

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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*"The kingdom
of heaven is
like a merchant
searching for
fine pearls."*

MATTHEW 13:45



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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 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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July 26, 2020
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure



*Thank you, Fr. Chan, for your service to our parish!
You will be missed!
God's blessings upon you as you begin at
St. Catherine in Glen Rock!*

Ad multos annos!

A Message from Fr. Chan Lee

This Sunday's Gospel concludes the section of Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus, in His new "home base" of Capernaum, teaches His disciples in parables. My abrupt return from studies in Rome back to my "home base" here at Our Lady of Sorrows also concludes this Sunday, when I will be taking on my first long-term assignment at St. Catharine Parish in Glen Rock. It is my hope that my brief stay, though limited in contact with you all, may have been fruitful; that my offering of Holy Mass and preaching of the Gospel may have been channels through which the Lord has continued to bestow graces upon all of you during these difficult times.

I find myself thinking about and using the phrase "during these difficult times." Very appropriately so, as the current circumstances in which we find ourselves are nothing more than extraordinary and, well, difficult. In the face of these troubling times, then, how can we find the will of the Father, who truly cares for us? How are we to be reminded that He has not abandoned us to the wrath of this passing world?

He proposes parables. *Whoever has ears ought to hear* (Mt 13:9, 43).

Yes, even the struggles and sufferings of this present time, for *whoever has the ears to hear* them, serve as parables of God's love for us. For those of us who have faith, we face these troubles, not with despair and hopelessness, but with humility and hope. The degradation of society in the wake of a global pandemic, as well as civil unrest due to grave evils, never willed by God to inflict harm on us, can become catalysts of our own conversion as individuals and communities of faith.

This is a tough pill to swallow. At the risk of my sounding stuck atop an ivory tower, I remain firm in my belief that the Lord has a plan of action for each of us during this time. In fact, I have personally witnessed and have been an instrument of great conversion and spiritual transformation in individuals precisely *because* of the pandemic. Indeed, these *difficult times* can serve, for us who *have the ears to hear*, to become steppingstones to a new depth of faith. The Lord never stops calling us to a deeper belief and love in Him – we ought to be steadfast and ready *to hear*.

The "Parable of the Year 2020," then, is the Lord teaching us through seemingly mysterious and nonsensical happenings. It might be, for some of us, an occasion for a radical conversion to Him, or for others, an occasion of purification and sacrifice. In any case, our task is to remain alert and not grow slack in our striving for spiritual perfection. The extra time we may have gained during this continuing time of social distancing, I might propose, can be served to intensify our time in prayer and self-reflection in the Lord. We ask ourselves: how is the Lord speaking in your heart, and how is He leading you to a deeper relationship with Him, all things considered?

Please pray for me as I begin my new mission in Glen Rock, and please be assured of my prayers for you, dear parishioners. Know of my love and affection for all of you, who have been so good to me. I will forever treasure the time I spent at OLS, both in the past summer and during this unforgettable summer of 2020. May the Lord continue to bless you – He never tires of doing so.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Chan Lee

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THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

July 19 th	Week 3	Y. To Date
Collection	\$11,314	\$39,211
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$36,115

Thank you for your continuing support!

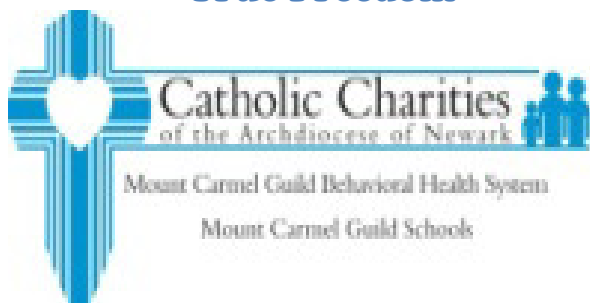


***Let us pray
for those
who serve***

We give our
deepest
thanks and
offer our

sincere prayers for all those who serve our nation in the armed services. To submit a name to our prayer list that will be published every week in the bulletin, please email the name, rank, and branch of service to Anne Moore at ols.pastor@verizon.net.

True Freedom



Christ freed us from sin. Patriots throughout the ages fought for our freedom. There are still those today who cannot enjoy freedom from poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys and children's books to our Catholic Charities donations bin located in our parking lot. Thank you!

NOVENA FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
help us to conquer the menace of evil,
which so easily takes root in the hearts
of the people of today, and whose
immeasurable effects already weigh down
upon our modern world and seem to block
the paths toward the future.

- From famine and war, deliver us.
- From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.
- From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.
- From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.
- From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.
- From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.
- From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.
- From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.
- From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings, laden with the sufferings of whole societies. Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations. Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences. May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen.

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."

RCIA

If you have any questions concerning a Catholic who desires to complete his/her sacraments or someone who God is gracing to desire to come into His family the Catholic Church or just want to know about the Catholic faith, please give the office a call and ask for Sr. Mary Selina (973-763-5454) with any of your questions

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 state that the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a Catholic in good standing.

Facebook

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

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, may young people in our parish hear your call and follow your voice as they discern their vocations. Lead your people to heaven through the ministry of holy priests and consecrated men and woman. Jesus, we trust in you! Amen

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 office.**

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 patients who aren'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.

Binge on this!

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!



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>

Registration for CCD Has Begun!

Please help us plan and prepare for the upcoming catechetical year by registering for CCD today. Simply click on the registration link found on the OLS website under the Religious Education tab or input the following <https://forms.gle/apwFq81s3m6wJpXa9> into your browser to sign your child(ren) up for the 2020-2021 year.

During this time of great uncertainty, there is no need to commit to a particular day or program type at this time - but we do need to know if your child will be attending our program this fall. Families are asked to make a general commitment to CCD by August 15th so that we can:

- Establish our total expected number of students so that we can gauge how many students may need to be accommodated safely in the school at a time.
- Establish the total number of students we can expect for each grade so that we can order student workbooks and materials.
- Establish how many students we can expect for each grade so that we can determine how many volunteer catechists we'll need to recruit.

The next phase of our registration process will begin on August 15th. By then we hope to have more information from the NJ State Department of Health and the Archdiocese of Newark about the types of classes we are able to conduct and the kinds of protocols and procedures that we will need to have in place in order to hold those classes safely. The safety of our staff and our students remains our top priority. We feel that this phased approach to CCD registration is the best way to determine student numbers in a climate of general uncertainty about the face of education for the coming year.

Between now and our next registration phase, we will continue:

- Working on upgrading our traditional homeschooling program to more structured a Google Classroom format
- Researching best remote catechetical practices
- Training our catechists to help them transform in-person sessions into meaningful virtual experiences should we need to move to a hybrid or totally remote learning program at any point during the year

Our CCD fees continue to remain the same as they have for the last three years. As always, families needing to be added to a payment plan or requiring financial assistance will be accommodated. Please contact Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com for details.

CCD Fee Schedule (Early Bird - through August 15th)

1 child - \$140
2 children - \$230
3+ children - \$315

We look forward to working with you to bring the good news of Christ to all the families in our parish this coming year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Catechetical Coordinator Jen Noll, jennollols@gmail.com, if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the religious education program here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

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, JULY 25, 2020

5:30 PM Lucia & Pellegrino Luciani

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

8:00 AM Samuel Giuliano – 8th Anniversary

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Rev. Thomas G. Rainforth

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020

7:00 AM Filomena & Ralph Ferrace

12:00 PM Lola Crispin

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020

7:00AM Christopher Buffa

12:00 PM Judith M. Forrest

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020

7:00 AM Erasmo Castaneda

12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020

7:00AM Ernestina Lacy

12:00 PM Nancy Sullivan – 1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020

7:00AM Quinn, Doyle & Mulligan Families

12:00 PM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020

8:30 AM Russell Pace Sr.

12:00 PM Michael Rizzo

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 1, 2020

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

8:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

10:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.

11:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette
Ezuduemoih & Family & All Souls
in Purgatory

IN MEMORIAM

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

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.

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, Melissa O'Brien and Rita Arena.

