

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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“They all ate and were satisfied.” MATTHEW 14:20

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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August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

A Message from Fr. Brian

Some homilists, in preaching about this Sunday's Gospel story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, will contend that Jesus didn't actually multiply five loaves and two fish. Instead, they will say that the sheer goodness of Christ inspired the crowd to share amongst themselves whatever they had individually and that that act of sharing is in fact the real miracle. That's a nice thought, but it's also total *nonsense!* Jesus worked a tremendous miracle here: He took five measly loaves of bread and just two fish and He *physically multiplied them*, allowing more than 5,000 people to each have a hearty share. That is the miracle, and it points to the miracle of the Eucharist, when ordinary bread and wine is multiplied into the Body and Blood of Christ.

But there's even more to this story than the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fish. When Jesus saw the famished crowds, He could have easily done a miracle from scratch. He who created the heavens and the earth could have produced bread from anything. But He looks for human cooperation. In St. John's version of this story, Jesus uses the contribution of a child, a little boy, and He starts with that boy's generosity: five loaves and two fish. That is what Christ does. He involves others in His miracles. He starts with the best and the most that we have to offer, and then He multiplies it, He brings it to completion.

This is the way God operates with us. God wants to give us the joy and dignity of being cooperators with Him in what He's doing for us and for the whole world. Regardless of how many gifts and blessings He has given us, He wants us to give them back to Him so that He can multiply them and do far greater things with them.

Many of us have the mistaken belief that we don't have enough money, enough education, enough experience, enough talent, or enough whatever to contribute to building up God's kingdom. But Jesus says to us: "Bring me your little widow's mite, your little mustard seeds, your little bit of leaven, your 5 loaves and 2 fish... and see what I can do with them."

Especially now, but also in every age, the world, our community, and the Church need each of us to offer what we can, allowing Jesus to multiply our contribution into something wonderful. It's easy to say that we're so busy with everything else going on in our lives that we don't have the time or energy to offer more of ourselves. And certainly, we don't want to burn ourselves out or cause more stress in our already stressful lives.

But Jesus just asks for a little bit: sincere daily prayer, small acts of charity toward those near to us and strangers, kind words in a difficult situation when our first instinct is to say something caustic or sarcastic, a financial contribution to a needy charity, a sincere smile and words of thanks to the clerk at the grocery store, a compliment paid to someone, a letter (not an email) to someone who is homebound, a change in attitude in the way we view people who are different than us, or whatever else your imagination comes up with.

Let each of us ask Our Lord to give us the generosity to offer ourselves to Him, so that He may use us and all that we offer, multiplying it for His ever greater glory and for the salvation of the world.

Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

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July 26 th	Week 4	Y. To Date
Collection	\$12,177	\$51,388
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$48,154

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, AUGUST 1, 2020

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

8:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased
 10:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.
 11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette
 Ezuduemoih and Family & All
 Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020

7:00 AM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour
 12:00 PM JoAnn Mistretta 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

7:00AM Marilyn Flannagan
 12:00 PM Russell Pace Sr. 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020

7:00 AM Christiana Oshogwe, Fred Uzzi &
 Souls in Purgatory
 12:00 PM Earvien & Emperatriz Hinez &
 Jose Moncada

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020

7:00AM Nancy D'Amico
 12:00 PM Margaret A. Farrell

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

7:00AM John Maher
 12:00 PM Ernestina Lacy

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

8:30 AM Fritgerald Harg
 12:00 PM Robert E. Antinozzi Special
 Intention

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 8, 2020

5:30 PM Russell Pace Sr.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

8:00 AM George & Agnes Blair
 10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato
 11:30 AM People of the Parish

IN MEMORIAM

This Week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in Loving Memory of *Manuel Fernand*. Requested by Joy & Family.

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.

