

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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The Most Holy Trinity

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

Thursday, June 4th was the 4th anniversary of Deacon Walter's ordination. We all agree that Walter is a wonderful deacon and that we are very blessed by his service to our parish. A couple of weeks ago, I asked Walter to preach this weekend. I knew I would be recovering from recent knee surgery and that I wouldn't necessarily feel like preparing a homily, but it's probably closer to the truth to say that I don't relish preaching on Trinity Sunday. In fact, most preachers would rather have a root canal than preach on the Trinity! And that's because the Holy Trinity is such a confounding concept to contemplate and explain. So, thank you Deacon Walter!

If it's any consolation, Walter, I still have to write this bulletin column. What I will attempt to do is simplify this mysterious doctrine of the Trinity by focusing on just one aspect of it. The Trinity, at its most basic level, is about relationships. And in the relationships between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we see that they relate to each other in a perfect communion of life and love. Perfect life and perfect love.

And that relationship of life and love isn't something that stops within the Trinity. It opens itself out to us. The Trinity communicates and desires communion with us. The Trinity gives us life and loves us, so that the life and love of God can enter into our hearts and we, in turn, can live and share that love in the relationships that we have among ourselves in our human family.

Our lives should – must – reflect the Holy Trinity. After all, we are made in the image and likeness of the Trinity. That has consequences. If I am made in the image of the Triune God, is not EVERY person around me also made in that image? Should I not seek to see and honor that image in EVERY other person? Should I not treat EVERY person with reverence and awe? Should I not desire to establish relationships of life and love with EVERY other person, regardless of the meaningless factors that make us different? Of course I should. And I must.

The horrific murder of George Floyd is so infuriating because it is such an affront to the dignity that is due to EVERY person as an image of God. For far too long, black Americans have had to deal with their dignity as children of God and images of God being assaulted and disregarded. That needs to be addressed by real reforms and not just talk. We'll never achieve national unity until that happens.

But it all needs to begin within the hearts of individuals. Each of us should be searching our hearts, being honest with ourselves about whether or not we look for the image of God in each other. In answering that question, let's be honest and tough with ourselves. And let's then beseech the Triune God, praying for a rebirth in the hearts and minds of all Americans, such that we see and treat EVERY person as an irreplaceable image of God, as worthy of all honor, respect, and reverence.

And while we're at it, let's also pray that those who are dishonoring the memory of George Floyd by their rioting, looting, and violence will be held criminally liable and pay the price for their evil actions. It's heartbreaking to watch as the businesses and property of those who are just trying to achieve the American dream go up in smoke or are looted or vandalized. Worse yet is when innocent fellow Americans are beaten or killed by those anarchist and criminal elements that have hijacked the protests. Those fellow Americans who are victimized in these ways are also made in the image and likeness of God. They too are in need of our prayers and deserve justice.

Let's conclude by taking to heart the words of St. Paul in the 2nd reading for Trinity Sunday: *"Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you."*

Most Holy Trinity Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

May 31st	Week 49	Y. to Date
Collection	\$14,230	\$577,595
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$650,192

Congratulations to our fifth calendar raffle winner!

Congratulations to Tara & Frank Evans on winning our fifth of 12 monthly drawings in our new calendar raffle. Tara & Frank won \$1,500! Their 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. Tickets may be purchased in our parish office or you can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is July 2nd. Good luck to everyone!

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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<http://www.olschurch.com>

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."

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; anyone with a temperature greater than 99.5 will be denied entry. Also, staff and donors must wear face coverings/masks at all times while on the premises. Large waiting areas have been established to assure that donors are kept 6 feet apart, and post donation snacks and beverages now have been individually packaged to prevent cross-contamination.

Please consider aiding those in dire need of blood and blood products by SCHEDULING an appointment to donate during the summer months.

Stewardship Reflections

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son..." JOHN 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you "fit it in" when it's convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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 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 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

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
12:00 PM Bertha Jean Miles

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

7:00 AM Brutafsky Family
12:00 PM Rose Kelly

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

7:00 AM George Blair
12:00 PM Harry Spence

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020

7:00AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
12:00 PM Msgr. Philip Morris – Special
Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020

7:00AM Michael R. Buttros Jr.
12:00 PM Deacon John Inguaggiato

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

8:30 AM Brutofsky Family
12:00 PM Wojciech Turalski

VIGIL MASS 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 Mancuso, Macaluso,
Miserendino & Inguaggiato Families
11:30 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato 25th
Anniversary of his ordination

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.

