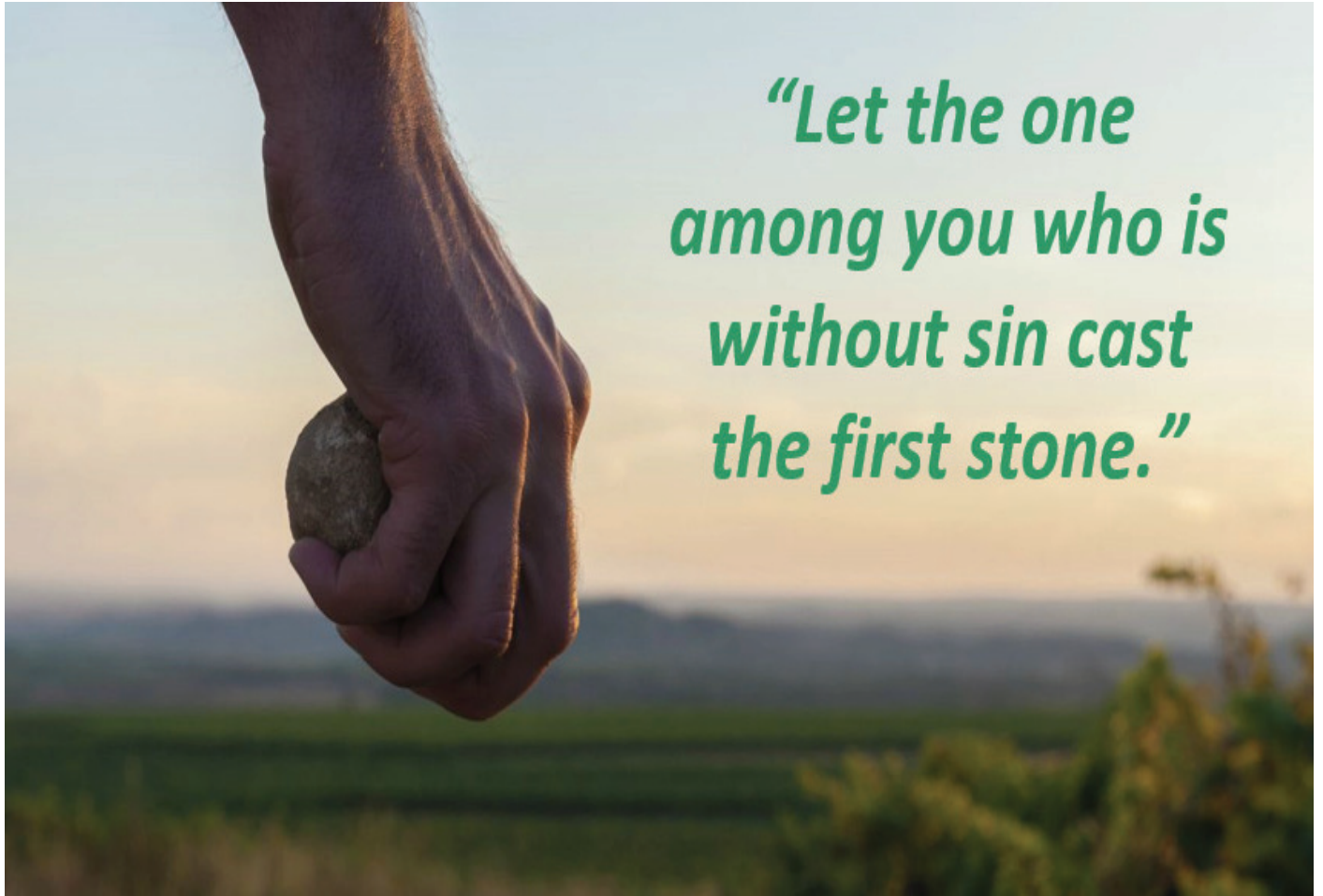


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among you who is
without sin cast
the first stone.”*

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)

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April 7, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRIAN

*I fled Him, down the nights and down the days;
I fled Him, down the arches of the years;
I fled Him, down the labyrinthine ways
Of my own mind; and in the midst of tears
I hid from Him; and under running laughter.*

These are the opening words of Francis Thompson's wonderful poem "The Hound of Heaven." Thompson was born in 1859 into a middle-class English Catholic family. His father convinced him to study medicine, but he abandoned those studies. He eventually developed a very painful neurological condition and to relieve his suffering he began using opium. He was soon addicted and later became homeless. A prostitute befriended him and gave him shelter and he later referred to her as an angel who had saved his life. He died at the age of 48, leaving behind some awesome poetry, including arguably his most famous work "The Hound of Heaven."

The poem is about God's relentless pursuit of the human soul. For Thompson, God is like a great hound, who chases after us even when we flee from Him, when we do everything possible to run from him and evade Him. But God – the hound of heaven – doesn't want us to remain in a state of sin and so He continually pursues us. He chases us "down the nights and down the days."

Though God is desperate for our happiness, as the poem relates, we try to evade Him, for we too are desperate as we pursue unhealthy earthly desires and attractions. But God is unrelenting, never giving up on us, forever chasing after us and inviting us to live in a life-giving relationship with Him.

In today's Gospel, an adulterous woman is brought before Jesus. Thankfully for her, the hound had caught up to her. The Pharisees and scribes had also caught up to her, wanting to stone her for her adultery, showing no mercy toward her. But they are no match for the hound. Jesus draws a line in the sand and says to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone." The only response possible for the Pharisees was to walk away, their tails between their legs.

Now it's just the merciful Jesus and the adulterous woman. He says, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, Lord." And then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on sin no more."

God continually pursues each of us too. Just as He did with the adulterous woman, He urges us to sin no more, but He also extends His mercy to us when we do stumble and fall. This Monday evening (April 8th) at 7:30 pm, together with the parish of St. Joseph, we will have our annual *Lenten Penance Service*. This is our chance to stop fleeing from God, to stop heading "down the labyrinthine ways," to completely surrender ourselves to Him, allowing the Hound of Heaven to catch up to us and offer us His merciful forgiveness. What an invitation! Let's stop running *from* God and instead turn around and run *toward* His open arms!

Lenten Blessings,

Fr. Brian

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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 8th 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"

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 **\$24,940**. **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. 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

"Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world." —**Etty Hillesum**

Think About It . . . Anna Nelson for the Peace and Justice Committee

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 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.

Reflections on Catechism

545 Jesus invites sinners to the table of the Kingdom: "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents."

The Supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice on his own life "for the forgiveness of sins."

13th of the Month Club

Renew your "Consecration to Mary" along with honoring her in prayer and discussion. Join us on Sat. 4/13 at 10:30 in Kateri. There is no membership requirements. Just bring your rosary and come. Both men and women are welcome.

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.

Pray & Praise

Pray to the Lord for what you want.

Praise the Lord for what we have.

The Men's Prayer Group

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

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 or Gina Margolese at 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."



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



SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:30 PM Susan Meeker 1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

8:00 AM 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

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

7:00 AM Sr. Mary Selina Special Intention
12:00 PM Lina Cortesiano Special Intention

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

7:00 AM Sr. Judith Special Intention
12:00 PM John Pogany

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

7:00 AM Eileen Mulligan
12:00 PM Hermien Valentin

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019

7:00AM Fr. Alabi
12:00 PM Gaetano Fastiggi

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

7:00AM Angeline Marie Ramos
12:00 PM Patricia Barry

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

8:30 AM Maria Infante
12:00 PM Ralph & Filomena Ferrace

VIGIL MASS APRIL 13, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

8:00 AM Joseph Falcetano
10:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Angeline Marie Ramos**. Requested by Patricia & Felice.

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 4/7</u>	Coffee & Donuts	After 10:00 & 11:30 am Masses	St. Joseph Hall
	RCIA	9:00 am	Neumann
	Youth Group	7:30 pm	St. Joseph Hall
<u>Mon 4/8</u>	CCD	3:45 pm	Cafeteria
	CCD	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
	St. Paul's Outreach	7:00 pm	Chapel
	Lenten Penance Service	7:30 pm	Upper Church
<u>Tues 4/9</u>	CCD	3:45 pm	Cafeteria
	Rosary Meeting	7:00 pm	St. Joseph Hall
	HSA	7:30 pm	Kateri
<u>Wed 4/10</u>	Holy Hour	7:00 pm	Upper Church
	NA	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
	Piedmont Chorale	7:30 pm	Chapel
	Youth Group Leaders	7:30 pm	Youth Room
<u>Thurs 4/11</u>	SCS Rehearsal	3:30 pm	Upper Church
	Following Christ	6:45 pm	St. Joseph Hall
	Parish Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm	Upper Church
<u>Fri 4/12</u>	Stations of the Cross	7:30 pm	Upper Church
<u>Sat 4/13</u>	Bible Study	9:00 am	Chapel
	Evangelization	10:00 am	Seton
	13 th of the Month	10:30 am	Kateri
	AA	1:00 pm	St. Joseph Hall
<u>Sun 4/14</u>	RCIA	9:00 am	Neumann
	NA	11:00 am	Cafeteria
	No Youth Group		

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