Our Lady of Sorrows Church 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079 973-763-5454 www.olschurch.com



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

RECTORY & PARISH: 973-763-5454 • FAX: 973-763-9506 • <u>www.OLSCHURCH.COM</u> CHARLES NOUN: <u>OLS217SO@MSN.COM</u> • FR. BRIAN X. NEEDLES: <u>FRBRIANNEEDLES@GMAIL.COM</u>

> August 4, 2019 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

A Message From Fr. Rich

We hear in this week's second reading from Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, "Brothers and Sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.....when Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory. Put to death, then the parts of you that are earthly-immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and the greed that is idolatry"

Many of us aspire to faithfully follow these words which lead us to eternal life, and these words can be accomplished only in cooperation with the Sanctifying Grace that God gives us, the grace Jesus Christ merited for us by his death on the Cross. However, because of our fallen human nature, it is very easy for us to falter and weaken in our endeavor to live in God's grace. Eventually we even lose hold of that grace. It needs to be replenished constantly. (That is the reason Christ gave us the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Penance, and the Sacrament of His Most Holy Body and Blood, the fruit of the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. It is through the Sacraments that Sanctifying Grace is restored to us.)

In the same way, because of our fallen human nature we can easily identify with what we hear in the Gospel today. A man approaches Jesus and commands, "Teacher tell my brother to share the inheritance with me" Jesus replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then He said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Let's be honest. How often do our requests of our Lord begin like this man's. "Hey Jesus, you are capable of doing great things and you came for my benefit, right? Well, this is what I want...tell those around me to submit to my desires, so that I can get what I want.' Now to be sure, we may not use those words exactly, but the intent is similar. We TELL Jesus what we want, and we TELL him to give it to us.

Jesus response to the man and to us is, "Who appointed me as YOUR judge and arbitrator?" I work for the Father on your behalf, because I bring you what you cannot obtain on your own. I am not here to do your bidding in matters that pertain to material goods. For that I gave you an intellect and freedom of will. My concern and jurisdiction is over an aspect of your life that you are powerless to obtain or effect. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Your true life consists rather in the things that are of God. Concern yourself with those, for this is the reason for which I have come. To afford you the treasure of Grace needed to live life fully in the Father's Kingdom -This is my Father's concern and thus it is mine. Of these matters I AM your Mediator. Through my mediation, that is my Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, I have obtained for you all that you need to be rich. And concerning those things, I provide for you eternally and superabundantly, by my eternal Mediation as Your Eternal High Priest.

Seek your true inheritance from me . Your inheritance to share in my Divine Life as my adopted brother or sister and therefore an adopted son or daughter of the Father. And then as legitimate sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father you will be entitled to your true inheritance, that is, to live eternally in the household that the Father has lovingly prepared for you from all eternity.

That inheritance I gladly will sort out to you. I already have secured it for you. It is up to you, now, to do what is required to share in that inheritance. Seek what is from above, put to death that which is earthly. "Take care to guard against all greed, for though you may be rich, your life does not consist of possessions"

Love Fr. Rich

Stewardship is a way of life

THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS		
July 28 th	Week 5	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,738	\$55,067
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$66,346

Welcome to Preston Dibble!

This weekend marks my first here with you at Our Lady of Sorrows as Director of Music and Organist and I could not be more excited to join your parish community! I would like to thank Fr. Brian for his warm welcome and offer heartfelt thanks to my friend and colleague Glenn Devitt for his welcome and counsel over the past several weeks in showing me the ropes of the music ministry and parish community here. I come to you from nearby Montclair where I have served the past 14 years and from my native Pittsburgh prior to that.

Earlier this summer, I had the opportunity to present to a group of organists at the National Pastoral Musicians annual convention on the topic of hymn playing. I shared with them my belief that despite all of the great repertoire for the organ that can be played, for me as a pastoral musician, one of the most fulfilling experiences is leading an assembly in the robust singing of the Church's song. It is guite thrilling! As Fr. Brian wrote so eloquently in his article last weekend, music is an integral component of Liturgy, not an optional add on. Good music, done well, raises the Liturgy to heights that words alone cannot. This coupled with transformational and varied choral music is the basis of a diverse and complete music ministry. Our Lady of Sorrows is very blessed to have had its worship raised to new heights for many years already and I look forward to continuing that tradition and carrying it even further.

I hope to meet all of you soon and to get to know the parish community here and I look forward to singing the Church's song with you!

Facebook

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

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 <u>Saturday, October 26</u>. 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.

Reflections of Catechism

549 By freeing some individuals from the earthly evils of hunger, injustice, illness and death, Jesus performed messianic signs. Nevertheless he did not come to abolish all evils here below, but to free men from the gravest slavery, sin, which thwarts them in their vocation as God's sons and causes all forms of human bondage.

13th of the Month Club

Meeting will be on sat 8/4 at 10:30 in kateri. Everyone welcome! No registration required! Only your love of Virgin Mary is needed.

Think About It

One of the "Catholic social teaching" is "The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers" (Work for the Common Good) Pope John XXIII defined the common good as "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily" (*Pacem in Terris* 55). This good is *common* because only together as a community, and not simply as isolated individuals, is it possible to enjoy, achieve, and spread this good. All people are obligated to work towards making the common good a greater reality. Sandra Carless; Peace and Justice Committee

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.

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019

People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

- 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta & Abramo Families
- 10:00 AM Mario & Mary Inguaggiato
- 11:30 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family & Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2019

 7:00 AM Christiana Oshogwe, Fred Uzzi & Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Margaret Higgins

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019

- 7:00 AM Bernard W. Peach
- 12:00 PM Nancy D'Amico

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019

7:00 AM Anton Delia

5:30 PM

12:00 PM Evelyn Costello Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2019

7:00AM	Robert E. Antinozzi Special Intention
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Degnan Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2019

7:00AMAgnes & George Blair12:00 PMFernando Gomez

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

8:30 AM Rosemary Milanaik 12:00 PM Fernando Gomez

VIGIL MASS AUGUST 10, 2019

5:30 PM Helen Bell

- SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019
- 8:00 AM Margaret Moran10:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased11:30 AM People of the Parish

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: *Joseph Delaney & Jeanne Clapp Strombelline*. 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 100 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.

<u>Music Ministry</u>

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, Ralph Coccia and Deacon John Inguaggiato.



Stewardship is a way of life

