

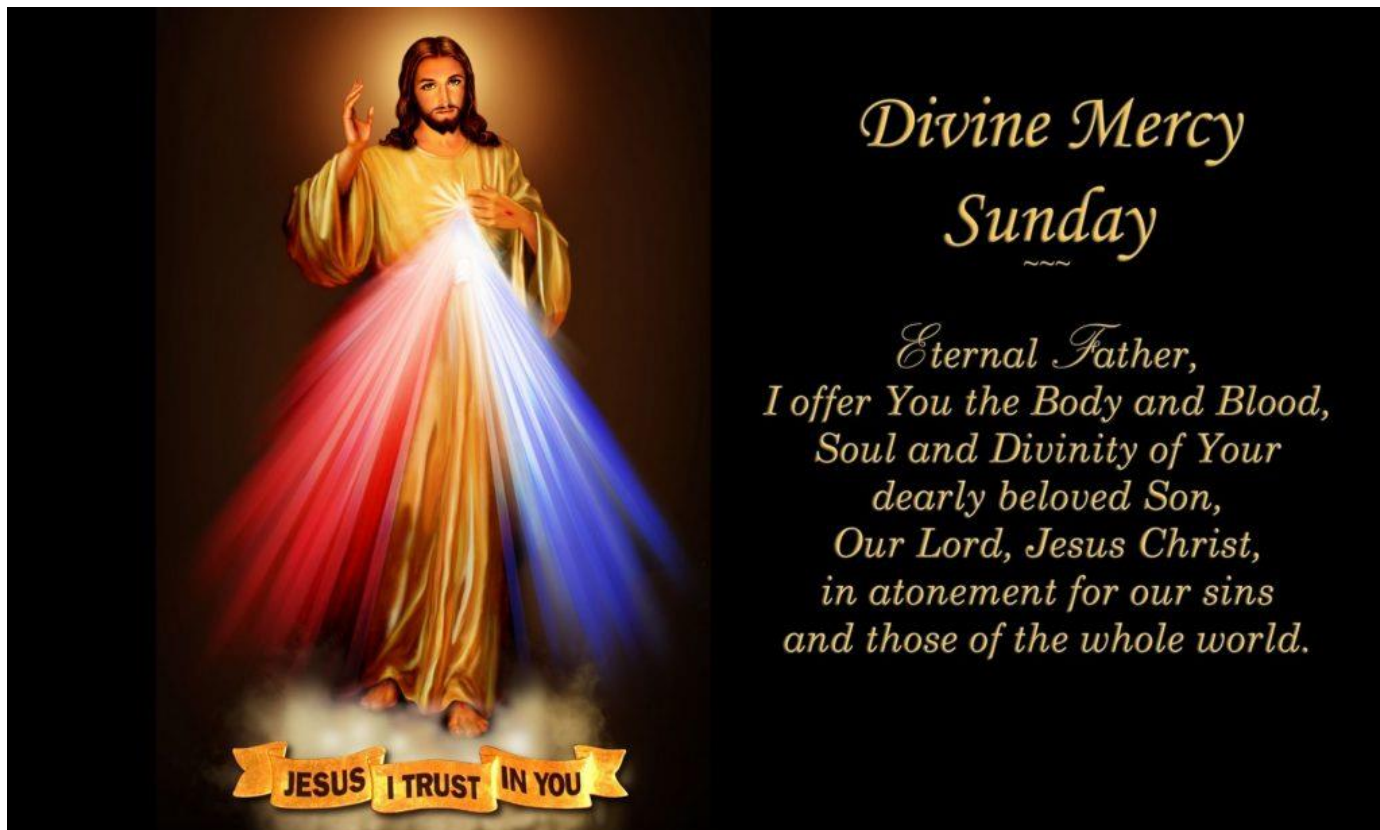


Our Lady of Sorrows

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Divine Mercy Sunday

*Eternal Father,
I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*

MASSSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am

Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

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 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Andrew

St. Faustina is a well-known Polish saint who was born in 1905. She experienced her first vision of Jesus at the age of nineteen, and joyfully obeying Jesus's instructions, she joined the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. There she started her journey as God's instrument for spreading the fragrance of His infinite mercy to every corner of the world. Jesus specifically instructed St. Faustina that a special feast day be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Here are some words of Jesus to St. Faustina:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy."

These words of Jesus, recorded by St. Faustina, encourage us to fill ourselves with hope for forgiveness, for His mercy flowing out of His broken heart on the cross has no sin it cannot forgive. St. Faustina's diary also reveals that our disbelief in Christ's mercy and forgiveness through confession wounds His heart more than our sins (Diary of St. Faustina, 628).

At times, we tend to put God on our level. We fall and fall again, and it repeats. The more we fall, the more challenging it becomes for us to get up. Why? Because we think God gets tired of our failures and tired of our slow progress. Yes, we must never take God's mercy lightly and abuse it. We must fight our best to avoid sins before falling and asking for forgiveness. However, to think God's mercy is limited like ours is a temptation we must fight against. If the size of the universe fascinates us, so should the mind that created it. So, too, His mercy that flows from the same heart pierced on the cross by the Incarnate Son of God.

We have witnessed what God's mercy can do for us by experiencing the paschal mystery during the Triduum. Let's never forget that the first person who Jesus Himself told that he would be in paradise with Him that day was the sinner crucified on the right side of Jesus. That should tell us something: no matter how late it may be, it is never too late if we repent and throw ourselves in His mercy. Flowers are blooming as the temperature rises. May you and I bloom again and continue to bloom as beloved children of God by covering ourselves with His love and mercy. Only then we'll be able to spread our Father's fragrance all over the world during this season of Easter.

Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>March 25th</u>	<u>Week 39</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$13,489	\$482,317
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$469,038
Repairs and Maintenance		\$936
Easter Flowers		\$876

Thank you for your generosity!



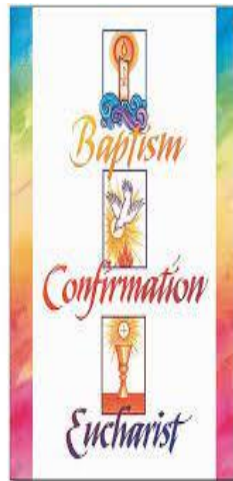
Welcome to the Family!

Three new members were initiated into our Christian Community on March 24th. They are Viviana Celeste Henao, Vera Lucia Henao and Saint Patrick Chineze Nwosisi. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families.

Does your heart desire something more?

That Something more is the Person of Jesus Christ and a deeper share in the Divine Life. St. Augustine said, "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee, oh God."

He had a major turning to God. If you desire to come into the fullness of Faith in the Catholic Church next Easter, please call Sr. Mary Selina at (973) 763-5454. If you are a Catholic but have never been Confirmed, please call and start the process in which the Holy Spirit will come to you in a powerful way as to help you live your Catholic faith more fully.



Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action

Please help OLS to reach our goal!

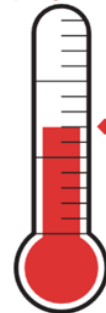
Total donors
as of 3-26-24:
81

Total # of OLS families:
2248

To make a gift:

Annual Appeal Goal

\$75,607



Raised
\$37,550

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?



2024 Anniversary Blessings

The Archdiocese will be honoring those couples who are celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of holy matrimony in 2024. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on:



May 5th (5 and 25 years) at Noon
and
June 2nd (50 years) at Noon

If you would like to register for a Mass, please contact Mary Beth Zurat at (973) 763-5454 ext 209 or marybeth.olschurch@gmail.com

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Thank You for Your Support

Well done! Thank you to everyone in the parish who participated in the CCD program's Lenten service project to benefit The Mercy House. With the help of so many of you who cleaned out your closets and drawers, we were able to completely fill an extended van with new and gently used clothing items. A special thank you also goes out to the 6th and 8th grade Monday and the 2nd, 5th and 7th grade Tuesday CCD classes who helped to sort, bag and label the over 90 bags full of men, women's and children's clothing. It was a great hands-on lesson about the Lenten practice of almsgiving and the importance of being the hands of Christ for those in need in our world.

Thanks too to all the CCD families who also donated Easter candy for the younger patrons of Mercy House. The Tuesday 8th grade class had a great time creating 96 treat bags filled with chocolate bunnies, eggs and kisses, lollipops, and jelly beans. Their catechist was able to use heaping piles of candy as a visual example of gluttony versus temperance for their lesson on the virtues - as well as a refresher on the need to resist temptation!



If you would like to learn more about how you can support The Mercy House, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark's Respect Life Office, please visit <https://rcan.org/mercy-house/>.



Safe Environment Corner

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

201-407-3256



Mass Intentions

VIGIL, SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

5:30 PM Ave Chirico

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Rosemary Moore

11:30 AM Joan Ballsmith

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024

7:00 AM Fred G. Boehringer

12:00 PM Marie Hermite Taris

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

7:00 AM Maryanne Occhinero

12:00 PM Michael Leonard

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024

7:00 AM Esther and John Coakley

12:00 PM Emilia Franzonia

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024

7:00 AM Elvira Cody

12:00 PM Brandon Codi – Special Intention

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

7:00 AM Michael R. Leonard

12:00 PM Mary Bergquist

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

8:30 AM Arturo Maldonado – 23rd Anniversary

12:00 PM Grace McGrath

VIGIL SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

5:30 PM Nancy K. and David E. Moore

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Rosemary Moore

11:30 AM James J. DeMeo

Request a Mass

We now have an easier way for you to request Masses.

Either go here:

<https://olschurch.com/request-a-mass/>

Or scan the QR code.



In Memoriam

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



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, 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, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis, Patricia Evanik, Michael Elliot, Judith Gordy and Alan Droppa, Grace Schwartzstein



Essex County Young Adults
invites anyone **ages 21 - 35** to...

Theology on Tap

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH | 7:30 PM

"The Homily
You'll Never Hear
But Need to ..."

with Dr. Eric Johnston



Christ did not come to condemn the world but to save it.
But **how do we actually share in this saving of the world as lay people**, who are not priests or vowed religious?

This is the challenge of the lay vocation! Join us for an evening of free food and drinks with a talk from fellow layman and theologian Dr. Johnston exploring this crucial question. **Small children are welcome in tow!**

At Saint Aloysius Church Parish Center
(park in back, walk towards Bloomfield Ave for entrance!)
253 Bloomfield Ave, Caldwell, NJ



PROROME



REGISTER TODAY

A Fall Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Join Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange NJ

This pilgrimage features five nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi, with day-trips to Orvieto and Loreto along the way. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a touring program that immerses the pilgrims in the incredible history and culture of the Catholic Faith and Italy itself. Highlights include an Audience with the Pope in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Pantheon, the Duomo of Orvieto, the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi and the Papal Sanctuary of the Holy House in Loreto.

Roundtrip direct airfare from New York (JFK) on Delta Airlines, and beautiful, centrally-located four star hotels have been arranged for this trip. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours, tickets, daily breakfast and one additional daily meal (either lunch or dinner - see itinerary) are included in the price.

November 10-19, 2024

\$4490 per person (includes roundtrip airfare from JFK Airport)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/ourladyofsorrows/ or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com