

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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*Jesus said to them, "Go on your way...
Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals."*



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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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message From Fr. Brian

We're now in the full swing of Summer: BBQs, trips to the pool, relaxing evenings on the front porch or back deck. It's also the time when many families go on vacation. And in homes all across America, that age-old battle is being waged: How much stuff do we need to bring with us on vacation? Some people think they need to bring with them every last stitch of clothing they own. Others want to pack as lightly as possible.

Now, imagine that before you began your vacation, Jesus gave you the same instructions that He gave to His Apostles as He sent them out, two-by-two, to preach in the surrounding villages. Jesus said that they should take nothing for the journey— no food, no sack, no money. Nothing, just the clothes are on their back. I doubt that any of us could take a trip under such conditions. Speaking just for myself, at a minimum I would require: cash, credit cards, snacks, bottled water, GPS, umbrella, toothbrush, extra clothing, and just in case...more snacks. And that's just for a day-trip!

What was Jesus thinking sending those guys out with nothing but the clothes on their back? Well, He was asking them to trust in God for all their needs. Jesus invites us to do the same. Not just to rely on God in a general, vague sort of way and in the big picture, but to also trust in Him for the minutiae of our lives. But is God really interested in the small stuff of our lives? Heaven knows, we all have everyday problems. The mortgage is overdue; the boss is a pain in the rear; the car is making a funny noise again; our kids are rebelling; the grandchildren don't go to Church anymore; we can't sleep; when we do wake up in the morning we do so with aches and pains. The list goes on and on. Is God interested in all of that stuff too? Can we trust in God to deal with real here-and-now problems? And besides, doesn't the Bible say that God helps those who help themselves? Actually, the Bible doesn't say that. That expression comes from Benjamin Franklin. The Bible in fact teaches us the exact opposite. One of the main themes of Scripture is that God helps those who can't help themselves. He helps those who are helpless and who trust totally in Him. But this is a completely foreign concept to modern Americans. We need to be in control of everything and have all the bases covered. (Americans just love checklists!)

Apparently, trusting God wasn't a problem for Jesus' disciples since they went out on their merry way – without ANY supplies or checklists – and they had a very successful journey preaching in the countryside.

So what is Jesus trying to tell us this week, sending the guys out two-by-two but without any supplies? It's simple: we must trust in Him and then depend on one another. He didn't send them out alone. He sent them out in pairs so they could help and encourage each other. But often this is the exact opposite of what we do. We don't trust in God and we depend only on ourselves.

As you and your families take your summer vacations, don't forget to bring Jesus with you. He's the best traveling companion (He never complains!) and He can be trusted to come to your assistance in every need. Bon voyage!

Summer Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

Due to the 4th of July Holiday this will be reported in the next bulletin

Matching Gift Opportunity

Thanks to the incredible generosity of one of our parishioners, we have received a \$20,000 matching gift opportunity to help pay for the ongoing repairs and maintenance needs of our parish property. Our weekly collections have not been meeting our budget and we are always challenged by unforeseen expenses related to our physical plant (which includes 5 buildings). The recent seal coating and re-striping of the parking lot, as well as masonry work on some of the concrete steps on our property, are just a couple of examples of the major expenses that we continually face.

An anonymous parishioner has offered up to \$20,000 to match dollar-for-dollar any offerings you make toward this matching gift effort. If you are able to assist us in this wonderful opportunity, you may put your matching gift donation in a separate envelope marked "Matching Gift" and place it in the regular collection or mail it to the parish office. The deadline for this matching gift opportunity is July 31st. Please note that this special gift should not replace your regular weekly offering. And please know how grateful we are for your continuing support of our parish!

Reflections on Catechism

765 The Lord Jesus endowed his community with a structure that will remain until the Kingdom is fully achieved. Before all else there is the choice of the Twelve with Peter as their head. Representing the twelve tribes of Israel, they are the foundation stones of the new Jerusalem. The twelve and the other disciples share in Christ's mission and his power, but also in his lot. By all his actions, Christ prepares and builds his church.

13th of the Month Club

Meeting will be on Sat. 7/13 at 10:30 am in the Kateri room. Please join us in prayer, study & discussion in honor of Mary, Our Mother.

THINK ABOUT IT

"A way has to be found to enable everyone to benefit from the fruits of the earth, and not simply to close the gap between the affluent and those who must be satisfied with the crumbs falling from the table, but above all to satisfy the demands of justice, fairness and respect for every human being." —Pope Francis

Think About It . . . Anna Nelson for the Peace and Justice Committee

Calling All Green Thumbs!

Do you like to work in the garden? Do you love our parish grounds? If you can answer "yes" to both of these questions, we invite you to join the new OLS Garden Club. What is it? It's simply a group of parishioners who desire to help maintain the flower beds around our parish property. You may have noticed that we have planted some flowers in the front of the church. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have our entire parish campus decorated with flowers? If you're interested in contributing to this effort, please send an email to Fr. Brian at fbrianneedles@gmail.com.

Summer Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Host Weeks

The next Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week is July 28 to August 4. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the church vestibule for the various roles needed to support the families who stay with us for the week. For more information, please contact Anna Nelson at: annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136 or Liz Petroccia at: lizpetroccia@msn.com or 973-763-4053.

Come Adore the Lord

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**



Mass Book

Before we open our 2020 Mass Book we have over 100 Weekday Mass Intentions available for 2019.

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Hattie Davis**. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family. This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered for Special Intention of **Dorothy Soley**. Requested by Lynn Bryce.

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, Margaret Farrell, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Michael Davis, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jerry McElroy, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Marie Manno, Ludgarda Rosa, Dale Marshall, Eileen Muench, Stephanie Windsor and Ralph Coccia.



- SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019**
 5:30 PM Jean Kubilus
- SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019**
 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta & Abramo Families
 10:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family & Souls in Purgatory
- MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019**
 7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
 12:00 PM Patrick J. Loftus
- TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2019**
 7:00 AM Patrick McHugh
 12:00 PM Bernadette Randal Special Intention
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2019**
 7:00 AM Lawrence Oshogwe & the Oshogwe Family & All Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 PM Roselis Mendes da Veiga
- THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019**
 7:00AM Ernest Cushing
 12:00 PM Fernando Gomez
- FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2019**
 7:00AM Amoresano & Miglio Families
 12:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the DePaola Family
- SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2019**
 8:30 AM Patrick McHugh
 12:00 PM Lucia & Pellegrino Luciani
- VIGIL MASS JULY 13, 2019**
 5:30 PM Marie DiLorenzo
- SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019**
 8:00 AM People of the Parish
 10:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased
 11:30 AM Douglas O'Neill

Online CCD Registration Now Open

New and returning families can now register for CCD classes and the OLS homeschooling program by accessing the online registration form via the parish website: www.olschurch.com. Simply click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the home page.

The registration form can also be accessed by typing the following information into your computer's browser: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-3676671>

Register before July 15th to take advantage of "Early Bird" pricing. Payment may be made via credit card or bank transfer (electronic check). Please note, no child will be refused acceptance into our program due to financial hardship. Any family who would like to request financial assistance or to set up a payment plan should contact Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x285.

Monday CCD classes begin September 23rd from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6; and 7:00 - 8:30 pm for students in Grades 7 and 8. Please note, this year we are also offering a Monday afternoon class for 7th graders with limited enrollment. Tuesday CCD classes begin on September 24th from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for students in Grades 1 through 6.

If you have any questions regarding CCD registration, please contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x235.

Attention Parents of Rising First Graders

Is your child entering first grade this fall? If so, please note that the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist are received in the second year of religious education, generally in second grade. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that children must have two years of religious education before receiving these sacraments.

Please visit the OLS parish website home page at www.olschurch.com and click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the page to access our new, online registration form to sign-up for CCD and begin the very first step toward your child's reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist.