

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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MASSES: *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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A Message From Fr. Brian

I recently returned from my summer vacation. I went to Sweden with a priest friend of mine who had been asked to give a series of talks at a convent of 14 cloistered Carmelite nuns. What a grace-filled experience we had with those very holy nuns!

We spent 4 days in the convent and then spent the remainder of our time driving around Sweden, a country which is very beautiful and which is filled with the most wonderful and welcoming people you can imagine. Sweden is truly a magnificent country!

But Sweden lacks one thing: a palpable faith. The contrast between the fervent faith that we saw and experienced in the cloistered convent and the apparent lack of any faith throughout the rest of the country was quite striking. Perhaps I'm over-generalizing (though I don't think so), but it seemed to me that faith is nearly a foreign concept in Sweden.

Sweden is a place that is in desperate need of a new evangelization. The Carmelite nuns that we visited play a large role in that evangelization, as they pray and sacrifice for the people of Sweden. But it will also require a big effort on the part of many other people who are filled with deep faith to actively share that faith with others. Only then will Sweden have the faith that it once had in abundance.

I worry that the United States will face the same reality that Sweden now faces in regard to faith. Think about how often Christ and Christianity are marginalized by so many in our society and culture. Often Christ is deliberately excluded from the world of politics, from the world of science, the arts, business, law, and medicine. Often He is treated in the media only when it chooses to ridicule Him and His followers. As modern-day disciples of Christ, we must bring Him and His word of life back into every sphere of human activity. We must share the faith that we have with others who we know are hungering and thirsting for more than our world could possibly offer them.

To that end of bringing our own faith to others, this Fall our parish will initiate a Door-to-Door Evangelization Campaign. We will literally knock on the front doors of our South Orange/Maplewood neighbors and invite them to give faith and the practice of religion a new or another chance.

I know what you're thinking: we aren't Jehovah Witnesses or Mormons. I wish, though, that we did have their missionary impulse and zeal. They take seriously the words of Our Lord to "Go out into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

If you're old enough, you remember a day when our churches were full. You remember a time when the church was the center of our lives. For many reasons (including the sexual abuse crisis), that is no longer the case. But it doesn't mean that it can't be our reality again, that Our Lady of Sorrows can't once again be filled with worshippers, that our neighbors can't look to their faith in Jesus as the center of their lives.

I, for one, am tired of waiting for people to come to us. Waiting doesn't work! Jesus said, "**Go out!**" He didn't say, "Stay where you are and wait for others to come to you."

Here's how it will work: we will go out on Saturday mornings of the Fall months in pairs (Jesus sent His disciples in pairs). We will knock on the doors of our neighbors (pre-determined routes will be mapped out), introduce ourselves as coming from OLS, and invite those that open their doors to worship with us. Very simple: no debating, no arguing. Just a simple invitation for them to join us for worship, to invite them to pray in our beautiful Church, to ask them if they wish us to pray for any particular intention, and to leave them with a bulletin, a rosary, and a small pamphlet on the outlines of the Catholic faith. We will visit with love, gentleness, and joy.

There will be a "training" session before we begin (date TBA), but you will not need to be a theologian, an expert on catechesis, a skilled speaker, or a mystic of the Church to take part in this type of evangelization. You will simply need to be open to the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to guide and direct the encounters that you will have.

For now, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in this effort to share our faith and repopulate our church. There will be more information coming soon, but if you want to be among the first to sign up for this exciting adventure, please email me at fbrianneedles@gmail.com. The priests, deacons, and sisters of OLS can't do it alone. If we want our parish to be what God wants it to be, we all need to do our part.

Remember: The time for waiting is over! Jesus is urging us, "**Go out!**" *Please email me!*

Blessings,



THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

August 11 th	Week 7	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,080	\$75,120
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$92,885

Calling all singers!

As summer vacations turn back to the academic year so too will our choirs return to provide beautiful music for parish Masses. New members are always welcomed to our choirs but most especially as we begin a new year together!

- Our Parish Choir is open to anyone in high school and beyond. They rehearse on Thursday evenings and offer music at the 11:30AM Mass on Sundays.
- Canticum Novum is also open to anyone in high school and beyond. They rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9AM and offer music for the 10:00AM Mass.
- Saint Cecelia Singers are open to young parishioners in the third through eighth grades. They rehearse Thursday afternoons and provide music at selected 10AM and 11:30AM Masses throughout the year.

For more information on any of our choirs or to join, please contact Preston Dibble either after a Sunday Mass or at the parish office:

olsmusician@gmail.com

Facebook

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men's Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. "Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path" Rise and Shine with the Lord.



Reflections on Catechism

608 After agreeing to baptize him along with the sinners, John the Baptist looked at Jesus and pointed him out as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." By doing so, he reveals that Jesus is at the same time the suffering Servant who silently allows himself to be led to the slaughter and who bears the sin of the multitudes, and also the Paschal Lamb, the symbol of Israel's redemption at the first Passover. Christ's whole life expresses his mission: "to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Save the Date - National Shrine Pilgrimage

Every 3 years, the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. This year's pilgrimage is **Saturday, October 26**. OLS will partially subsidize the bus cost to help our parishioners partake in this pilgrimage. More information about how to sign up will be in the bulletin as we get closer to the date. Join Fr. Brian and Deacon Walter for this wonderful opportunity to gather with parishioners from all over the Archdiocese to pray at and participate in Mass at our National Shrine.

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!**

Think About It

"As the family goes, so goes the nation and the whole world in which we live." Pope John Paul II

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for the Peace and Justice Committee

Live Mass Broadcast

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 2019

5:30 PM Frances Jandoli

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Albert Piccinini, Beatrice & Jerome Guida
11:30 AM Ibrahim Shaheen

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019

7:00 AM Ernest Cushing
12:00 PM The Deehan & DePaola Families

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

7:00 AM Robert Fornale
12:00 PM Melanie Zappo

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2019

7:00 AM Erin Sperraza
12:00 PM Anthony Franzonia

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019

7:00AM Christyan Frantz Jean-Charles –
Special Intention
12:00 PM Chris Westdyk

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 2019

7:00AM Patrick McHugh
12:00 PM Fernando Errazuriz

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

8:30 AM Marie Zeolla
12:00 PM Melanie Zappo

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 24, 2019

5:30 PM In Thanksgiving for Immaculata,
Immanuela & Consolata Ngwu
Family & Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2019

8:00 AM The Deehan & DePaola Families
10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato
11:30 AM People of the Parish



In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Margaret (Margot) A. Farrell, Robert Alter and Margaret O'Reilly.** We pray for the repose of their soul and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

Mass Book

Before we open our 2020 Mass Book we have over 20 Weekday Mass Intentions available for 2019.

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, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Amy Dombrowski and Mark F. Davonski.





Our Lady of Sorrows School News

Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed



Our Lady of Sorrows School is proud to announce that registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open!

Parents who are interested in sending their children to OLS School (Pre-K, K-8) are encouraged to [schedule a school tour](#) as soon as possible before classes fill up. See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer!

At OLS School, we are very excited about the future. Come join our growing community filled with wonderful teachers, fantastic students, passionate parents, and our Principal, Ms. Judy Foley.