

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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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

The last 3 months have been challenging for all of us, as we have been asked to make many sacrifices that we never could have imagined. Virtually nobody in America has been exempted from this, and that includes America's students. A quick Google search finds that in the year 2020: 4 million students received university degrees (associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral); 3.8 million graduated from high school; and 4 million graduated 8th grade. Included in that last number are the 31 graduates of Our Lady of Sorrows school. Their names are printed elsewhere in this bulletin and their photos grace the cover of this bulletin.

Virtually none of the nearly 12 million graduates of 2020 were able to attend a graduation ceremony this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They had to go without what the rest of us had the opportunity to experience: the rite of passage of graduation. After all the work they put in to earn their degrees, almost all of them had to settle for a "virtual" graduation.

Of course, the absence of an actual graduation ceremony does not in any way diminish from their achievements. In the end, their diplomas and hard work are the only evidence they need to show that they have reached the goal that they set for themselves (or that their parents set for them!).

We salute all our graduates, in particular those who have a connection to our parish. Many of you have related to me that your children or grandchildren or nieces or nephews graduated this year and how very proud you are of them. We can have every hope that the challenges and disappointments faced by this year's graduates will only make them stronger and better equipped to face their futures in a world that often times upends our otherwise well thought out plans.

Our graduates go forth with our prayers. We ask the Lord's almighty hand to be upon them as they commence their new journey. We ask God to empower them to walk into the future with faith, hope, and love, always guided by God's light. May our provident God watch over them, protect them, provide for them, guard them, and give them all the graces they will need to overcome every challenge and to rejoice in every success.

Congratulations, Class of 2020!

Six weeks ago, we observed Mother's Day, thanking them and asking God's continued blessings upon them. This Sunday is Father's Day and we remember our fathers, living or deceased. We celebrate, thank, congratulate, and pray for the men who continue to reflect the Divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly establish, nourish, and maintain their families. I have always liked Pope St. John XXIII's prayer to St. Joseph for fathers. Consider praying it for the father figure(s) in your life.

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

June 14th	Week 51	Y. to Date
Collection	\$11,378	\$600,381
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$676,731

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!

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.

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.”



Happy Birthday Adopted Baby!

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month of June – nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in her external life support system. She is no different now than she was before birth, except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle! She began as a cell and has developed over the past nine months into a unique human baby. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby. You may never meet the mother and baby, but your prayers saved her life! Thank you!

We have now concluded our Spiritual Adoption Program. Although we had planned a baby shower, that will not be possible due to the current circumstances. We ask that you instead consider giving a donation to a local pregnancy resource center or pro-life advocacy organization, like First Choice, Several Sources, Good Counsel, LIFENET, or the Archdiocesan-sponsored Mercy House.

Please contact Elena at elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or Katharine at katharinetownsend@hotmail.com for more information on how you can donate.

In honor of Father's Day, here are some thought-provoking quotes:

“Be firm, be virile, be a man. And then...be a saint.” — St. Josemaria Escriva

“Every family needs a father — a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children, and offers them firm guidance and love.” — Pope Francis

Facebook: facebook.com/olsprolife | Instagram: @olsprolife.

Congratulations to the Our Lady of Sorrows School Class of 2020!



Amelia Benjamin
Brielle Bethea
Amanda Chambers
Tyler Craig
Justin DeVomecourt
Molly Donohue
George Evans
Maxwell Ince
Stephanie James
Tanaya Joseph
Halle Jules
Alyma Karbownik
Mark Lubiak
Ciara McKeon
Thorsten Meister
Gwen Oakley

John Pollard
Jhoanny Puello
Aryan Sabnekar
Jahson Scantlebury
Jordan Schaefer
Caroline Schmidt
Greta Servitto
Nicholas Servitto
Will Spreeman
Aliyah St. Vil
Anne Sullivan
Winfield Thomas
Emma Torres
Declan Tynan
Marrick Williams

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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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 20, 2020

5:30 PM All Fathers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

8:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

10:00 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

11:30 AM All Fathers Living & Deceased

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020

7:00 AM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour

12:00 PM Concetta DiEsso

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020

7:00AM Robert O'Connell

12:00 PM Marie Manno

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020

7:00 AM Patrick McHugh

12:00 PM Ericson G. Diaz

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020

7:00AM Elvia Parra

12:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2020

7:00AM Leonor Parra

12:00 PM Joseph Caputo

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan

12:00 PM Marie Manno

VIGIL MASS, JUNE 27, 2020

5:30 PM Angelina Silano – Special Intention

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

8:00 AM John & Louise Guarente

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Rev. John J. Krozser

IN MEMORIAM

This week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Henry Fernandes and Manuel Fernandes**. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family.

This week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Sr. Anthony Baifiss SCC**. Requested by Maria Wilms.

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.

