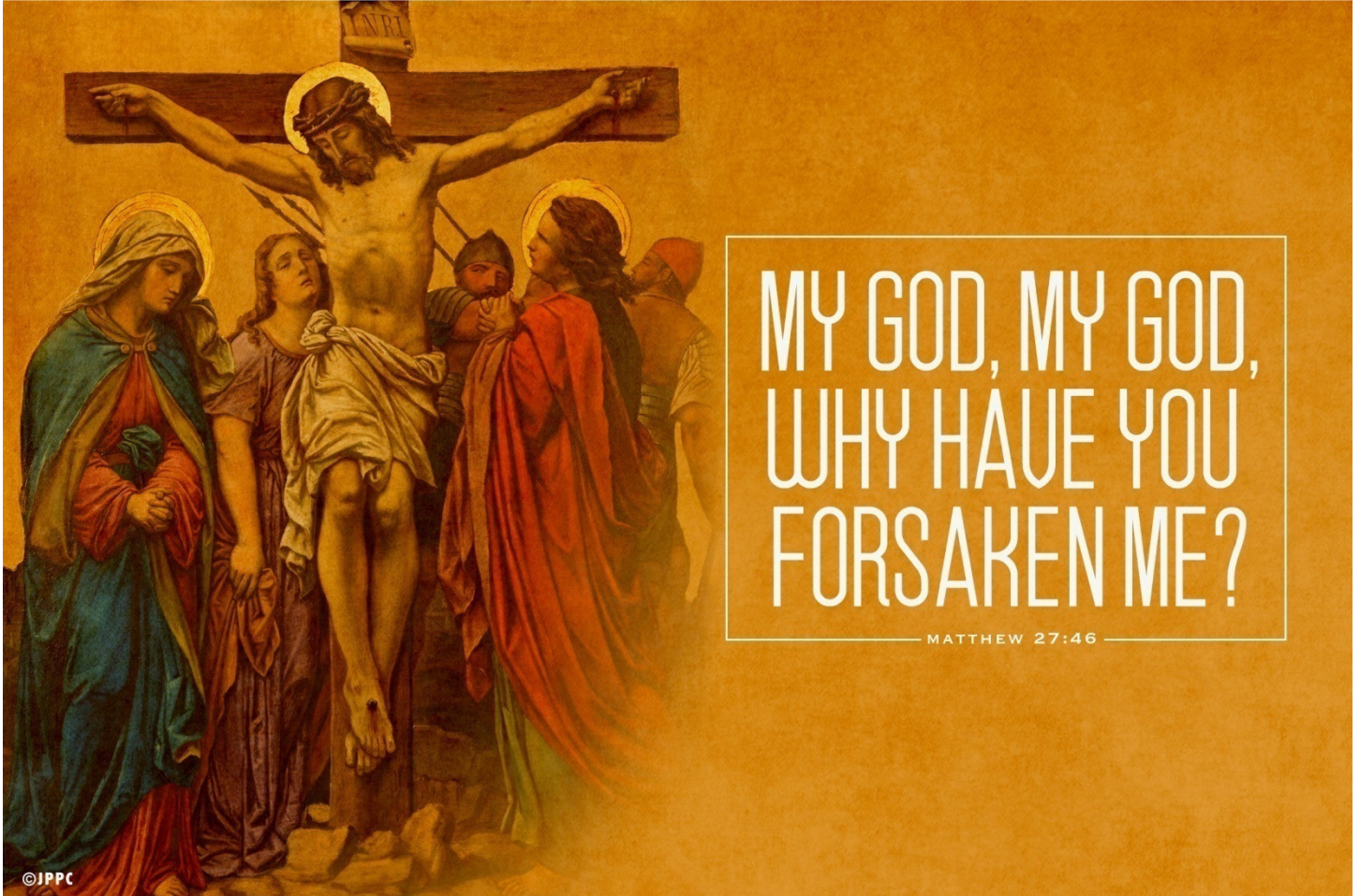


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am, 12:00 pm Saturday 8:30 am, 12:00 pm (Lower Church)

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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April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

By nature, I'm a pretty impatient person and I was even more so when I was a kid. I used to dread going to church on Palm Sunday. There was a long Mass and all the standing for the gospel, and I couldn't wait to sit down. It was probably the only Sunday I looked forward to the homily, knowing that I would get a chance to sit!

I don't feel that way anymore. In fact, reflecting on what Jesus had to endure during His Passion (and for a lot longer than we have to stand at any Mass!), sitting doesn't really seem like the right response. The fact is, we should probably be on our knees. In fact, we should spend a lot of time on our knees this week, remembering and reliving all that Christ did for us.

This week is unlike any other in our Catholic calendar. We take part in something that is both ancient and new. For nearly 2,000 years, we've gathered in our churches to hold palms, to light candles, to chant prayers, and to read once again the ancient stories of our deliverance and redemption. This year, of course, will be different, as we won't be able to assemble as a parish family to relive Our Lord's entry into Jerusalem and then to listen to and participate together in the account of His Passion and Resurrection.

This week, I encourage each of us to take a moment in each day to wonder: What was Christ doing during this time of that one week all those centuries ago? What was on His mind on Monday, on Tuesday, on Wednesday? What sort of anguish was He going through? What kind of dread did He experience?

Has anything we have ever worried about, or lost sleep over, or agonized about, including this current pandemic, even come close?

What went through His mind? Did He wonder if there was another way? Did He wonder if there was any way to spare those he loved, especially His Mother, from what was about to happen? It's certain that more than once He thought of all the other lives, including yours and mine, that would be changed by what he was about to do.

As we live through our own coronavirus-caused suffering and inconveniences, which are real and substantial, let us pause, give thanks, and remember this: **He did it for us!** Let's not forget to ponder this. Make it into a prayer. Immerse yourself in it. Take part in it. And unite your crosses to the Cross of Christ.

Because, of all the calendars in all of human history, this is the one week that changed everything. This is the week that saw the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. It's the week that witnessed breathtaking betrayal, and denial, and crucifixion, and heartbreak, and suffering, and death.

But it's also the week that would lead, ultimately, to resurrection. Think of all that has happened because of this week. All the martyrs and missionaries, saints and servants of God who gave everything – all because of what we are about to celebrate and remember this week.

Because of this week, the world has never been the same. 7 days that shook the world. And the tremors haven't stopped. And that should put us on our knees.

OLS Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 29	Week 40	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,167	\$490,879
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$530,769

Repairs & Maintenance \$1,690

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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Stewardship Reflections

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

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."

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry



Months Seven and Eight: Developing Baby

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed and has been since about eight weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight and making his mom uncomfortable with his size. In a short time the baby will be born. His mother has plans to take him home or to place him for adoption into a loving family. She knows she can receive assistance from the church and pregnancy resource centers.

Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers that you have said for her and her baby throughout her pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace to seek the help she needs.

Future Events: We have temporarily put on hold our Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser and St. Gianna Feast Day celebration. Please follow our Facebook page @olsprolife for updates.

To be a volunteer or to learn more, email Elena at elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or Katharine at katharinetownsend@hotmail.com.

Facebook: facebook.com/olsprolife | **Instagram:** @olsprolife.

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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS and HOLY WEEK LITURGIES

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 and our Holy Week liturgies 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:

April 5, Palm Sunday Mass, 10:00 am
April 9, Holy Thursday, 10:00 am – Morning Prayer (with homily)
April 10, Good Friday, 10:00 am – Morning Prayer (with homily)
April 10, Good Friday, 12:00 Noon – Stations of the Cross
April 11, Holy Saturday, 10:00 am – Morning Prayer (with homily)
April 12, Easter Sunday Mass 10:00 am

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

We really miss seeing your faces in the pews! We are therefore going to copy what a priest in Italy did. He asked his parishioners to send him a photo of themselves or their family and the priest then printed them out and affixed them to the pews before he started the celebration of Mass.



We invite you to send us a photo of yourself or your family or a loved one (living or deceased) and we will print them out and affix them to the pews for our 10:00 am Easter Sunday live stream Mass.

Of course, it won't be the same as having you physically present at Mass to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, but it will be a beautiful reminder to us that our parish family is in some way present to us and united. Likewise, this can help you to in some way feel as though you are back in church, even if just by means of photos.

Please send your photos to: ***frbrianneedles@gmail by Good Friday, April 10th (but don't delay!)***.

In your email, please feel free to include the names of everyone in the photos so that we can also write the names on the back of the photos. Photos of individuals, couples, or entire families are fine.

By the way, if your children or grandchildren haven't been to church in a while, here's your chance to get them there!

We look forward to "seeing" all of you on Easter Sunday morning!



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 4, 2020

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

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

10:00 AM Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr. - Centennial

11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

7:00 AM Anthony Dirienzo

12:00 PM Rose Coccia

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

7:00 AM Josephine Patricia Wiggins

9:30 AM Claire Liptak

12:00 PM Sr. Sheila Skeffington – Special
Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2020

7:00 AM Christopher McConnon

12:00 PM Brigid Boylan – Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2020

10:00AM Morning Prayers

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2020

10:00AM Morning Prayers

12:00 PM Live Streamed Stations of the
Cross

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

10:00 AM Morning Prayers

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

8:00 AM Emilia Franzonia

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Manuel Fernandes**. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family. This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Ocie Lacy Sr.** Requested by Ocie Lacy.

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, Henry Hamel, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto and Melissa O'Brien.



1-Day Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 6, 2020

Please join us for prayer, meditation, relaxation and the message of God's Divine Mercy on a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in beautiful Stockbridge, MA. The Shrine has been the destination of millions of pilgrims from all over the world, who have found it to be a place of rest and renewal in the beautiful natural setting of the Berkshires.

The cost for this Pilgrimage is \$35 per person. *Food is not available at the Shrine* and therefore you should plan to bring your own lunch and snacks.

Pilgrimage Schedule

7:00 am	Departure from Our Lady of Sorrows
10:30 am	Approximate arrival. Free time and your choice of visiting the Lourdes Grotto and Candle Shrine, as well as the other shrines on the property. You may also choose to privately pray the Stations of the Cross, visit the gift shop, or simply spend the time in personal prayer on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine.
12:00 pm	Lunch break
1:00 pm	Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration
1:30 pm	Rosary for Life
2:00 pm	Holy Mass
3:00 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina, Blessing of religious articles
4:00 pm	Departure from Shrine
7:30 pm	Approximate arrival at Our Lady of Sorrows



Pilgrimage Registration

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Additional Names: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) _____

Please return this form and your payment (made payable to Our Lady of Sorrows) as soon as possible to: Our Lady of Sorrows, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079.

For questions, email Fr. Brian Needles at frbrianneedles@gmail.com.