



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

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August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

A Message from Fr. Andrew

Five years ago, I had an opportunity to go to El Salvador for a mission trip with Fr. Gino. I remember the whole visit being so grace-filled. We could meet Christ, who was vividly present among the people with such pure and pious hearts. Their child-like heart, despite the challenging reality they were living in inspired and touched our hearts.

Toward the end of the visit, one of the local priests invited us to go on a hike. He thought bringing us to the beautiful natural treasure of El Salvador to thank us would be a great way to conclude our mission trip. So we went, trusting in his words that it was an easy beginner's hike. It turns out that what he would define as a "beginners' hike" was very different from what we would describe as a beginners' hike. We hiked the mountain called Volcano Santa Ana, which is about 8,000 ft, the second-highest mountain in El Salvador. It was doable, but not a "beginners' hike", at least for me! Stiff and rocky hills without many trees, as we got closer to the summit, made it more difficult to finish the hike under the sizzling heat.

However, once we got to the summit, I could not believe my eyes. The word "Beauty" doesn't do it justice to what I have seen up there. The sight of the masterpiece of nature created by God at 8,000 feet above sea level was beyond words. If you get a chance, please take a few seconds to look it up on Google. The struggle of the hike was all worth it. I almost teared up at the magnificence of nature, the very fingerprint of our God.

Apostles climbed up the mountain with Jesus. Mountains usually have significance in sacred scripture because it was considered a place closer to the presence of God, and because mountains were often the place where God's redemptive plans were revealed. It doesn't surprise us that Jesus led some of His disciples up to the mountain to show them what their future will look like - to live eternally in a glorified body after their resurrection.

Christ knew they would suffer greatly because of the persecutions waiting ahead of them. Even for a brief moment, they needed to taste what would come after persevering through the storms of persecution because that consoling memory would give them hope despite the reality of losing their beloved sheep due to the persecution. Let's again remember that their sight of Jesus' glorious transfiguration happened on top of the mountain after the hike.

Perhaps, the story of this Sunday's Gospel is a shortened version of each one of our long stories called the journey of life with God. It's like a hike. We struggle to finish our hike up to the mountain. Sometimes we fall and scratch our skins, sometimes the consolation of cool breeze surrounds us, and sometimes, the heat almost drops us down. However, at the end of the hike, once we reach the summit, we will be so moved by what surrounds us: the sight of the glorious magnificence of heaven, living with God forever!

We can always think about what is waiting for us at the end of our journey before every hike we take, thinking that it will all be worth it. So perhaps, this week's invitation to us from God is persevering through our hike up to heaven, where we will meet Jesus waiting for us. We just have to remember to keep hydrating ourselves with the freshwater: the Church and all the Sacraments she offers us.

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

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Collection	\$11,604	\$56,363
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$60,133
Repairs and Maintenance \$10,235		
Food Pantry \$591		
Candles \$252		

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Please remember OLS in your estate plan. No matter how large or small, every gift will help sustain the Parish for generations to come. A gift in your will is an excellent way to support one of our many ministries.

Rosary Society News:

We will gather on Tuesday, August 8th in the lower chapel to pray the rosary from 7:00-7:20 pm. If you are on vacation, please join us in spirit. There is NO meeting afterwards.

Christian Initiation Highlights

Seven new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Emerson Jeemin Valentina Manfre, Hannah Brooke Balice, Lyla Ann Fosselman, Anileyna Joan Valencia, Luci Zahran Warehime, Lilia Marie Charvet and Nicholas James Cockerham. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, August 27, 2023.

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

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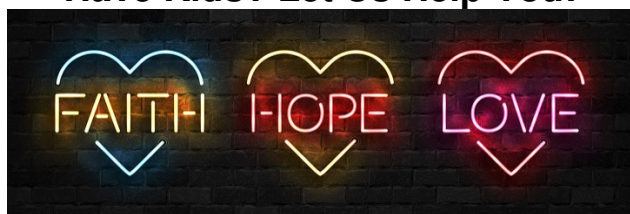
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- * Drink plenty of water before and after donation





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.

Farewell to Fr. Ultan

Sadly, this is the last weekend at OLS for Fr. Ultan Naughton, the Irish priest who has been with us the last month on his summer holiday. It has been a true joy for the priests in the Rectory to have Fr. Ultan as a guest. And we are sure that those of you in our congregation who have met Fr. Ultan or been present at any of the Masses that he celebrated here, will miss his presence among us. We wish God's blessings upon him and we pray that he will return to us someday soon!

Fr. Ultan, we offer you this prayer:



May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen.

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VIGIL, SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2023

5:30 PM Walter Wiggins

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Ernesto Deza

11:30 AM Nancy D'Amico

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Stefan Sikorski

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

7:00 AM Robert Antinozzi – Special
Intention

12:00 PM Edward Silliere

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

7:00 AM Agnes and George Blair

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Kathrine Soriano

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

7:00 AM People of the Parish

12:00 PM Margaret Moran

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Pizzillo
and Ferrace Family and Friends

12:00 PM Dulce M. Bolivar-59th Anniversary

VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

5:30 PM Brian Beckett

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePaula,
Deehan and Salvante Family

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM George Evans

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Vincent McNany, Timothy Barrett, and Lillian M. Smit**. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. 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.

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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