

Our Bady of Sorrows

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MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 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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Solemnity of Pentecost

A Message from Fr. Brian

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which marks that incredible day nearly 2,000 years ago when the Holy Spirit was sent upon the Apostles as they were gathered in the Upper Room. That same Holy Spirit will descend upon 40 of the young people of our parish at our 5:30 pm Mass next Saturday, June 3rd, as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Manny Cruz will be the celebrant of the Mass. Our prayer for those receiving Confirmation next Saturday is that they will allow the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and direct their lives. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love!

As we pray for our young parishioners who will be confirmed, let us pray also for ourselves, that our lives may give witness to the fact that the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we received at our Baptism and again at our own Confirmation, are active within us, guiding and directing us in all of our thoughts and actions.

If you yourself have not yet been confirmed, please contact Sr. Mary Selina, who can answer all of your questions about the process for completing your Sacraments as an adult. Her email address is: passociate07@gmail.com.

Following is a beautiful prayer to the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to pray it not just on Pentecost but as often as you can.

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

The person you formerly knew as Deacon Andrew Lee, who served our parish so faithfully as a transitional deacon over the past year, is now <u>Father</u> Andrew Lee! The Holy Spirit came upon him this Saturday (May 27th) as he and 3 other young men were ordained as Priests of Jesus Christ. Congratulations, Fr. Andrew! You are now a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek!

Fr. Andrew has joyfully accepted our invitation to return to OLS to celebrate the 11:30 Mass for us on Sunday, June 11th, which is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please plan to join us for this Mass as well as for the light reception following in St. Joseph Hall in the lower church. This will give you an opportunity to thank and congratulate Fr. Andrew. If you wish to offer Fr. Andrew a gift, there will be a collection basket at the reception for that.

Our parish has nearly reached our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal goal. As I write this column (on May 15th), we are about \$4,000 short. Reaching our goal in funds collected by June 30th will reduce the amount of assessments we send to the Archdiocese next year by about \$18,000. You can see how reaching our goal will have a massive multiplier effect for us. If you have not already participated in the Annual Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. You may make a gift here: https://www.rcan.org/sharing.

Pentecost Blessings,

Fr. Brian

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 14th	Week 46	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,770	\$548,579
Budgeted	\$11,788	\$536,917
St. Vincent de Paul \$290		
Candles \$417		
Repairs & Maintenance \$3,952		
Thank you for your generosity!		

Memorial Day

Please note: Monday, May 29th, is Memorial Day. There will be only one Mass, at 9:00 am.

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

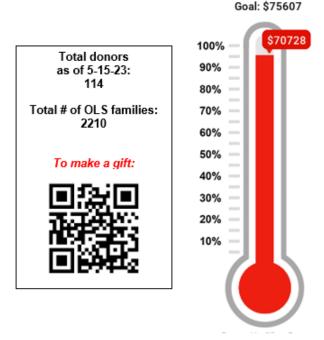
<u>Congratulations to our fifth 2023 Calendar</u> Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Dawn Ciccone on winning our 5th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Dawn won \$1,500! Dawn's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 7 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com & purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 Check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is June 15th. Good luck to everyone!

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. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal Catholic Stewardship in Action



OLS Hospitality Team Needs You!

Do you enjoy our OLS parish gatherings? Do you want to meet other parishioners and help welcome others to our favorite parish events, such as the Fall Parish Picnic, our St. Patrick's Day Party, our monthly coffee, bagels and donut gatherings, and other parish events?

If so, you're invited to become a part of our Hospitality Team. We need your help to set

up and greet at our parish events to make OLS feel like home to everyone! This ministry is a great fit for anyone



looking to get involved in the parish and school community, especially newcomers. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you are interested in being a part of our Hospitality Team, please email: olschurchministries@gmail.com.



8 WEEKS IN MANRESA:

Join our Summer Small Group and Deepen your Life of Prayer!

The **Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola** have helped millions develop a closer relationship with God in their daily lives—here and now.

Join us this summer for 8 Weeks in Manresa: Spiritual Exercises for our Times, a guided small group "retreat in daily life" based on these Spiritual Exercises.

This small group will meet once a week for eight weeks. This opportunity is perfect for those with an existing prayer life who are seeking depth and understanding in prayer. Space is limited - sign up soon! Email Stephanie and Brendan by May 20th with questions or to sign up:

Stephanie: olschurchministries@gmail.com

Brendan: bdjanuary@msn.com

What is PENTECOST?



PENTECOST comes from the Greek word "Pentecoste" meaning 50th day.

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the "BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH".

It marks the day when the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

On Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.

Update from the OLS Food Pantry

The OLS Food Pantry is very busy and demand for our services remain high. We are serving nearly 200-250 families with each pantry distribution. For the calendar year 2022, this amounts to 8,341 bags of groceries provided to 6,773 families made up of 25,066 individuals. In addition to the staple items, each family receives fresh produce and milk with each distribution. This would not be possible without the generosity of Our Lady of Sorrows church, its parishioners and the surrounding community. Thank you.

Please continue to help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna/chicken and rice. Food donations can be dropped off in the lower church Monday-Friday, 9:30am-4:00 pm inside the 4th Street entrance (buzz to be let in) or in the church vestibule Saturday/Sunday morning. Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/Questions? Email olspantry@gmail.com or call 973-370-0458.

Meet Our Staff

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PENTECOST VIGIL-SATURDAY MAY 27, 2023

5:30 PM Francis Xavier Newall

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Bertha Andre - Special Intention

Carrie Pfannenstiel 11:30 AM

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023 – MEMORIAL DAY

9:00 AM Those who died serving in the U.S.

Armed Forces

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

7:00 AM Selina McHugh

Robert E. Antinozzi – Special 12:00 PM

Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

7:00 AM Joseph Preston

12:00 PM The Ferndez Family – Special

Intention

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

7:00 AM Jacques Frantz Jean-Charles Susan Santoliquido – 16th 12:00 PM

Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

Sister Rosamund – Special Intention 7:00 AM

Living Members of the Etienne 12:00 PM

Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

8:30 AM Patrick Lonergan 12:00 PM

People of the Parish

VIGIL SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

5:30 PM **Confirmation Candidates**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

8:00 AM Esther and John Coakley

Enrique Bolivar – 31st Anniversary 10:00 AM

People of the Parish 11:30 AM

In Memoriam

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

<u>REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK</u>

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, 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 and Deborah Hebron.





Thank You CCD Families!

This Lent, the OLS CCD community participated in Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our human family around the world.

CRS Rice Bowl gave participating families a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, our CCD program was able to help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

We are proud to announce that, through the collective sacrifices of our CCD families during the Lenten season, OLS was able to donate \$595.86 to Catholic Relief Services. CRS collected funds will be used to combat hunger and poverty around the globe and in our local community (25% of all donations stay in the diocese where they are collected). Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten collection. Please continue to pray for those in need.

To learn more about the work done by Catholic Relief Services or CRS Rice Bowl, you can visit www.crsricebowl.org

Lectio Divina Prayer Workshop

Does reading the Bible seem dry or intimidating?
Have you always wanted to really "hear" what God is saying to you in prayer?
If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, then this workshop is for you!



Optional Mass at 8:30am | Cold breakfast included

Scan QR or email Stephanie to sign up: olschurchministries@gmail.com

PS: If you're a parent in need of it, we'll help find you a babysitter. Just email Stephanie above!



In this Workshop, we'll learn the practice of "Lectio Divina," an accessible 4-step approach to Scripture reading practiced by monks and laity alike since the early Church. We'll then separate into small groups and engage in this style of prayer together!

