

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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May 17, 2020
6th Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

Our Christian faith encourages us to be a people of hope, even when it seems that God is absent or asleep. Many people may feel like God is asleep right now. I don't know a time in my own life more than the times we're currently living through that so many people on planet earth are in need of the virtue of hope. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines hope as, "The theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit."

It's true that we have all sorts of natural hopes: we hope that we'll win the lottery. Students hope that they will get good grades. I hope that my Cleveland Browns will make it to the playoffs this year! (some would say it's also a pipedream!).

Those are all natural hopes. But supernatural hope is that virtue by which we trust that God keeps His promises come what may. And St. Peter reminds us in our 2nd reading that we must "*Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.*"

The reason for our hope is a Person – the Person of Jesus Christ, who has reconciled us to Himself and loves us in ways that we can't even begin to fathom. Hope is the realization that, no matter what, God loves us and desires nothing more than our holiness.

Supernatural hope allows us to believe that God is faithful to His promises – not assuring us comfort, ease, perfection and smooth sailing, but instead assuring us of His love, care, mercy, and eternal life.

During these difficult days that we're living through, we need to persevere in hope more than ever, knowing that no matter what comes our way, if we have Jesus in our lives – and we do – somehow, somehow, in the end we'll be OK.

Not to get ahead of ourselves, (and certainly not to make you think of one more challenge!), but later in the summer, the hurricane season will arrive. Perhaps you've heard the spiritual life compared to a hurricane. In the midst of the turbulence and destructive force of the storm, there's the "eye of the hurricane," an island of peace, calm, and serenity.

So it is with our spiritual life. In the midst of the storms and setbacks and crisis and the just plain daily grind that can overwhelm us, we harbor an inner space of peace, calm and serenity. That's where Jesus dwells. Hope tells us that He isn't asleep, that He'll bring calm to the storms of our life.

This is the way St. Alphonsus Ligouri put it: "The more a person loves God, the more reason he has to hope in Him. This hope produces in the Saints an unutterable peace, which they preserve in even in adversity, because as they love God, and know how beautiful He is to those who love Him, they place all their confidence and find all their repose in Him alone."

The world, the Church, and each one of us is in need of a good dose of hope. My hope, and I'm certain that it is yours too, is that soon we all gather together in Church as the family of God for the celebration of Holy Mass. I'm hoping for that even more than I'm hoping for a Browns Super Bowl!

Hopeful Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 10 th	Week 46	Y. to Date
Collection	\$7,904	\$537,894
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$610,385

RCIA

If you have any questions concerning a Catholic who desires to complete his/her sacraments or someone who God is gracing to desire to come into His family the Catholic Church or just want to know about the Catholic faith please give the office a call and ask for Sr. Mary Selina (973-763-5454) with any of your questions

Bored?

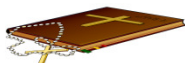
Don't be bored while stuck at home! Become more deeply engaged in your faith! Our Lady of Sorrows offers you free access to FORMED, an online depository of wonderful books, movies, audios, and much more. Here's how to sign up and start enjoying all those benefits:

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<http://www.olschurch.com>



Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

Mass intentions during the pandemic

Please know that the Mass intentions listed in the bulletin are all being fulfilled during this time of pandemic.

The listed 7:00 am Mass intention for Monday through Friday and for 8:30 am on Saturday is celebrated at a daily 9:00 am in the Convent with our religious Sisters.

The listed 12:00 Mass intention for Monday through Saturday is celebrated at our daily 10:00 live streamed Mass.

The listed 5:30 pm Mass intention for Saturday and the listed intentions for the Sunday Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 11:30 am are all celebrated by our 4 priests at the Sunday 10:00 am live streamed Mass.

The sacrifice of Holy Mass is the greatest prayer that a priest can offer and we priests at OLS have been scrupulous in ensuring that all of the Mass intentions are faithfully celebrated.

Prayer During an Epidemic

Lord Jesus, hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

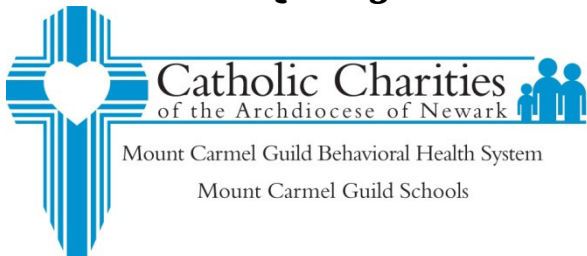
Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.
 St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.
 St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

Stewardship Reflections

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

Catholic Charities Bins To Open Again



Sentinel Management has notified Catholic Charities that our Donation Bins are anticipated to be open as of May 18th. We are grateful for your patience and look forward to your continued support. We need clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, knickknacks, and children's books. We pray for an end of this virus in our society and throughout the world. Thank you with all our heart.

Facebook

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

OLS School Pre-K and K-8

973-762-5169

www.ourladyofsorrowschool.org

Nursery

973-763-4040

www.thenurseryatourladyofsorrows.com

Suggestions for staying close spiritually while maintaining a safe and respectful social distance:

1) Begin each day with prayer. Ask Jesus to stay close to you and to all your family and friends. Pray for the health and well being of everyone you associate with, and of all God's people throughout the world.

2) Express your love and concern for the people you live with your spouse, children, other relatives or friends. Comfort and encourage them when they are frightened and feeling closed in or helpless.

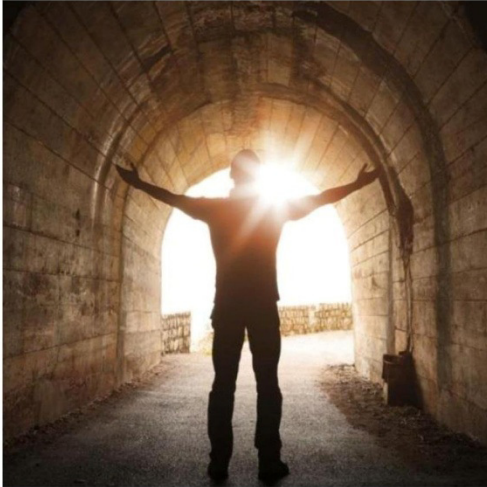
3) Reach out to other family members, friends and colleagues by telephone, texting, email and other forms of social media. Let them know that you are close to them and that you share their experiences and anxiety.

4) Attend Mass and other prayers and devotions virtually. Many opportunities are available each day on television, radio and online. Participation in the life of the Church can help us feel more closely connected with God and with each other. Make the following spiritual Communion: *Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.*

5) As you go about your daily business working remotely, studying at home, doing spring cleaning, caring for children or family members, preparing dinner, doing laundry, and more look for opportunities to offer up your activities to God in gratitude for His closeness to you.



There's light at the end of the tunnel!



The Archdiocese of Newark has informed us of the planned reopening of our churches in 3 phases:

Phase 1: Beginning this Sunday, May 17, churches may open for *private* prayer (not Mass or public devotions) and for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). Please note the following:

- Our parish church will be open from 12:00 Noon – 3:00 pm every day of the week, beginning this Sunday.

- Confessions will be heard this Sunday,

May 17th, from 12:00 – 3:00 pm and on every Saturday thereafter, from 1:00 – 2:00 pm, beginning May 23rd.

- Individuals and families must maintain social distancing (6 feet) between each person while in the church.
- Nobody will be admitted into the church without a mask.
- Those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days.

Phase 2 (date TBD): We will be permitted to celebrate public *weekday* Masses and funerals with very specific restrictions, such as the strict practice of social distancing, use of masks, and a limited number of people present.

Phase 3 (date TBD): We will be permitted to celebrate Sunday Mass publicly with the obligatory practice of social distancing, use of masks, and a limited number of people present. Baptisms and weddings will be permitted according to forthcoming directives.

Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays. We will continue to live stream our Sunday Mass at 10:00 am during Phases 1, 2 and 3. Once Phase 2 begins, we will discontinue the live streaming of our weekday Mass, but we will continue to live stream our Sunday Mass at 10:00 am.

As soon as we receive the dates for Phases 2 and 3, as well as the directives that must be followed during those phases, we will let you know.

For now, let us thank God that our churches are reopened for private prayer and that the people of God may receive God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



Email olssvdp@aol.com if you are in need of assistance.

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.



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, MAY 16, 2020

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased
11:30 AM Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr. Centennial

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020

7:00 AM Morris Gillette
12:00 PM Rita Tracy – Special Intention

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
12:00 PM Anthony Bryson – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020

7:00 AM Neptali Santiago
12:00 PM Richard Tompkins

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

7:00AM Vincenza Magliacane
12:00 PM Angelo LaMola
7:00 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020

7:00AM Henry A. Zimmer
12:00 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan
12:00 PM Kathleen & John Burns

VIGIL MASS MAY 23, 2020

5:30 PM Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Josephine Clemens
11:30 AM Elizabeth Giuliano Magnes 35th
Anniversary

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in Loving Memory of **Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr. Centennial**. 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, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto and Melissa O'Brien.

