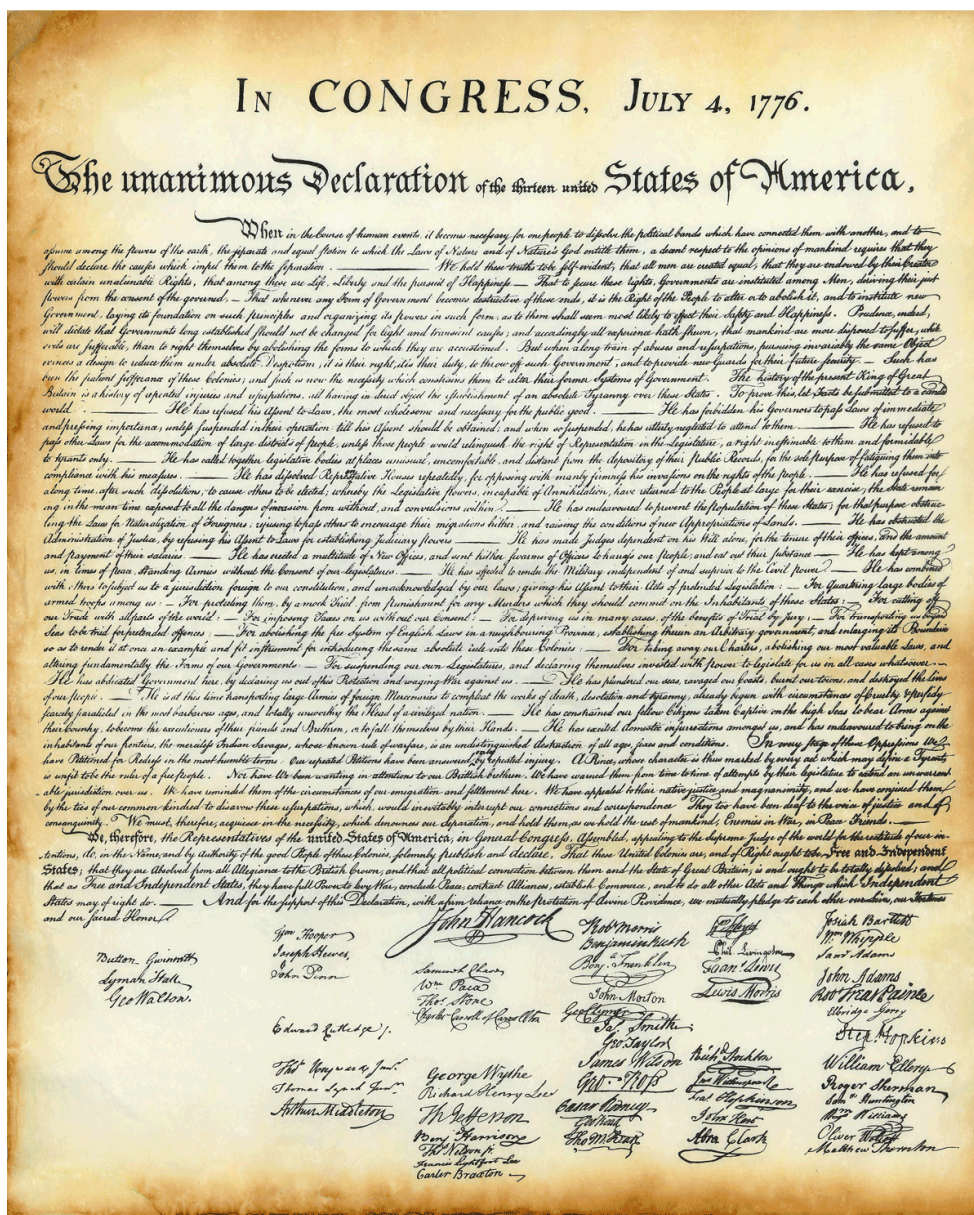


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MASSSES: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 & 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm
Penance: Confessions Saturday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment
Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program
Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill and arrange Communion calls
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July 5, 2020
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

A Message from Fr. Brian

Happy 4th of July! Our nation celebrates her 244th birthday this Saturday. We are going through very challenging and difficult times right now as a country and I think that we can all agree that we need to work harder and more diligently to ensure that ALL people have the opportunity to achieve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

At the same time, it's worth reminding ourselves that, despite our weaknesses, this republic of ours is the greatest experiment in human freedom in the history of the world. I realize that at times – including these present times – that experiment has not always lived up to its full potential and that it has failed certain segments of our citizenry. We still have a long way to go before all people can fully enjoy the freedoms guaranteed to us in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. But that does not mean that we can't be proud of our country and love her. In fact, loving our nation should spur us on to make her an even more beautiful and just reflection of the ideals upon which she was founded.

This national holiday should also remind us of the debt of gratitude that we owe to those men and women who have gone before us and who sacrificed so much to win for us the freedom that we enjoy today. And most certainly and especially now, we should say a prayer for our country, that all Americans will never have any of their God-given freedoms taken from them in an unjust way. Our prayer can be that each and every American might live freely and peaceably, without any unjust interference, able to fully enjoy those unalienable rights with which we have been endowed by our Creator.

Of course, it's important to note that the freedoms that we enjoy come with great responsibility. Yes, we have civic responsibilities that come with our freedom and we must be attentive to fulfilling those responsibilities. But even more importantly we have religious responsibilities toward God and toward each other as children of God.

We were not set free by Christ to live excessive lives. In the 2nd reading of this Sunday's Mass, St. Paul tells us that *"the Spirit of God dwells in you."* If that is the case, then that Spirit should direct the proper use of our freedoms. St. Paul says in another of his letters: *"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. For you were called for freedom, brothers and sisters...serve one another through love."* (Gal. 5:1, 13) What Paul is saying is that Christ has given us our freedom so as to follow Him and to love and serve Him and to love and serve our neighbors as well. That is the purpose of freedom. But that is not the way many Americans interpret the word "freedom." To many people, freedom means license. It means: I can do anything that I want, with whoever I want, whenever I want, and no one can tell me any different.

But that is not the Christian meaning of freedom. To be free, as Paul warns us, is not an excuse for self-indulgence. To be free is not to give in to every desire. To be free is not to escape from the realities of living, but to face up to them. To be free is to take responsibilities for our life and to stop passing the buck. To be free means not clinging to external securities like money, property, status, and achievements. None of those things represent true freedom.

As we celebrate our national Independence, let us commit ourselves to the responsible use of the freedom that God has graciously given to our country, and the personal freedom God has given us as His beloved children. God bless all of us and God bless America!

Blessings in Christ our Liberator,



Stewardship is a way of life

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

June 28 th	Week 53	Y. to Date
Collection	\$9,590	\$621,997
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$690,000



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."

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: in order 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>

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 4, 2020

5:30 PM Karen Kirk – Special Intention

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

8:00 AM Carmen Franzonia
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the
Lambusta&Abramo Families

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

7:00 AM Deacon John Inguaggiato
12:00 PM John O. Degnan

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020

7:00AM Patricia Wiggins
12:00 PM Eileen & Charles Foti – Special
Intention

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

7:00 AM Frantz Jean-Charles – Special
Intention
12:00 PM Patricia Wiggins

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

7:00AM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour
12:00 PM Edward & Jacqueline Hinge

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020

7:00AM Marce Therese Celony – Special
Intention
12:00 PM Laurence OShougwe& Souls in
Purgatory

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020

8:30 AM Sila Jean-Philippe
12:00 PM Joshua Dibble

VIGIL MASS JULY 11, 2020

5:30 PM Monica Mrozak

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
DePaola Family
10:00 AM George Dennis Sr.
11:30 AM People of the Parish

IN MEMORIAM

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

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory **Hattie Davis**.

Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family.

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory **Mary Howley**.

Requested by Robert Howley.

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 and Melissa O'Brien.

