

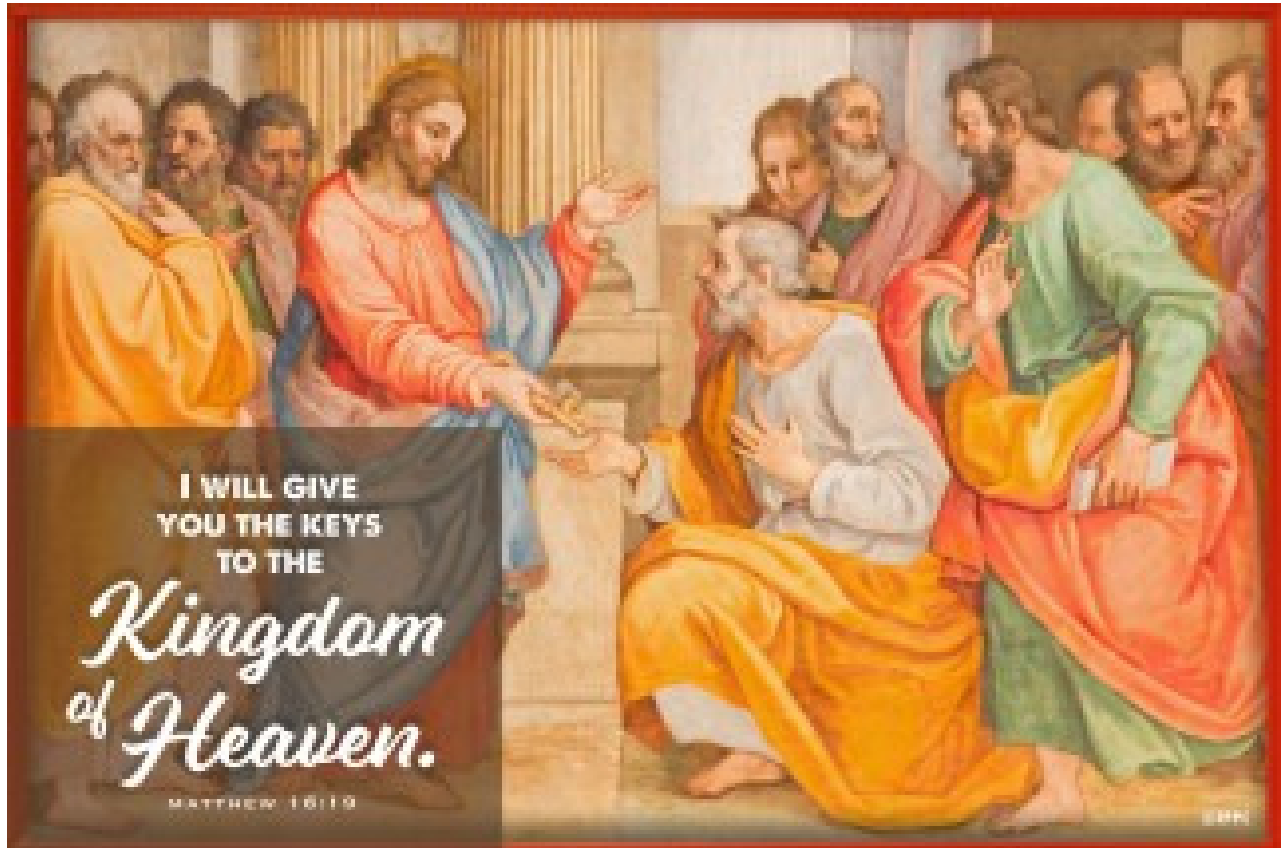


Our Lady of Sorrows

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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 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 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

A lot of people, including myself, have done one of those DNA tests to determine ancestry. My DNA story tells me that I am 40% Irish, 26% Southern Italian, 17% English, 10% Scottish, and 4% Norwegian. The remaining 3% is split between North Africa, Cyprus, and Malta. In other words, even though 71% of my DNA is Northern European, I'm basically a mutt! And though my ethnic heritage comes from those locations, I am so much more than just my ethnic heritage. I am, before all else, a child of God. I am also a Catholic priest, a brother, an uncle, a friend, and a hundred other labels. No matter how much we love and value and celebrate our ethnic heritage, it doesn't fully define who we are.

Jesus was, of course, Middle Eastern and He was Jewish. But in this Sunday's Gospel that doesn't stop Him from asking His disciples the question, "*Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*" He wasn't interested in learning about his ethnic heritage, but instead how people viewed His very being. The answers Jesus received from His disciples indicated that some people thought He was John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets. These answers were all wrong and, in fact, horribly incorrect. There is only one true answer to the question of who Jesus is. Jesus is, as St. Peter attests in this Gospel, "*the Christ, the Son of the living God.*"

Of course, Jesus isn't primarily interested in hearing what other people are thinking about Him. He has divine knowledge, and He already knows all that is being said about Him. The more salient question He asks is, "*Who do YOU say that I am?*" He is asking His disciples to make a personal act of faith, deciding for themselves who He really is.

As you'll recall, in the year 2011 we were given a new English translation of the Mass. One of the translation changes made to the Creed that we profess every Sunday is that we now profess "I believe..." This new translation replaced the previous (incorrect) translation of "we believe..." This change helps us to understand that it's not up to just a community of faith to affirm our beliefs (as important as that is), but even more critically, we are called to make an individual profession of faith as we follow Christ. Faith is, first and foremost, a personal act, even as it is lived out communally and has communitarian consequences.

"Who do YOU say that I am?" Jesus asks that question to each one of us. The answer I give to that question will help me to understand better who I am and who I am called to be. The more fully I enter into the question of who Jesus is, and the more I seek to know Him more fully, and the more I commit myself to having a deep and personal relationship with Him and His Church, well then, the more I can more clearly know myself.

And the opposite is true as well. The more I know who and what I am, and the more I reflect on my place in the world, and the more I seek to understand the purpose of my life, well then, the more fully I will know who Christ is. Understanding ourselves better helps us to better know Christ, just as our knowledge of Christ helps us to grow in self-knowledge. What a wonderful irony! What an awesome paradox!

As we answer the question of who God is and as we discover better who we are, let's remember that Jesus is Lord and that each of us is, before all else, a beloved child of God. And that's a lot more important than our ethnic heritage!

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>August 20th</u>	<u>Week 8</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$12,144	\$93,335
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$96,213

Assessment \$1,818
Food Pantry \$896
Candles \$282
Repairs and Maintenance \$350

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

Congratulations to our 8th 2023 Calendar Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Kelly Sullivan on winning our 8th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Kelly won \$1,500! Kelly's ticket went right back in the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 4 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com & purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 Check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is September 15th. Good luck to everyone!

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 indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

CYO Volleyball Team

St. Joseph's CYO Athletics is currently accepting registration for the 2023 Girls Volleyball Team. Teams are open to student-athletes in grades 5-8 who are registered in the parish CCD program. More information is located on the CYO website: www.stjosephscyo.org/volleyball/

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!

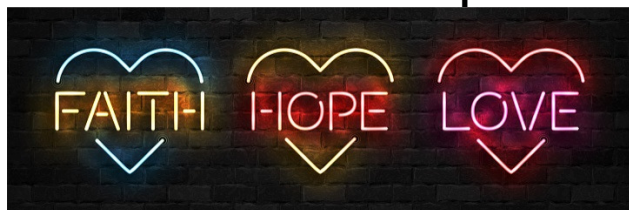
Our **St. Cecilia Singers (grades 3-8)** has a new day and time for rehearsals: Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30. This new time is designed to make it more accommodating to families attending our OLS School, while still making it possible for our public school families and those in other private schools as 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.

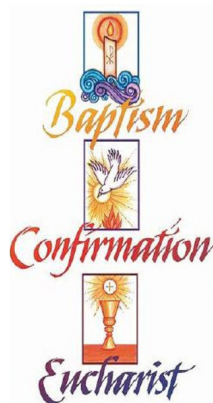
Our in-person Monday and Tuesday classes begin the third week in September and run through the first week in May. Please reach out to Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com for more information about how to take the next important step in forming your child's faith.

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>

Does your Heart desire something more?



That Something more is the Person of Jesus Christ and a deeper share in the Divine Life. St. Augustine said "My heart is restless until it rests in Thee oh God." He had a major turning to God.

If you desire to come into the fullness of Faith in the Catholic Church next Easter please **call Now** during this graced Easter Season. When you call, ask for Sr. Mary Selina. The Church number is 973-763-5454.

If you would like to Come and See about the Catholic Church, call Sr. Mary Selina **Now** at the number above. *Nothing like **the Present Moment** for that is where God is.*

If you are a Catholic but you have never been Confirmed, please call and start the process in which the Holy Spirit will come to you in a powerful way as to be able to live your Catholic faith fully. Ask for Sr. Mary Selina: 973-763-5454.

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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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

7:00 AM Maureen McGovern

12:00 PM Teresita Fernandez Miranda

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

7:00 AM Giraldo Ares

12:00 PM Robert Melillo Jr.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

7:00 AM Rosa Coello

12:00 PM Janice Drinane

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

7:00 AM Robert Lynch

12:00 PM Liam Bigelli

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins

12:00 PM Phyllis Masi

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

8:30 AM Sr. Judith Special Intention

12:00 PM Louis Rimpel

VIGIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5:30 PM Cathy Craig

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

8:00 AM Rev. Frederick Miller

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mary Fernandes

In Memoriam

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

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 Mullan, 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.**

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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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