

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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September 15, 2019
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator

"I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry." (1 TM 1:12) Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the 3rd Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday" - a day on which we come together as both a parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our parish family. The Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday as part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children.

For those of us in the catechetical ministry then, Paul's words in today's Second Reading seem to take on additional significance as we celebrate both Catechetical Sunday and the upcoming start of a new CCD year. We are indeed grateful to have heard the call from God to share the gift of our faith with others as part of this special ministry in the Church, because sometimes in the midst of our frenetic-paced lives packed with obligations, it's difficult to hear God speaking to us in the quiet of our hearts asking *us* to use *our* gifts to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (MT 28: 19) Many people seem to be waiting for an angelic apparition, a burning bush, thunder and lightning, or a mighty wind...

But God's style is often much more subtle. You are more likely to hear His voice whispering to you in the quiet of your office as you scroll through your emails and see a request for help. Or in the small voice of a child who looks up at you and says how much she wishes that *you* could be her teacher. Or in the silence of the church as you read through the bulletin and think, "Could *I* really do that?"

If you are at that point where you are discerning a call to any ministry of the church, remember, that you are but one in a long line of self-doubters. Abraham thought he was too old. Moses was certain that he didn't speak very well. Jeremiah felt he was too young. Isaiah protested that he was a man of unclean lips. And then there is poor Jonah: Mr. Anybody Else! God doesn't always call when it is convenient and He doesn't always call asking you to do something easy - but He does call. And for that we are grateful.

Those of us called to the catechetical ministry are tasked with not just teaching a subject but rather to facilitate an encounter with Jesus Christ. As such, the theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "*Stay with Us*" based upon the invitation offered Jesus by the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35) If we want the next generation of Catholics to open their hearts to Christ and continue to "stay with" the Church, we need more people to hear the call to the catechetical ministry.

CCD classes start the week of September 23rd and there are still many ways both large and small for you to become a part of our mission to facilitate that encounter with Christ. If you think you might be hearing a call to help others "Stay with Us", please contact me at jennollols@gmail.com. If you aren't sure about whether or not you are really being called but would like to explore the possibility more fully, I urge you to join us at our upcoming "Vocation of a Catechist" workshop being held at OLS on Saturday, October 5th.

On behalf of our parish, we give thanks to Christ for all the catechists and parents who have been strengthened by their appointment to this important ministry. Best wishes for a wonderful catechetical year.

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

September 8 th	Week 11	Y. to Date
Collection	\$13,974	\$129,322
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.

October Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Host Week

Volunteer sign-up sheets are now available in the church vestibule for the next Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week: October 13 to 20. 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.

OLS Peace and Justice Committee Meeting Reminder

The first fall meeting of the OLS Peace and Justice Committee will be next **Sunday, September 22 at 11 am** in the lower church. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Anna Nelson at annanelson202@gmail.com or 973-378-3136

Facebook

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

Live Mass Broadcast

Please tune into Seton Hall Pirate Radio WSOU 89.5 FM to hear Our Lady of Sorrows 10:00 am Mass on Sundays.

Several Sources

Several Sources Shelters has four (4) prolife shelters for mothers who seek to give God's blessed gift of life to their children. They will ask parishioners for assistance next weekend, **Sept. 21-22, 2019**. A representative from Several Sources will speak at the Masses. We can help save the life of a child. Jesus said of children, "Their angels do behold the Face of God in heaven daily." Can you be a child's earthly Guardian Angel? Please assist with their work.

Reflections on Catechism

2795 The symbol of the heavens refers us back to the mystery of the covenant we are living when we pray to our Father. He is in heaven, his dwelling place; the Father's house is our homeland. Sin has exiled us from the land of the covenant, but conversion of heart enables us to return to the Father, to heaven. In Christ, then heaven and earth are reconciled, for the Son alone "descended from heaven" and causes us to ascend there with him, by his Cross, Resurrection, and Ascension.

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

Electronic Parish Giving

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site (www.olschurch.com). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office. Please know that it may take a month or two for the envelopes to stop coming.**

SURVIVING DIVORCE: A 3 DAY RETREAT:

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a three day retreat for the separated/divorced. Each day features DVD sessions that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and much more. The itinerary includes video presentations and small group discussions. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families who witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives.

Sessions run Saturday mornings on Sept 28, Oct 26 & Nov 16 between 9am to 1pm at OLBS, 28 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068. Each session will cover different topics & discussions. Cost to attend is \$20 including study guide & food. To register online:

<https://conta.cc/31gcKqr> or contact Lauren Tamara at Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org or 973-497-4327.

SOMA

Our Lady of Sorrows St. Joseph
Youth  Ministry

**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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

5:30 PM Walter & Stasia Borowicz

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

8:00 AM Rosarians Living & Deceased
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Carolyn Peter Boring 1st Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

7:00 AM Bridget J. Milewski
12:00 PM John Bryson Degnan Special Intention

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

7:00 AM Michael McDonough
12:00 PM Robert E. Antinozzi Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

7:00 AM George J. Lair
12:00 PM In Thanksgiving for the Immaculata & Immanuele Ngwu Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

7:00AM Daniel Mortimer Sullivan
12:00 PM Jean Lundy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

7:00AM Edward Kelleher
12:00 PM Frank Sullivan 15th Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

8:30 AM Norma Hermann
12:00 PM Anthony Iantosca

VIGIL MASS SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

5:30 PM John Michael Kirk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

8:00 AM Joan Scicutella
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Macaluso
Miserendino & Mancuso Families
11:30 AM People of the Parish

In Sympathy Of

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: **Dale Marshall**. 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 **Jean Lundy**. Requested by Edith Calixte.

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

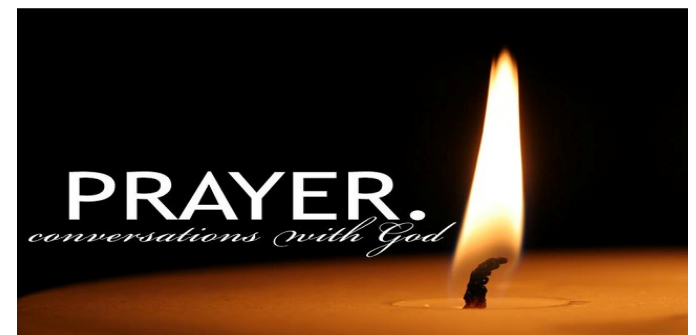
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

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, George Richmond Files Jr., Anthony Torsiello 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.

The Parish Staff

Rev. Brian X. Needles, Administrator
Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Peter Okafor, Priest in Residence
Deacon John M. Inguaggiato
Deacon Walter Wiggins
Sr. Mary Selina McHugh, S.C.C., Pastoral Associate
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Jennifer Noll, Catechetical Coordinator
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OLS School Pre-K and K-8

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Nursery

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