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2023 Holy Week & Easter Schedule

MONDAY, APRIL 3

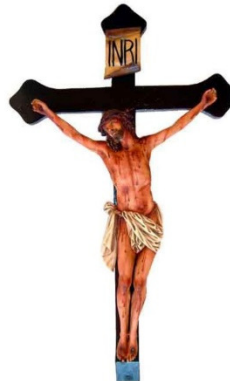
Mass: 7:00 am and 12:00 Noon
Eucharistic Adoration: 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Confessions: 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Mass: 7:00 am and 12:00 Noon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Mass: 7:00 am and 12:00 Noon



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 pm

Church open until 11:00 pm for Adoration before the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am

Outdoor Stations of the Cross around the block (weather permitting): 12:00 Noon

Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion and Death with Holy Communion: 3:00 pm

Choral and Living Stations of the Cross by the Parish Choir and Youth Group: 7:30 pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Morning Prayer: 9:00 am

Blessing of Easter Foods: 9:45 am

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00 am

Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter: 8:00 pm



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Easter Masses at
8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am

Happy Easter!

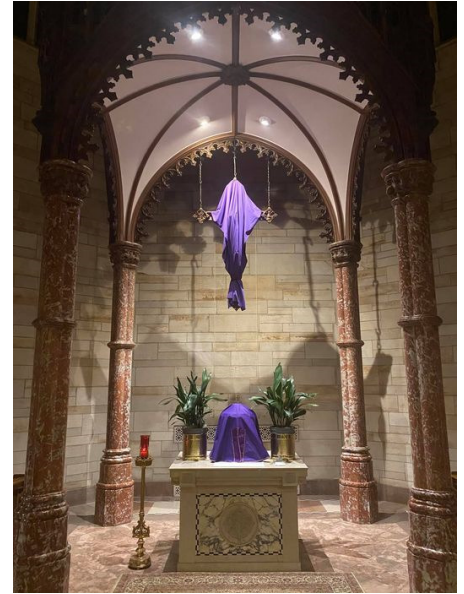
**April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday**

A Message from Fr. Brian

Several people have asked me why we veil the crucifix in the church at this time of the year. I posted an explanation on Facebook, but I know that not all of you are on Facebook (please know that you can always see our posts even without having a Facebook account yourself).

There are several good reasons for veiling the crucifix. First, the traditional reason was found in the Gospel passage formerly read on Passion Sunday (John 8:46-59). We read in that passage: *"...Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple."* Jesus was threatened with stoning for claiming to be the Son of God and so He hid (veiled) Himself from view. He wouldn't appear again in Jerusalem until His triumphant entry on Palm Sunday.

Another reason for veiling is that the Cross we now recognize as the emblem of Christ's victory was first seen as an instrument of humiliation and suffering. In His passion, the divinity of Christ was almost completely obscured. It was virtually impossible to recognize Jesus as God while He hung on the Cross. But it wasn't just His divinity that was veiled. So too was His humanity, so enormous was His suffering. Battered, beaten, bruised, and bloody, Jesus was living out the words from the prophet Isaiah that prefigured His own agony: *"I am a worm, not a man, scorned by men, despised by the people."* (Is. 22:7) So beaten and bloodied was He, that His humanity was hardly recognizable. So, His wounds hid – veiled – both His divinity and humanity. The purple cloth of the veil over the crucifix highlights this sad reality.



Another reason: the veiling of the crucifix should force us to imagine the darkness and hopelessness of a world not redeemed by Christ's death on the Cross. Without the Cross, we are bereft of hope. Not being able to see the crucifix during these last couple weeks helps us to better focus on the fact that without Christ's sacrifice, sin and death would have complete control over us. But with His Death and Resurrection, we are given hope, knowing that sin and death do not have the final word, but instead eternal life is made possible.

Another reason: they remind us that something momentous is drawing near. But with the veiling of the crucifix, our senses are deprived of the beauty of this symbol. Our senses will be slowly awakened by this Sunday's red vestments and palm branches, by the white vestments and ceremony of Holy Thursday, and also by the somberness of the barren sanctuary on Good Friday. But our senses will be fully alive when the darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday give way to the great Easter Vigil. We will then celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus and all of our senses will be oriented toward the hope and joy made possible by the Resurrection. At that time, the veil which once covered our crucifix will have been removed and the veil over our eyes and other senses will have been lifted and we can once again sing out a joyous Alleluia.

Be sure to enter into the sublime mystery of all of this by your participation in our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Refer to the cover of the bulletin and you will see the many opportunities you have to accompany Jesus as His divinity is both veiled and unveiled in this most holy of weeks.

Holy Week Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 26th	Week 39	Y. To Date
Collection	\$11,934	\$467,189
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$459,730

Food Pantry \$559
Flowers \$788

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

Christian Initiation Highlights

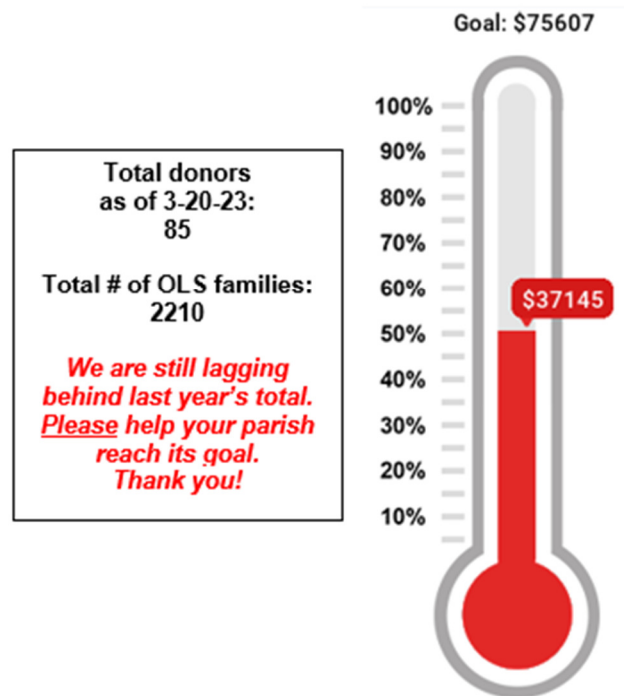
Three new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Emma Jean Brown, Nell Maryann Palmer and Thomas Joaquim Alejandro Branco. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023.

Return of the Precious Blood

At 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.



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

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

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?



Meet Our Staff

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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 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin and the 5th and 25th 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.**

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). 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, APRIL 1, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

7:00 AM George Boselli
12:00 PM Robert Van Natten

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

7:00 AM Peggy & Jim McClatdi
12:00 PM William J. Waldron & Family Living & Deceased

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

7:00 AM Lawrence Gallo
12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
12:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Good Friday Service
7:30 PM Choral Stations

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

9:00 AM Morning Prayer
9:45 AM Blessing of the Easter Foods

SOLEMN VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

8:00 PM People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM people of the Parish

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Julie Edmunds**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. 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 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.



Living Stations of the Cross

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passion and sacrifice of Jesus Christ with choral meditations
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Good Friday, April 7th

7:30 PM

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*This event is open to all members of the community.
Don't miss this opportunity to witness the
power and beauty of the Living Stations.*



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Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month
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Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 15th 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).

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