the Archdiocese of Newark and so our parish offices are closed. It's blessedly quiet (!) here as I write this bulletin column, allowing me to concentrate on writing about and expressing my heartfelt gratitude to all those who made our Triduum and Easter celebrations at Our Lady of Sorrows truly magnificent. The beauty, solemnity, and majesty of our liturgical celebrations took much planning and hard work.

Our music program: We were so incredibly blessed by the music during our Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Thank you, especially, to the cantors and choir members who led us in singing God's praises, including our Youth and Children's choirs. We were also grateful to have with us again at the 11:30 Easter Sunday Mass the Gramercy Brass Quintet from New York City. All of the music was under the direction of Preston Dibble, our organist and Director of Music. We were also assisted by Greg Dlugos, our assistant organist. Alleluia (which means, "Praise the Lord") for our amazing music ministry!

The OLS Youth Group: Led by our Youth Minister, Chris Kaiser, the youth of our parish helped us to truly enter into the Passion and Death of Christ. They did a live performance at our Good Friday outdoor Stations of the Cross, leading us through the streets of our neighborhood. They also led the

evening Stations of the Cross in the church, accompanied by our incredible choir. It was such a moving experience for all who were present!

The church decorating crew: The unanimous consensus is that the flowers in the church are absolutely spectacular! Our church is always beautiful, but this Easter is especially stunning and arresting. A huge round of applause to the crew that made it all a reality: Dottie lantosca, Mary Loeser (and her grandchildren Finn, Ellie, and Violet!), Carol DeMeo, Mary Chris Brauchli. Deacon Andrew Lee, and Chris Caruso. They were assisted by our maintenance team, including Marvin Reyes and Sam Lewis, as well as Patrick McDonald.



Easter Egg Hunt: Nearly 100 children from our parish participated in our annual Easter Egg Hunt. It was a wonderful, beautiful morning and we thank everyone who helped our children to get into the spirit of Easter.

All of you, our parishioners: Thank you for attending all of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies and for your generosity to our Easter collection. Our attendance at all of the liturgies exceeded my expectation and I believe we had more people in our beautiful church than we did pre-pandemic!

Thank you to one and all, including Deacon Walter and Deacon Andrew, our lectors, ushers, greeters, and altar servers. We are so incredibly blessed as a parish family and that demonstrates itself every single day, but especially at Easter and Christmas.

May all of the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you and your loved ones!

Continued Easter Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

April 2 nd		Week 40		Y. to Date
Collection		\$15,561		\$482,750
Budgeted		\$11,788		\$471,518
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Food Pantry: \$356 Candles \$426 Repairs and Maintenance \$390 Flowers \$837

April 9 th	Week 41	Y. to Date
Collection	\$6,610	\$489,360
Budgeted	\$6,460	\$477,978

Candles \$355 Repairs and Maintenance \$1,580 Flowers \$656 Assessment \$1,870 Holy Land (Good Friday) \$2,197

Easter (to date) \$28,948 Easter Budget \$39,000

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.

Return of the Precious Blood

At per the directive of the Archdiocese of Newark, the distribution at Mass of the Precious Blood was suspended due to Covid. The Archdiocese has now lifted that suspension and we will have the distribution of the Precious Blood at Sunday Masses, beginning on April 16th. Please know that the Host alone contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus and so you should not feel compelled to receive the Precious Blood out of a sense that you are somehow receiving "more of Jesus" when you do so. Jesus is completely present in the consecrated Host alone.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action



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?



Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events. <u>http://www.olschurch.com</u>

Thank You for supporting Family Promise Families!

Thank you to all who volunteered to support the Family Promise families in March by preparing parts of a meal, purchasing groceries, donating gift cards, receiving the meals and groceries at the church, or driving them to the Family Promise office in Montclair. Everyone's thoughtfulness, care, and generosity were much appreciated by the families we supported. We will be supporting the Family Promise families again in October. In the meantime, feel free to contact Anna Nelson with any questions about volunteering: <u>annanelson202@gmail.com</u> or 973-477-9546.

Meet Our Staff

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OLS Food Pantry

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates. Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables. **Food donations can be dropped off:**

- Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- Saturday: 8:00-6:00 Church front vestibule
- Sunday: 8:00-12:00 Church front vestibule
- Please do not leave food at the Rectory.

Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <u>https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/</u> Questions? Email <u>olspantry@gmail.com</u> or call 973-370-0458.

RCIA Highlights

Congratulations to Agbomherele Vincent Ajekwench who at this year's Easter Vigil was welcomed into the Catholic Church and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion. May the Lord continue to bless Agbomherele as he continues his faith journey!

Congratulations also to Vivian Esther Ajekweneh, Kimmie Tecalix Valdez, and Louis Fecalix Valdez. They will all received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion at this Sunday's 11:30 am Mass. May the Holy Spirit continue to lead, guide, and direct them!

If someone you know would like to enter the Catholic Church or needs to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, please contact Sr. Mary Selina: passociate07@gmail.com.



VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2023

8:00 PM People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

- 8:00 AM Fitzgerald Houg
- 10:00 AM Ralph and Filomena Ferrace
- 11:30 AM Henry Fernandes

<u>MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023</u>

7:00 AM Erenbeni Maria Ezung12:00 PM Colleen McDonald - Special Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

7:00 AM Franklin Caputo 12:00 PM Michael McDonnell

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

7:00 AMPeople of the Parish12:00 PMMary Ellen Rustum

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

7:00 AMAlice M. Hamm12:00 PMCatherine Agresta

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

7:00 AMFrank McLoughlin12:00 PMRosemarie Iantosca

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

8:30 AMDr. Jose Lirio Remigio12:00 PMMelissa Martinez

VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

5:30 PM The Kirk Family

<u>SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023</u>

8:00 AM	Patrick Joseph McHugh
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:30 AM	James J. DeMeo

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: *Bernadette Zimmerman Plunkett and Amy Dombrowski*. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

<u>In Memoriam</u>

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

<u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u>

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: 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, 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, Anne O'Brien and Deborah Hebron.



Our Lady of Sorrows "2023 Calendar Raffle"					
	\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win! Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month				
	Only 500 tickets will be sold				
Eve	ry Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous	month.			
Drawing to be held the 15 th day of each month at @ 1:00 pm in the Church office. First Drawing: January 15, 2023 Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday, it will be brought to the office. We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00). We can take checks, cash or credit cards Click here to purchase online <u>https://olschurch.com</u> or print the form to send in with your check or cc #					
	Our Lady of Sorrows 2023 CALENDAR RAFFLE ORDER FORM				
Enclosed is	my check for \$ for chance(s) in the Raffle				
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REMEMBER & TELL SOMA Interfaith Holocaust Service

All are invited to the Rally & Service

Sunday, April 23, 2023

3:15PM RALLY OF REMEMBRANCE

Front lawn at Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel 432 Scotland Road, South Orange

4:00PM 46th Annual REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel, 432 Scotland Road., South Orange and LIVE STREAM at <u>rememberandtell.org/2023</u>

Guest Speaker: Fred Polak

Fred Polak is the child of Dutch Holocaust survivors, Jaap (Jack) and Ina. His parents' love story began in a concentration camp and endured for decades. The love letters they secretly exchanged strengthened them during a time of untold hardship. Jack's letters, which miraculously survived, became the basis for a book and inspired the award-winning documentary, **"Steal A Pencil For Me."** Fred continues his parents' commitment to Holocaust education and will speak about the lessons to be learned from the Holocaust. Excerpts from the movie will be shown.



The Sister Rose Thering Holocaust Education Award Recipient: Jim Ferruggiaro

For information and live stream link visit us at: www.rememberandtell.org/2023

Sponsored by: South Orange / Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Committee Co-Sponsor: Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest NJ Holocaust Council

