

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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If you are
humble nothing
will touch you,
neither praise
nor disgrace,
because you
know what
you are.

Mother Teresa

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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September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

A Message From Fr. Brian

During the American Revolutionary War, a man in civilian clothes rode past a group of soldiers who were busy pulling out a horse carriage stuck in deep mud. Their officer was shouting instructions to them while making no attempt to help. The stranger who witnessed the scene asked the officer why he wasn't helping out. With great indignation, the officer replied, "Sir, I am a Corporal!"

And so the stranger dismounted from his horse and proceeded to help the exhausted soldiers himself. When the job was completed, he turned to the corporal and said, "Corporal, next time you have a job like this, just let your commander-in-chief know and I'll be happy to help." It was at that point that the proud Corporal recognized the humble General George Washington. Our 1st President was indeed a humble man.

This Sunday's readings challenge all of us to be truly humble. I suspect that humility was one of Our Lord's favorite virtues, if not His favorite. Jesus loved the simple, the meek, the unpretentious, the sincere, humble person. In fact, on nearly every page of the Gospels, we see the divine preference for the humble: the sick over the healthy; the poor over the rich; the sinner over the unrepentant; children over adults. All examples of Christ's preference for the humble. But why – why exactly – is humility so prized by Jesus?

It's because His mission as our Redeemer was to save us from the opposite of humility – pride. It was pride that caused the fall of Lucifer, one of the greatest of the angels and it was pride that caused our first parents Adam and Eve to believe that they could get along just fine without God. *Pride*. St. Augustine said, "It was pride that caused the Fall...if you ask me what are the ways back to God, I would tell you the first is humility, the second is humility, the third is humility..."

It's humility that makes us get down on our knees and pray, to go to Confession, to confide in friends, to seek support from others, to admit that we need help – both divine and human. So, how do we acquire the humility that we hear about in this Sunday's readings?

The first and best tool in acquiring humility is prayer. There's an old saying that the two most important lessons in life are: first, there is a God; second, I am not He! Prayer puts us on our knees, it acknowledges our dependence on Someone other than ourselves. Prayer is submitting ourselves to that Someone who is greater than us. That submission to God humbles us. It grounds us.

Another way to grow in humility is by putting others before ourselves. Instead of being so focused on *me*, focus on others. Humbly admit that we're not the center of the universe, that the world doesn't revolve on us. We humble ourselves by thinking about the needs of others more than our own needs.

We can also win the crown of humility through knowing ourselves, knowing our weaknesses, our frailty, our faults. Winston Churchill was once asked, "Doesn't it thrill you to know that every time you make a speech, the hall is packed to overflowing?" Churchill replied: "It's quite flattering. But whenever I feel that way, I always remember that if instead of making a political speech I were being hanged, the crowd would be twice as big." Self-knowledge, reminding ourselves that we're not perfect, humbles us.

So: prayer, placing others before ourselves, and self-knowledge: three of the keys to conquering pride and living a life of humility.

Our readings today say it all. From our first reading from Sirach: "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God."

And the words of Jesus: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Blessings,



Stewardship is a way of life

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THE SACRAFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

August 25 th	Week 9	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,499	\$103,991
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$119,423

Bible Study

Our Study of the Catholic Faith in the Theological Tradition of the Church will begin on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

Holy Hour

Our Holy Hour will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Upper Church.

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

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 was open on Monday, August 26th. Anything over 3 masses please prepare a list to leave with our receptionist.

Reflections on Catechism

2706 To meditate on what we read helps us to make it our own by confronting it with ourselves. Here, another book is opened: the book of life. We pass from thoughts to reality. To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

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

Think About It

Sometimes darkness has its hour and there is nothing we can do to stop it. Sometimes the blind, wounded forces of jealousy, bitterness, violence, and sin cannot, for that moment, be stopped.

But, like Mary under the cross, we are asked to "stand" under them, not in passivity and weakness, but in strength, knowing that we can't stop the crucifixion but we can help stop some of the hatred, anger, and bitterness that surround it.

And, in this way, we help take away the sins of the world and continue to bring Jesus's saving death to the world.— Ronald Rolheiser
Sandra Carless; Peace and Justice Committee

2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal

The 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$43,045 already pledged. This is approximately 53% of our goal of \$80,516. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish, *Our Lady of Sorrows*, a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

Thank you for your support.

SAVE THE DATE for the October Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Host Week

Please mark your calendar for the next Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week: October 13 to 20. Sign-up sheets will be available in the church vestibule next weekend—September 7 and 8. We need volunteers in a variety of ways: preparing meals, shopping for the week, setting up and breaking down the living space, spending time with the families, staying overnight, and helping with laundry. For more information, please contact Anna Nelson at:

annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136 or Liz Petroccia at: lizpetroccia@msn.com or 973-763-4053.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry

Please join us for our first meeting of the fall on Saturday, September 7, at 10:00 A.M. in the lower church.

"We gather here because we stand for life. We gather here because we stand for compassion. We gather here because we believe as our founders did because we believe all of us, born and unborn, are endowed by our creator with certain inalienable rights and first among these rights is the right to life." — Vice President Mike Pence, March for Life 2019

We're on social media! Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/olsprolife](https://www.facebook.com/olsprolife) or on Instagram @olsprolife.



South Orange Maplewood

Welcome & Welcome Back!

We are all excited to begin the 2019-2020 Youth Ministry Year. We look forward to your involvement as a volunteer, Youth Leader, or Confirmandi.

- ❖ Any Junior or Senior in Our Lady of Sorrows or St. Joseph's interested in becoming a leader should attend the Youth Group meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in St. Joseph's Hall. The first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 11th. Applications will be available that night for new and returning leaders.
- ❖ There is a mandatory parent meeting for incoming Freshman Parents of both Sorrows and St. Joseph's on Wednesday, September 25th at 8:00pm in the Chapel in the lower church of Our Lady of Sorrows.
- ❖ Youth Group Officially begins for all on Sunday, September 22nd, in the lower church of Our Lady of Sorrows from 7:30-9:00 PM (drop-off at 7:25 and pick up at 9:00)
- ❖ Youth Group registration is available online – just use the following link: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-3897414/>

If you need to reach Chris Kaiser, our SOMA Catholic Youth Minister, he can be reached via email caugustkaiser@gmail.com or cell at (862) 216-1885. To reach the office, please call Colleen McDonald at (973) 763-5454 or email her at: sorrowschurch@gmail.com.

Parish Bulletin

A reminder that if you are ever away, you can always read our weekly parish Bulletin on our parish website at: www.olschurch.com. Simply click the link for "Bulletin"



SATURDAY, 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 In Thanksgiving for Bernadette
Ezuduemoih & Family & Souls in
Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

9:00 AM Ronald Dombrowski – Happy
Birthday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

7:00 AM Patrick & Cecilia Isekenegbe &
Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Thanksgiving for Bernadette
Ezuduemoih and Family & Souls in
Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

7:00 AM Lisa Csedrik Special Intention
12:00 PM Dorothy Iantosca Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

7:00AM Annie & Joseph Degnan Special
Intention
12:00 PM Gloria Colon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

7:00AM Bridget Milewski
12:00 PM Gloria Colon

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan
12:00 PM Mark Prial

VIGIL MASS SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

8:00 AM Bridget Milewski
10:00 AM Margaret Higgins
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta
& Abramo Families

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, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag and Beth Hebron.



Don't Delay - Register for CCD Today

New and returning families are encouraged to register now for CCD classes and the OLS homeschooling program. Monday CCD classes begin September 23rd from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for students in Kindergarten through Grade 6; and 7:00 - 8:30 pm for students in Grades 7 and 8. Please note, this year we are also offering a Monday afternoon class for 7th graders with limited enrollment. Tuesday CCD classes begin on September 24th from 3:45 - 5:15 pm for students in Grades 1 through 6.

The online registration form can be accessed via the parish website: www.olschurch.com. Simply click on the "Religious Education" tab at the top of the home page or type the following into your computer's browser: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-3676671>. Payment may be made via credit card or bank transfer. Standard pricing ends on September 15th. Please note, no child will be refused acceptance into our program due to financial hardship. Any family who would like to request financial assistance or to set up a payment plan should contact Colleen McDonald at sorrowschurch@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x285.

If you have any questions regarding CCD registration, please contact Jen Noll at jennollols@gmail.com or 973-763-5454 x235.

Attention Parents of Rising First Graders

Is your child entering first grade this fall? If so, please note that the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist are received in the second year of religious education, generally in second grade. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that children must have two years of religious education before receiving these sacraments. So, don't delay, register your child for CCD today and start him or her on the road leading to Christ in the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist.

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 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 or 973-763-5454 ext. 235. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Please join us for our Parish Picnic!



**Sunday
September 8**

12:30-
5pm

\$10 per person
\$20 for couples/
families

Please RSVP

Call or email
Michelle Dixon
617-283-1718
medixon8@gmail.com



Details

Games and activities for children
Burgers, hot dogs, and fried chicken
will be supplied by the Parish. The Parish
will supply water, soda, coffee.
BYOB.

We ask attendees to bring a dish according to the following:

Last name beginning with A-H: appetizers
Last name beginning with I-Q: side dishes
Last name beginning with R-Z: desserts