

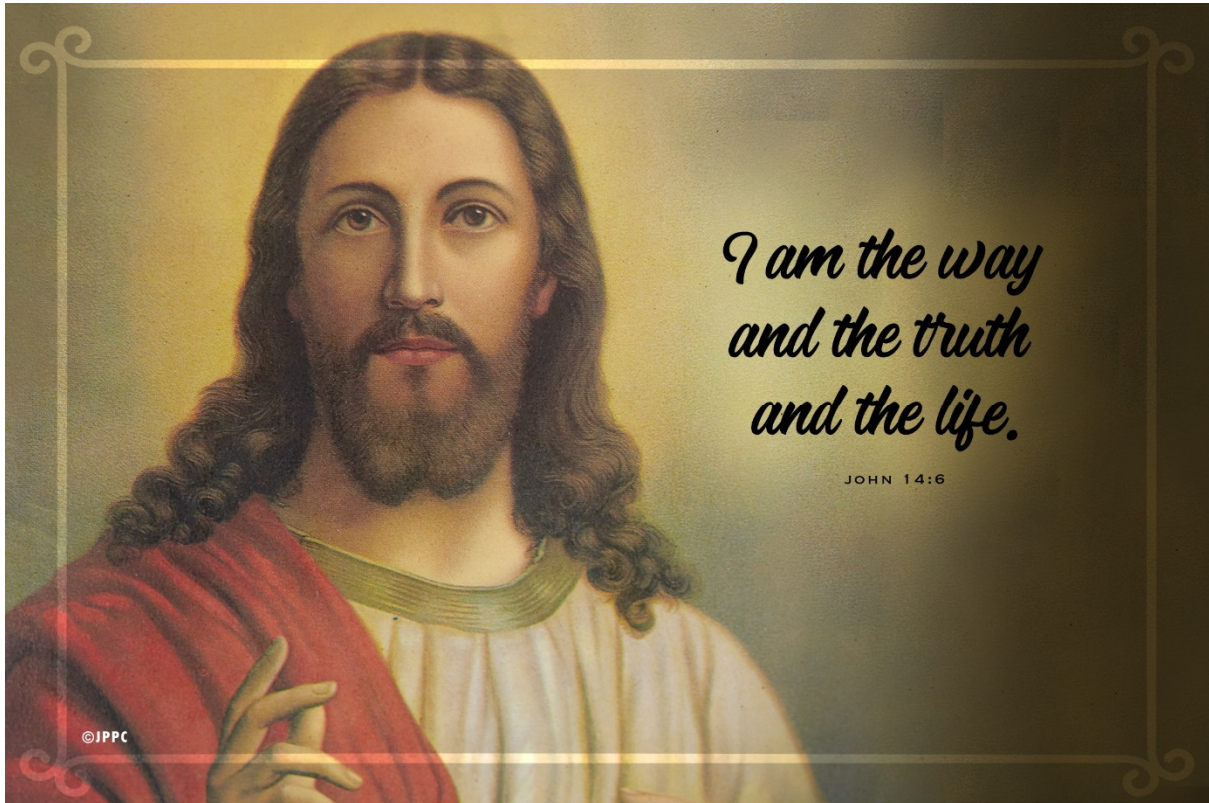


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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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MAY 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Brian

The old *Baltimore Catechism* asks the question, “Why did God make me?” The answer is, “God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next (Heaven).” Reaching Heaven **MUST** be the overriding goal of each one of us. What could be better than spending eternity with God in Heaven, together with our Blessed Mother Mary, all of the angels, and saints, and all of our loved ones who have gone home to God before us?

As we hear in this Sunday’s Gospel, Christ has already prepared a place for us there. What’s Heaven like? I don’t exactly know. Nobody does. St. Paul said, “*Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him.*”

So, how do we get to Heaven? Well, it’s not rocket science. We get to Heaven by following Jesus there. In this Gospel passage, Jesus says, “*I am the Way and the Truth and Life.*” If we believe that and if we try to live it out in our daily lives, then sure enough we’ll find our way to Heaven.

Jesus tells us that He is the Way. He’s telling us to come follow Him on the path that He sets before us. He reveals that path – that way – to us through Scripture, through the Church, through prayer, and through the beautiful witness of holy people around us.

When we follow Jesus, when He is truly our Way, we never get lost. I’m so grateful for the GPS in my car and on my cell phone. GPS prevents me, who doesn’t have a great sense of direction, from getting lost.

We follow the way of Jesus when we imitate Him: when we give of ourselves in loving service to one another; when we deny ourselves, pick up our crosses daily, and follow Him. If we walk in His path, then we’ll find our way to Heaven.

Jesus also tells us that He is the Truth. He tells us that we’ll find the answers to all of our questions in Him. He never deceives, He never misleads, He is always right. Remember when you were a student in school? In True-False quizzes, you had a 50% chance of getting the correct response, even if you were just guessing. If it was a multiple choice test with 4 possible responses, you still had a 25% chance of getting the correct response simply by guessing. Well, with Jesus, we are always 100% sure that we’ll have the right answers. And His Truth sets us free. And again, His truth is discovered through Scripture, through the Church and through prayer.

Finally, because Jesus is the Way and the Truth, He is the Life. By following His Way and relying on His Truth, we share in His life in Heaven. But Jesus shares His life with us not just in Heaven, but right here on earth. When we follow the way of Jesus, when we live His truth, and when we make Him the center of our life, we experience Heaven right here on earth.

This world too often offers false answers, no hope, and a way that causes us to become lost. But with Jesus, we are offered complete truth, the fullness of hope, and a way that leads us to the unspeakable joy of Heaven.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

This will be reported in the next bulletin
Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

May Crowning

Please join the OLS Rosary Society and our parish First Communicants as we honor Our Lady on Sunday, May 7th, at the 10:00 am Mass.

The Rosary Society's next meeting is Tuesday, May 9th, at 7:00 pm in the lower chapel. All are invited to pray the Rosary together and join us for a meeting and refreshments afterward. All are welcome!

**Pilgrimage - New Jersey Fatima Shrine -
Saturday, May 20, 2023**

You are invited to travel with members of the OLS Rosary Society and the Knights of Columbus *Regina Pacis* Council to the Fatima Shrine in Washington, NJ. Pilgrims will meet for a light breakfast at OLS at 9 am, carpool to the Shrine and return to OLS by 5:15 pm.

Pilgrimage highlights include:

- Visit replica of the Fatima Capelinha and hear a talk on the "Fatima Apparitions."
- Participate in community recitation of the Rosary and attend Mass at the Shrine's church.
- Opportunities for Confession.
- Lunch at Mamma Maria's Italian Restaurant - estimated cost per pilgrim - less than \$17.50.
- Visit replica of Holy House of Loreto, and hear a talk on "Fatima Devotions."
- Free time to visit gift shop and other Shrine sites, Outdoor Stations; St. Padre Pio shrine, St. Therese and St. Francis gardens, etc.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact Kathy Shelffo at kathyshelffo@gmail.com, or John Robertson at maryleads2@aol.com.

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 Now** during this graced Easter Season.

When you call, ask for Sr. Mary Selina. The Church number is 973-763-5454.

If you would like to Come and See about the Catholic Church, call Sr. Mary Selina **Now** at the number above. ***Nothing like the Present Moment for that is where God is.***

If you are a Catholic but you 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 be able to live your Catholic faith fully. Ask for Sr. Mary Selina: 973-763-5454.

Calling all Catholics - Present Day

Apostles: we are called by Jesus to proclaim the Good News of His Presence in our lives and invite those you know to enter into the Fullness of God's Love in His Word and in His Sacraments in the Catholic Church. ***Please reach out and share your faith with someone you know and extend an invitation to enter into the Fullness of the Catholic Church.***

Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.
<http://www.olschurch.com>





The OLS Knights of Columbus *Regina Pacis* Council is sponsoring a pro-life fundraiser. Here's how you can participate:

- Pick up a baby bottle after Masses on the weekend of *May 20-21*.
- Take the baby bottle home and fill it with spare change, cash, or a check (payable to First Choice), while at the same time praying for First Choice as they serve and empower women in preserving the lives of the unborn and the newborn.
- Return the baby bottle on the weekend of *June 17-18*.

To learn more about First Choice and the important, live-saving work they do: <https://1stchoicefriends.org/>

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?



Contact kathysheffo@gmail.com with any questions



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

Electronic Parish Giving

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site

(www.olschurch.com). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish.**



VIGIL, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

5:30 PM Mary Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

8:00 AM Antoinette Mantone
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Members of the Ford Family

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

7:00 AM All Rosarians Living and Deceased
12:00 PM Joann Copeland

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

7:00 AM Elizabeth Dunn
12:00 PM Stephanie Szperlak - Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

7:00 AM Bernadette Zimmermann
12:00 PM Ann W. Stuart and Family, Living and Deceased

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish
12:00 PM Briand Eugene

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2023

7:00 AM Ngu Quoc "Peter" Tran
12:00 PM Barbara Ribardo

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

8:30 AM Norma Hermann Special Intention
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families

VIGIL SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

5:30 PM All Mothers, Living and Deceased

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

8:00 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased
10:00 AM All Mothers, Living and Deceased
11:30 AM All Mothers Living and Deceased

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.

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, 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.



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!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD
9am - 11:15am

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!

Our Lady of Sorrows "2023 Calendar Raffle"



\$120 Donation & 12 Chances to win!
Cash Prize of \$1500 Each Month
Only 500 tickets will be sold

Every Ticket Holder eligible to win each month, even if you won a previous month.

Drawing to be held the 15th day of each month at @ 1:00 pm in the Church office.

First Drawing: January 15, 2023

Purchase by completing the form below and mail with your donation or put in the collections on Sunday, it will be brought to the office. We will mail your ticket to you. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Sorrow's Church (for \$120.00).

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