

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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MASSSES: *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: 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 and arrange communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

The story is told of a young boy who was playing left field in a Little League game when a man yelled over the fence, "Hey son, who's winning?" The little boy replied, "We are!" "What's the score?" "They have 23. We have 0." "They have you 23-0?" The man was confused. "I thought you said you were winning." "Oh, we are," explained the little boy. "You see, we ain't come to bat yet!"

The two disciples in our Gospel who were traveling on their way to Emmaus needed the attitude of that young boy. They were feeling dejected and downcast, not knowing what to think of the crucifixion of Jesus nor the story that had been told to them of the empty tomb. They were confused and felt at a total loss.

Then, as they journeyed toward their destination, they were joined by Jesus, but they did not yet recognize that it was Jesus who was in their midst. Their conversation turned to all that had happened in Jerusalem on Good Friday and in the subsequent days. In response to their dejection, Jesus reminded them that Scripture had prophesied that the Christ had to suffer so as to enter into His glory. Finally, as they paused their journey in order to eat something, they urged their unknown companion to stay with them. And it was then, as they ate, that their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. It was a glorious moment for them. They were no longer down 23-0, but were now celebrating an unbelievable victory!

During these times that we're living through, let's remember that Jesus is journeying with us. He never, ever abandons us to make the journey alone. He meets us on our own road to Emmaus. When life seems too much for us, the Risen Lord walks with us through the pain, uncertainty, and suffering.

It's worthwhile to point out that we know the name of only one of the two disciples: Cleopas. The other disciple remains nameless. Perhaps that was a deliberate omission on the part of the evangelist Luke. Perhaps he wanted each of us to put ourselves into that story, taking the place of the nameless disciple.

Put yourself into the wonderful story of Emmaus, which promises that Jesus will come to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us when we least expect Him. And Emmaus moments come to us especially when we meet Christ on our life's journey through rough times.

The walk for those two disciples started out in disbelief and sadness. It ended in joy, excitement, and renewed hope. The same can happen to each one of us. But that requires us to recognize that Christ is journeying with us, especially in our sufferings, our challenges, and our doubts.

The Emmaus story is not, of course, limited to helping us cope with the fallout from COVID-19. It should be a constant reminder to us that no matter what we're going through, we're never alone, we're never without hope, we're never defeated, and we never need to give into discouragement and despair. Instead, we do what the two disciples did: we recognize that Christ is present to us and, as the disciples did, we invite Him to stay with us, allowing our *"hearts to burn within us."*

Today's Psalm sums it all up: *"I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed."*

Emmaus Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

April 19	Week 43	Y. to Date
Collection	\$7,334	\$511,064
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$570,577

Easter Collection \$30,783

Bored?

Don't be bored while stuck at home! Become more deeply engaged in your faith! Our Lady of Sorrows offers you free access to FORMED, an online depository of wonderful books, movies, audios, and much more. Here's how to sign up and start enjoying all those benefits:

1. Go to: www.formed.org
2. Enter our parish code: RJCHGZ (if requested)
3. Create a personal account with your email address and a password
4. Start enjoying the best Christian content all in one place!

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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

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

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>

Stewardship Reflections

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Pope Francis' prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping
your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon Himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy
Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

Sadly, you are not able to enter our beautiful Church at this time, but thanks to our live streaming platform, you can still “attend” Mass by means of our live streaming platform.

You can view the live stream on our new YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrYouG9jGDnm3Dxp2fOZYcQ?>

A link to YouTube will also be available on our Facebook group page as we start the liturgy:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163360657011257/>



Schedule of our upcoming live streamed liturgies:

**Daily Mass 10:00 am
&
Sunday Mass 10:00 am**



The Archdiocese of Newark has partnered with GoFundMe Charity to help parishes during this time when parish finances are being so negatively affected. This is a coordinated and unified effort by the Archdiocese and all parishes within the Archdiocese.

Thankfully, Cardinal Tobin has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment in support of donations given through this GoFundMe. The assessment is an administrative fee charged to parishes to support archdiocesan operations and ministries. We will not have to pay that 18% fee for contributions made through GoFundMe, which charges only a small fee per donation to cover payment processing, as is typical for online fundraising platforms. Aside from that small fee, every penny that you give will go directly to OLS.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish. Visit our parish GoFundMe Charity page: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/our-lady-of-sorrows-south-orange>

The funding flow for this initiative offers both simplicity and transparency for our parish community and others who choose to contribute:

- All money raised through individual parish GoFundMe pages will flow into a central archdiocesan fund, and the Parish Business Services team will aim to release all funds to parishes in the amount raised for the parish within the week.
- Pastors, parishioners, and the public can track how much each parish has raised in total on their individual parish GoFundMe pages.
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically.

You may, of course, continue to support our parish by means of mailing in your weekly envelope or by using our regular online giving portal, which can be found at the bottom of our web page. Please note, though, that contributions through those 2 means will continue to be assessed by the Archdiocese, while contributions to the GoFundMe Charity will not be assessed. In other words, your donation will go much further through GoFundMe Charity.

No matter how you choose to give, please know how incredibly grateful we are! Thank you, God bless you, and Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!



HOMEBOUND Connections

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

We recognize that many of our parishioners live alone and, especially during this time of the coronavirus, are not able to leave their home. If you are one of our precious seniors, if you are homebound, if you cannot leave your home due to a compromised immune system, we ask you to let us know. We would like to call you to check in on you.

Aside from simply checking up on you, we are able to run errands for you. If you need grocery shopping done, or a prescription picked up, or any other errand run, our volunteers are ready to help you. *Our choir members are even anxious to call you and sing you a song!* And this is not just a temporary ministry necessitated by the coronavirus, but will become a new ongoing ministry of our parish.

Please send us your name and phone number by emailing us at: olscares@gmail.com. You can also call Sr. Mary Selina at 201-345-7380 and give her the information. We look forward to serving you!



SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

5:30 PM Sally Curley

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Joshua Dibble
11:30 AM Victor LeBlanc

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

7:00 AM Stacy Dalton
12:00 PM Louise Phillips

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins
12:00 PM Beth Bowling –Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

7:00 AM Eric Flanagan
12:00 PM The Mompremier Family – Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020

7:00AM Eddie Sanotriello – Special Intention
12:00 PM Sylvia & Joseph Gildea – Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2020

7:00AM Russell Pace Sr.
12:00 PM The Silla Family

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020

8:30 AM Maryann Capano
12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

VIGIL MASS MAY 2, 2020

5:30 PM The Kirk Family

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

8:00 AM Don Evangelista Garcia
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM In Memory of the Mancuso,
Macaluso, Miserendino &
Inguaggiato Families

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, Angie Sena, 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, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto and Melissa O'Brien.

