

*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
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**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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**August 25, 2019**  
**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure*

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## A Message From Fr. Brian

The joke is told of the Irish pastor who said to his congregation, “Everyone who wants to go to Heaven stand up!” Everyone in the church stood up. And he said, “And those who want to go to hell, remain standing!” At the back of the church, old Murphy remained standing. The pastor said, “Murphy, do you want to go to hell?” Murphy said, “No, Father... I just hate to see you go there all by yourself!”

We of course all want to go to heaven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who will soon be beatified (the last step before being named a saint), once said that there will be 3 surprises in heaven: 1) We will be surprised to see that many people we expected to be in heaven are not there; 2) We will be surprised to see that the people we never expected to be in heaven are there; and 3) We will be surprised to see that we ourselves are in heaven!

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus is asked the question, “How many will be saved?” The questioner was assuming that the salvation of God’s Chosen People was virtually guaranteed, provided they kept the Law. Jesus’ answer must have come as a shock for His questioner, who believed that the Kingdom of God was reserved for the Jews alone, and that Gentiles would be shut out. Jesus replied, “*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.*” Throughout His earthly life, Jesus continually affirmed that God wants all persons to enjoy eternal life with Him, but Jesus also stressed the need for constant fidelity and vigilance throughout our lives.

As Catholics, we do *not* believe that we can somehow “earn” our way into heaven by good works (this is referred to as the Pelagian heresy). We believe that Christ’s sacrifice on the Cross purchased our salvation and that there is nothing that we can do to earn that salvation – it is a gift of pure love. That said, we also believe that we must allow God to work in our lives through His grace, a grace that is reflected in our actions. In other words, we must cooperate with God’s grace, which He continually offers us.

There’s a paradox in this Gospel passage: the door – the gate – is narrow, but it’s wide enough for all who truly want to enter. Nobody has to be excluded. The door is big enough for all of us, but as Jesus says we must *strive* to enter through it. The “narrow gate” that Jesus speaks of concerns our everyday living and our response to God’s loving invitation to constantly walk in the way of the Lord.

Our Lord has laid out for us what the choice to enter through the narrow gate looks like. It means a life of doing the Father’s will (even and especially when it’s inconvenient); a life of faith, hope and charity; a life of making both the big and small sacrifices He asks of us; a life of talking to Him daily in prayer; a life of self-emptying service; a life of giving ourselves to something bigger than just ourselves; a life of striving to imitate His own life; a life nourished by the Sacraments. Not exactly rocket science – and very doable. If we do those things, even imperfectly, then He will lead us through the narrow gate to the eternal life of Heaven.

As the front cover of the bulletin depicts, every day we stand at a fork in the road. May we always choose the path that leads to Christ, the path that gives a free entry through the gates of Heaven.

Blessings,



## THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Week 8	Y. to Date
Collection	\$18,372	\$93,492
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$106,154

### Christian Initiation Highlights

Seven new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: McCall Joseph Ferretti, Mairead Mae McGrath Vaccaro, Wesley William Szever, Theodore Gabriel Ismert, Thomas Torres Savitskie, Natalie Verde Satori and Sawyer Luis Hess. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2019.

### 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](mailto: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"

### Mass Book

The 2020 Mass Book will open on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Anything over 3 masses please prepare a list to leave with our receptionist.

### Reflections on Catechism

1026 By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

### Invitation to Assist at Our Lady of Sorrow's Healing Mass

**DATE: September 21, 2019**

**TIME: 12 Noon**

If you will be able to be there **it is necessary** that you inform the office by phone: 973-763-5454 and ask to put a message on my phone **by September 10**. If you leave a message for me give me your name, phone number and whether you are staying for a light lunch. We will be making the assignments for those who volunteer to help.

We do the assignments using the names of those who called in. If we don't have your name you will not be on our list of assignments.

Thank you for all you do to help all of us at OLS!

God bless! Sr. Mary Selina

### 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*

### Think About It

Mother Teresa teaches "It is not so bad to have at least one congregation that spoils the poor, when everybody else spoils the rich. I am deeply impressed by the fact that before explaining the word of God, before presenting to the crowds the Eight Beatitudes, Jesus had compassion on them and gave them food. Only then did He begin to teach them." Think About It. Lynette Wilson, Peace and Justice Committee.



**SATURDAY, 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-DePoala Families  
10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato  
11:30 AM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2019**

7:00 AM Lyndon Bryce  
12:00 PM Rosemarie Iantosca Special Intention

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019**

7:00 AM Richard Roitmayer Special Intention  
12:00 PM Melanie Zappo

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019**

7:00 AM Phyllis Hyacinthe Healing  
12:00 PM John P. Deehan

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019**

7:00AM Pat Oriolo  
12:00 PM Robert Melillo Jr.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2019**

7:00AM Nigel Roger Christopher Miller  
12:00 PM Gloria Santiago

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2019**

8:30 AM Philippe Jean-Charles Special  
Intention  
12:00 PM Lucille Paccia

**VIGIL MASS AUGUST 31, 2019**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

8:00 AM Patricia Barry  
10:00 AM Louise Guarente  
11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette  
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Purgatory

**In Sympathy Of**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Fr. Jeffrey Behrens and Helen Iantosca.** We pray for the repose of their soul and also for those left behind during this time of loss.

**IN MEMORIAM**

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Elvia Parra.** Requested by Patricia Grana. This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Lower Church is being offered in loving memory of **Fabiola Garcia.** Requested by Patricia Grana.

**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, 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, Mark F. Davonski, Patti Coccia and Beth Hebron.



### **Catechists Needed**

Do you have a love of children and a passion for sharing your faith with others? If so, please give prayerful consideration to becoming a catechist for the 2019-2020 school year. Classes run from the end of September through the beginning of May with many weeks off for holidays-roughly a 35 hour per year commitment. Team teaching is also an option for individuals wishing to share classroom responsibilities with a partner Teaching manuals, curriculum resources and support are provided to all catechists.

As a catechist you will-

- Learn about your own faith while teaching it to others.
- Practice good stewardship by sharing your time and talents with those at the beginning of their faith journeys.
- Become an evangelist by answering Christ's call to bring the gospel to others.
- Have fun while witnessing the Gospel taking root in the next generation of the Church.
- Model Christian behavior by showing the youth of our parish how important God is in your own life - and theirs.
- Meet other parishioners with a shared interest in the message of Christ and working with children.
- Receive reduced CCD tuition if you have children in the program.

Our CCD program relies upon volunteers in order to be able to offer classes for each grade and to maintain small class sizes. **Volunteers are currently needed to help lead 2nd, 5th and 6th grade classes on Monday and 1st and 5th grade classes on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 - 5:15 pm.** If you are interested in helping OLS in its mission to provide quality religious instruction to the youth of the parish, please contact Jen Noll at [jennollols@gmail.com](mailto:jennollols@gmail.com) or 973-763-5454 ext. 235. Thanks in advance for your prayerful consideration.