



Our Lady of Sorrows

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*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

MASSES: 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 12:45 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 for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

After reading this Sunday's Gospel, I thought that the poor woman, a mother of a dying daughter, doesn't deserve to be treated as such. Her desperate request to save the daughter from a demon is answered by the cold tone of Jesus, letting her know that she is a Canaanite and therefore undeserving of His help. She persists, yet her persistence is answered by the insult of being called a dog. Considering the culture during the time that used a dog as a derogatory term and an image to depict gentiles, it was more than calling someone a fool!

This is a story that makes us scratch our heads, wondering what is going on. I may have walked away infuriated if I was in the same boat as the woman. I truly admire her perseverance and wisdom in turning the game around. She still managed to affirm Jesus' identity as her Lord, while using the very image Jesus uses to let her know that His priority is to call the chosen people of Israel back into the arms of their God. In the end, the trial given to her by the Lord affirmed her faith, granting her the grace of the daughter's healing.

The face of the Canaanite woman must have been covered in tears. Crying out of desperation to save her daughter, I can picture her prostrated in front of Jesus in humility even after being called a dog. She probably knew well of the prominent hatred between Canaanites and Israelites, which must have made her even more anxious, concerning her that it would lower the chance of saving her daughter. Yet, she continued to call out for help. She continued crying out even at the cost of reducing herself to being called a dog. Her faith left no space for pride, and it let her overcome the trial.

At times, being a Christian entail having to be persistent: persistent because of the discouragements while seeking to be holy and because of the trials we experience that are permitted by God. God tests us and allows trials in our lives so we can be refined and purified like precious gold. The process of refinement is very painful since it involves being smelted in a furnace that can reach thousands of degrees. Persevering in faith despite what seemingly appears to be a constant "no" from God can be heartbreaking. At times, just like the Canaanite woman, those trials can come from our backgrounds. Where we come from and who we are can be a wall making us feel like we aren't part of God's plan.

However, we should all learn from this woman. She did not care about what could have easily caused her despair. What grants us the gift of heaven is not so much about what we are born with, but the faith that shatters the darkness of despair caused by our feeling of God's silence and detachment from us. In fact, those are the moments when we are called to cry out to our Father even louder. Isn't that what our Lord did, when He was trembling out of fear of embracing the sin of whole humanity at Gethsemane, and crying out to His Father on the Cross, so the people crucifying Him to death would be forgiven? So may you and I do the same - enduring what seems to be God's silence. Perhaps, God may be staying silent just for the moment to hear more attentively the sound of our crying, just like when we remain quiet to listen to the voice of our beloved.

Blessings,
Fr. Andrew

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>August 13th</u>	<u>Week 7</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$11,296	\$81,211
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$84,186
Assessment	\$1,818	
Food Pantry	\$896	
Candles	\$282	
Repairs and Maintenance	\$350	

Thank you for your generosity!

We are hosting 2 mandatory programs for our adult volunteers in September.

These Programs are mandatory for all adult volunteers at Our Lady of Sorrows. If you are new to our parish or school you must attend **Protecting God's Children for Adults**. If you have attended **Protecting God's Children 5 years ago** you must attend the **Refresher – Keeping the promise Alive**.

Please go to www.Virtus.Org to sign up for one of the sessions. If you are not sure if you have attended or need any help, please call Anne Moore on 973-763-5454.

Protecting God's Children® for Adults

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy.

Saturday, September 30, 2023 9:00am – 12:00pm

Keeping the Promise Alive™ Refresher Program

Keeping the Promise Alive is a refresher program that provides ongoing awareness for the prevention of child sexual abuse. The material covered in Keeping the Promise Alive is designed to identify and reinforce the lessons of the original Protecting God's Children® for Adults program. For example, some of the more challenging aspects of the sessions are clarified to strengthen the participants' ability to recognize risky behavior in their environments and take action to intervene in potentially threatening situations.

Saturday, September 30, 2023 1:00pm – 3:00pm

You must be on time once the session starts you will not be allowed to join.

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

OLS Choirs welcome new singers!

As summer relaxation draws into Fall plans, our music ministry at OLS is making preparations for a new season and new voices are needed and welcomed in all of our choirs!

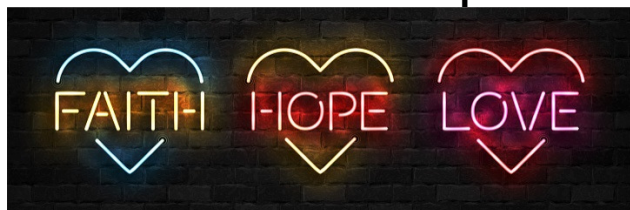
Our **St. Cecilia Singers (grades 3-8)** has a new day and time for rehearsals: Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30. This new time is designed to make it more accommodating to families attending our OLS School, while still making it possible for our public school families and those in other private schools as well. The children will rehearse weekly and not only become more familiar with our Catholic faith and the liturgy of the Church but also learn how to read music through singing and handbell playing. New children are needed to keep our children's choir alive and thriving!

Our **Youth Choir (grades 9-12)** will now be entering its 3rd season and we are excited to also welcome new teens. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:30. Both the St. Cecilia Singers and Youth Choir sing on rotating weeks at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

Finally our **Parish Choir** welcomes adults of all ages and experience levels to sing a wide range of choral music in support of our 11:30 am Sunday Mass. This ensemble rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30PM. New voices are welcomed but especially men's voices are needed in our Parish Choir.

For more information about any choir or to sign up, please contact Preston Dibble at the parish office: olsmusician@gmail.com

Have Kids? Let Us Help You!



While parents are the primary educators in matters of the faith, you don't have to do it all alone. Let your parish help you! The OLS CCD program is here to help your child develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. But before we can assist your family, we need to know who you are! If your child will not be attending a Catholic school this fall, please be sure to visit the parish website and click on the "Religious Education" tab to register him or her for CCD. While most children begin formal religious education instruction in first grade, it is NEVER too late to begin to learn about the Lord. Older first-time CCD students are always welcome and financial assistance is available to all those in need of extra support.

Our in-person Monday and Tuesday classes begin the third week in September and run through the first week in May. Please reach out to Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com for more information about how to take the next important step in forming your child's faith.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

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>

Blood Drive

Vitalant Blood Services and the OLS Blood Drive Committee wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those who participated in last Sunday's blood drive. As you may have noted recently from the plethora of local blood drive announcements, the demand for blood and blood products is critical as the current supply is exceedingly limited. Your unwavering support and benevolence have always been appreciated but never as much as it is during periods when conditions are so dire. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generosity and support!

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VIGIL, SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2023

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaola,
Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM Julie Edmunds
11:30 AM Akili Lynn Gordon

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

7:00 AM Liam Bigelli
12:00 PM John Santoliquido - 17th Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023

7:00 AM Christyan Frantz Jean - Charles
Special Intention
12:00 PM Deceased Members of the Civil and
Louis Families

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023

7:00 AM Juliana Celony Philippe and
Deceased Members of the Celony
Family
12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee - Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

7:00 AM Sr. Rosamund - Special Intention
12:00 PM Vincent McNany

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

7:00 AM Lyndon Bryce
12:00 PM Andrew Quinn Clarke

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

8:30 AM Timothy Barrett
12:00 PM Luis C. Echeverry

VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

5:30 PM The Silano Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Julie Edmunds
11:30 AM Jeanne M. Calabrese

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Lillian Parkson**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Amen

In Memoriam

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

The Sanctuary Candle in the Upper Church is in loving memory of **Vincent McNany**. Requested by Eileen Smith.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Anne O'Brien, Deborah Hebron, Kathleen Mullin, Kate Powis and Kevin Golding.



Please join us for our Parish and School Picnic!



**Sunday
September 10**

12:30-
5pm

\$10 per person
\$25 for couples/
families



Please RSVP

Email Michelle Dixon
medixon8@gmail.com



Games and activities for children. All food
(including appetizers, sides and desserts will be provided by the Parish.
We will also supply water, soda and coffee. BYOB



***We are so Happy to Invite You To
Our Lady of Sorrows Healing Mass
September 23, 2023 – 12:00pm***

***Our Lady of Sorrows Church
217 Prospect St.
South Orange, N.J. 07079
973-763-5454***

This sacrament is administered by a priest who lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then anoints the sick person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, while praying: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who frees you from your sin save you and raise you up."

Who can receive this Sacrament?

- Anyone suffering any kind of mental, physical, spiritual or emotional illness
- Facing serious surgery
- Advanced age
- Anyone in danger of death

******** There will be a light lunch served this year********

Sign-up Deadline: September 15th

(We would be grateful if you could RSVP by the 15th. This way we can ensure that enough food is ordered)

Names of those attending:

Name and address of contact person: _____

Phone # of contact person: _____

Number staying for a light lunch []

Please make sure to indicate if you will be staying for lunch. **Only those who indicate that they will be staying for lunch will receive lunch.**

Please note: The area near the baptismal font will be set aside for those who need to have Holy Communion brought to them. If anyone has a concern just let us know and we will work out a way to help you. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Mary Selena at 973-763-5454.

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