

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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June 14, 2020
Corpus Christi

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

A Message from Fr. Brian

As you well know, you have not been able to attend Sunday Mass since the weekend of March 14th. For three months, you've been unable to worship with your parish family in church, you've been unable to be present in church to hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, and worst of all, you've been unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. I know how difficult this has been for you and I pray that we never have to go through anything like this again.

I'm hopeful and confident that we will soon be able to come together for Mass. Gov. Murphy just today (Tuesday) announced that he is finally loosening the restrictions he had placed on houses of worship. I share with so many others the frustration of having had to deal with the consequences of the double standard that churches have had to endure during the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that it's been written a million times already, but allow me to add my voice: It's difficult to understand why big box stores and liquor stores were allowed to remain open, but churches weren't. It's difficult to understand why we could have protests with thousands of people standing shoulder to shoulder, but couldn't have Mass even when we were ready to practice social distancing and all of the other precautions. I get it: we need to protect the health of everyone and we can't be cavalier about that. I'm fully on board with that. But, in my mind, enough is enough. In fact, it was too much.

Our churches are and have been willing to do whatever is necessary to protect your health. We've taken greater precautions than the supermarkets and liquor stores and gardening centers and the other so-called "essential" businesses that have remained open throughout this lockdown. Our parish church, I guarantee you, is safer than any supermarket, where hundreds of people freely wander about.

None of this is to suggest that those who are more prone to illness (the elderly and immune deficient) should not continue to practice health safety by remaining at home for the time being. But for those whose good health condition gives them confidence to come to church for Mass, nothing at this point should hold you back once we are given the full green light.

I've communicated with so many of you who tell me of your great desire to receive the Eucharist again and what an incredible sacrifice it's been over the last 3 months to not be able to do so, even though you have been able to enter into and shop at any number of stores (the double standard has been truly mind boggling). You have told me that while you're appreciative of our live stream Masses, it's not the same as being able to receive the very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I'll be honest with you, I've had a tinge of guilt every time I've received Holy Communion, knowing that the vast majority of you have not had that possibility. My heart truly aches for you.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi this weekend, it's a cruel irony that you cannot come to Mass to receive Him whom we honor on this Feast. My prayer for you, though, is that you will soon be able to be fed and nourished by the Body and Blood of Jesus at Holy Mass. And my prayer for you is that in the future you will maintain the great hunger for the Eucharist that you have now.

I ask that you please keep in your prayers all of our young people who were scheduled to receive their First Holy Communion this Spring. Their wait will be even longer than yours, as they will not celebrate their First Communions until September. Our prayer for them is that while they continue their wait, their hunger and thirst for Jesus in the Eucharist will grow ever stronger.

We have all heard the old adage: absence makes the heart grow stronger. May that be true for each of you as you continue your wait. And as you prepare to receive Jesus in your next Communion, perhaps it would be fruitful to meditate on the words of St. Josemaría Escrivá: "When you approach the tabernacle, remember that He has been waiting for you for 20 centuries."

Corpus Christi Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

June 7 th	Week 50	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,408	\$589,003
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$633,462

Please note our second collection for this weekend June 14th is for our Assessment.

Stewardship Reflections

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

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
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!

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PRAYERS DURING THIS TIME OF CIVIL UNREST

- For an end to the violence perpetrated by harsh words, deadly weapons, or cold indifference. May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the strength to teach our children how to resolve differences non-violently and respectfully, and the courage to model it in our own behavior, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our faith community, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together to end violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.
- For healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the protection of all police and first responders who risk their lives daily to ensure our safety; for fair and just policing that will promote peace and well-being in all our neighborhoods, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our public officials, that they will strive to work for fair education, adequate housing, and equal opportunities for employment for all, let us pray to the Lord.
- For our parish, that we may cultivate welcome, extend hospitality, and encourage the participation of people of all cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, let us pray to the Lord.
- For the courage to have difficult conversations about racism, and for a better appreciation of how our words and actions – or even our silence – can impact our communities, let us pray to the Lord.
- For solidarity in our global human family, that we may work together to protect those who are most vulnerable and most in need, let us pray to the Lord.

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. Simply click the link for "Bulletin."

REPORTING ABUSE: AN UPDATE

Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Newark has formalized a process of reporting sexual abuse allegations, in accordance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Essential Norms and a Memorandum of Understanding between the state prosecutors' offices and the NJ Dioceses. A year ago, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter, *Vos estis lux mundi*, (You are the light of the world) that strengthened and formalized the process for holding bishops accountable. As part of the implementation of the letter here in the United States, a platform was created by an independent, third party providing a secure, confidential, and professional way to report allegations against living bishops. This service is in place to gather and relay reports of sexual misconduct involving bishops of the United States, and reports of their intentional interference in a sexual abuse investigation. Individuals may make a report online at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling toll free (800) 276-1562.

If you wish to report any other kind of misconduct by a bishop—or sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, or layperson working for the Church—please contact the Archdiocese of Newark at (201) 407-3256.

From the Blood Drive Committee:

Though coronavirus may be preventing us from conducting our scheduled June 2020 blood drive, please don't let it prevent you from considering the needs of others. Blood product reserves are always depleted during the summer months and the current pandemic has only compounded the problem. Yet, consider the cancer patient who isn't afforded the luxury of taking time off from chemotherapy during this lockdown; they are among many who so desperately rely on your selfless donations.

May we encourage you to reach out to Vitalant blood services to **schedule** a donation. They have fixed donation sites in West Orange, Parsippany, Lincoln Park and Paramus, and can be contacted via vitalant.org or by phoning 201-251-3703.

All donors and staff will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to enter the blood drawing site

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.

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>

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!



SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

5:30 PM John Kirk – Special Intention

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM In Memory of Manguso, Macaluso,
Miserendino & Inguaggiato Families
11:30 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato 25th
Anniversary of Ordination

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2020

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
12:00 PM Maya Gogava – Special Intention

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020

7:00 AM Michael R. Buttros Jr.
12:00 PM John Delaloye – 30th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins
9:30 AM Lisa Marie Anaya Tapia
12:00 PM Marie Manno

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2020

7:00AM Michael R. Buttros Jr.
12:00 PM Edith Sontag – Special Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2020

7:00AM Marianne Solser Zipf – Special
Intention
12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020

8:30 AM Sr. Anthony Berfuss SCC
12:00 PM Marleine Charles – Special Intention

VIGIL MASS JUNE 20, 2020

5:30 PM All Fathers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

8:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased
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IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Silano & Kirk Families**. Requested by Jo Kirk.

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.

