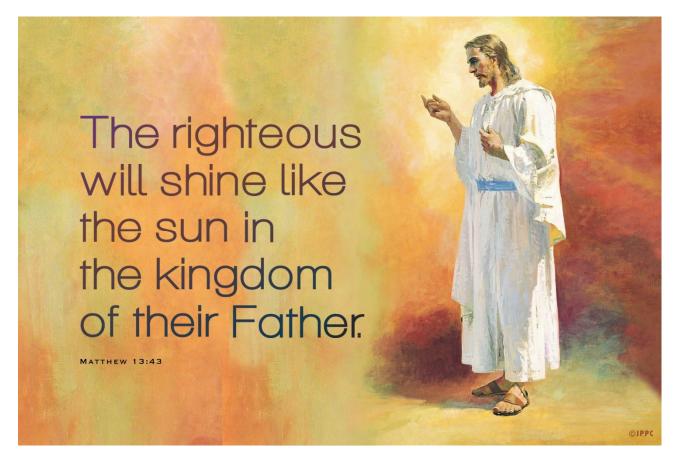




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 MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am Monday-Friday7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm
 Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment
 Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of 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
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July 23, 2023 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Aesop is a well-known ancient Greek writer. His fables taught people good life lessons, and he is known to have written close to six-hundred fables! One of my favorite fables of Aesop is the story of a north wind and the sun.

The story goes like this. The Sun and the Wind were arguing about who is stronger. They saw a man wearing a thick winter cloak and decided whoever removes the coat from the man is the strongest. The wind blew as strong as it could to remove the cloak, but the stronger the wind blew, the tighter the shivering man clung to his cloak. It was the Sun's turn. It started warming the air, and the man put down the cloak as he no longer needed to protect himself from the coldness of the wind. This fable teaches us a lesson: sometimes, what we need more is the warmth and kindness that can melt one's heart, rather than a force that brings fear.

Although slightly different from fables, parables are similar in that they also teach us lessons. We hear another set of parables in this Sunday's Gospel. One part of the Gospel that speaks to me the most is "Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest."

One thing we should remember from the parable of the good seed and the weed is that there are times when God does not punish nor uproot anyone or anything immediately just because they are evil. He gives time because He is the one who knows the right time and the right way to bring about justice. Whenever we witness injustice and problems that might hurt good people, we tend to try to act IMMEDIATELY to "solve" issues. However, sometimes, God, who knows what is best for us tells us to wait in patience when He sees the immediate action hurting us more than healing us.

We might think that it will be so much safer for us if we could eradicate all the venomous insects, but we must see the bigger picture of the ecosystem as a whole. Eradicating all insects that are harmful to us might not be the best thing for us in the long term! It will damage other species beneficial to us by taking away the source of their food, which will eventually result in bringing more harm to us than good.

At times, we can be very impatient. We want issues to be fixed according to our plans and timeline. Yes, there are times to act, but there are also times to wait. We must be able to have long-term perspectives just like our Father in Heaven does. At times, He expresses His love for us by permitting discomfort around us. He wants us to grow in holiness by persevering through challenges and by becoming true disciples who share the heart of Jesus. Good wheat that perseveres despite being surrounded by weeds until the harvester comes, that is what we are called to become.

There is a saying, "There exist two types of people in the world: saints and saint makers". Why? Because there are living saints around us who are modeling examples of patience, but there are also people around us who force us to grow in the virtue of patience by being mean! As we start a new week let's try becoming saints of the 21st century: wheat, not weed.

Blessings, Fr. Andrew

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

July 16 th	Week 3	Y. to Date
Collection	\$8,257	\$32,902
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$36,080
_	Food Pantry \$	6336
	Repairs \$28	34

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

<u>Congratulations to our seventh 2023</u> <u>Calendar Raffle Winner!</u>

Congratulations to Pat Giese on winning our 7th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Pat won \$1,500! Pat's ticket went right back into 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 5 drawings. You can download the form from our eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com and purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is August 15th. Good luck to everyone!

Sponsor Certificates A reminder:

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

Facebook

Be sure to follow Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Facebook! Simply search for "Our Lady of Sorrows Church: South Orange, New Jersey"



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 <u>call Now</u> 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 <u>Now</u> 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.



Join Us!

Allow us the privilege of helping your child develop a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ through the OLS CCD program.

CCD Classes Begin the Week of September 17th. There are 25 Classes in the Catechetical Year.

Grades K-8 (Mondays, 3:55 - 5:15 pm) Grades 1-8 (Tuesdays, 3:55 - 5:15 pm) Homeschooling Program Offered As Well

Classes Meet in the OLS Church and the OLS School.

Register Now to Reserve Your Child's Spot! Go to the OLS Website: olschurch.com Click on the "Religious Education" Tab

Register Before July 15, 2023 1 Child - \$140 2 Children - \$230 3+ Children - \$315

Register After July 15, 2023

1 Child - \$170 2 Children - \$260 3+ Children - \$345

Questions? Contact Jen Noll, Catechetical Coordinator <u>jennollols@gmail.com</u>



As you travel and find rest for yourself, do not forget your Sunday Mass obligation. Go to <u>https://masstimes.org/</u> to find a Church near your vacation sport where you can attend Mass. Remember, God never takes a vacation from us. Let's not take one from Him!

And please remember to support OLS during the summer months!

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. Please consider spending

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 Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

Meet Our Staff

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VIGIL, SATURDAY JULY 22, 2023PMPeople of the Parish

5:30 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM Jeanne M. Calabrese
11:30 AM Samuel Giuliano – 11th Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

7:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 PM	Fr. Andrew Lee – Special Intention

<u>TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023</u>

7:00 AMTonia Phillips12:00 PMRosemarie Doti

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023

7:00 AMPeople of the Parish12:00 PMRosemarie Doti

<u>THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023</u>

7:00 AMPeople of the Parish12:00 PMJack Vervaet – Special Intention

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

7:00 AMPeople of the Parish12:00 PMLola Crispin

<u>SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023</u>

8:30 AM	Joan Beni Mulrooney
12:00 PM	People of the Parish

- VIGIL SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2023
- 5:30 PM The Silano Family

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

8:00 AM	People of the Parish
10:00 AM	Cathy Craig
11:30 AM	June Lynch

In Memoriam

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

<u>MUSIC MINISTRY</u>

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, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullan and Kate Powis.



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).

We can take checks, cash or credit cards Click here to purchase online <u>https://olschurch.com</u> or print the form to send in with your check or cc #

Our Lady of Sorrows 2023 CALENDAR RAFFLE ORDER FORM

Enclosed is	my check for \$ f	or chance(s) in the Raffle
Credit Card	#	Security #	Expiration
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2023 Mass Book

Requested by		
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