

***Our Lady of Sorrows Church***  
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***973-763-5454***  
[www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)



***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 31, 2020***  
***Solemnity of Pentecost***

***Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure***

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## ***A Message from Fr. Brian***

The story is told of Napoleon Bonaparte threatening Cardinal Consalvi, the Secretary of the State to the Vatican under Pope Pius VII. Napoleon told the Cardinal that with all of his political, economic, and military power, he could easily destroy the Church. The Cardinal cleverly replied, “Well, good luck, Your Majesty. We priests have been attempting to do just that for centuries.”

The Church can't be destroyed as much as anyone might try. And that's because the Holy Spirit is the animating force of the Church. Without the Holy Spirit, the Church would be at best a third-rate operation or, more probably, a non-operation. But with the Spirit, the Church is today able to survive her many difficulties.

And so the Church won't go away precisely because the Holy Spirit is on the job around the clock. It's the Holy Spirit that keeps the Church on her feet, sometimes bruised and bloody, but still swinging away. What other group in the 5,000 years of recorded history can match the Holy Spirit's track record?

So, aside from having an awful lot of things we need to work on in the Church, we also have a lot to be proud of. And so on this Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, let's remind ourselves of the magnificence of the Catholic Church.

No other institution has been more devoted to social concerns than the Catholic Church. We are in every corner of the world, providing health care and food for the poorest of the poor, educating, building, doing what other groups – including numerous government agencies – can't do or won't do or do a horribly wasteful manner.

Here in our own country, let's look at the facts:

In the United States, the Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 6 people, regardless of a person's religious affiliation. In addition, we manage more than 1,400 long-term and other health care facilities.

The Catholic Church educates 2million students every day at the cost to the Church of more than a \$11 billion a year, but that saves American taxpayers more than \$24 billion a year.

The Church has more than 220 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment in excess of 700,000 students, again saving American taxpayers billions of dollars a year. Our institutions of higher learning include 4 medical schools, 26 law schools, 17 schools of engineering, 177 schools of education, 13 doctoral universities, and 2 aviation programs.

Catholic Charities USA is one of the largest social service agencies in the country, comprising more than 2,500 local agencies that serve 10 million people a year, with expenditures of more than \$4 billion a year.

There are more than 18,000 Catholic parishes in the United States, with more than 50 million parishioners. Those parishes run many social services programs like soup kitchens, food pantries, Societies of St. Vincent de Paul, bereavement ministries, elderly outreach programs, child care facilities, and countless other programs that help so many Americans in so many different ways.

That's just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the Catholic Church's unparalleled contribution to our country and to the world. Just think of all the religious Sisters and Brothers, priests, teachers, healthcare workers and other lay people by the millions who did the unsung, heroic work of building up the Church, often at enormous sacrifice, sometimes paying with their lives.

Of course, we can't forget that above all the Church, through the Sacraments, is also the dispenser of grace. A channel of grace flows through the Church as she baptizes, confirms, marries, buries, and feeds us with the Eucharist, the Bread of Life.

I might sound like a cheerleader for the Church, but that's OK. We should all strive to love and show our pride in the Church. We are disciples of Jesus Christ, animated by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our Church! Let's defend her, love her, and be proud of her, warts and all! And Happy Birthday!

Pentecost Blessings,



## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Week 48	Y. to Date
Collection	\$13,669	\$563,365
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$636,923

**Repairs & Maintenance \$2,260**

### 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:

1. Go to: [www.formed.org](http://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!

## FORMED



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<http://www.olschurch.com>

### 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

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7*

To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.

### 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*

### 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](http://www.olschurch.com). Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

### 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.

### 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](http://www.ourladyofsorrowschool.org)

### Nursery

973-763-4040

[www.thenurseryatourladyofsorrows.com](http://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.



## 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](mailto: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!



**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020**

5:30 PM Robert E. Antinozzi – Special Intention

**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020**

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

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM George Campisi

**MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020**

7:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.

12:00 PM Susan Santoliquido – 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020**

7:00 AM Rufina Pinto

12:00 PM Marie Manno

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020**

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato

12:00 PM Joseph Jean Pierre

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020**

7:00AM Enrique M. Bolivar – 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

12:00 PM William Holmok

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020**

7:00AM Patricia Wiggins

12:00 PM Francis R. DePoala

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Lynch

12:00 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

**VIGIL MASS JUNE 6, 2020**

5:30 PM Anthony Pagliuca

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta & Abramo Families

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

**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.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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

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**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.

