



# *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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*September 17, 2023*

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## *A Message from Fr. Andrew*

Friday the 15th was the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, the patronal feast of our parish. So, I want to invite all of us to meditate on the love of our Mother, who loves us so much to the extent of embracing all the sufferings she was called to embrace. She did it for every one of you, and me.

The Scripture tells us that the Blessed Mother suffered no birth pangs as She was giving birth to our Lord. She was conceived without any stain of original sin; therefore, she did not suffer one of the physical consequences of original sin recorded in Genesis: birth pangs. However, she experienced birth pangs in a very special way throughout Her life, while helping her Son give birth to the Church, especially at the moment of the Crucifixion. All the sufferings she embraced with faith as the Mother of God and the Church were indeed birth pangs and so painful.

The ancient tradition says St. Joseph died during Jesus' teenage years before His public ministry. Losing a wonderful husband who was so holy, humble, and prayerful must have been one of the saddest days in Her life, as it meant losing Her beloved companion and the best friend in Her journey. No one else had understood the cross of Her life as the mother of God as much as Christ and St. Joseph did.

Having no room to give birth to her son, fleeing to Egypt to avoid bloodthirsty King Herod's massacre, mockery of the villagers, being widowed, letting her Son leave the house for His public ministry, embracing the loneliness at her house in Nazareth, witnessing the tormenting death of her Son and burying Him, finally, waiting the rest of Her lifetime to see her Son in heaven after His ascension, while having no one around who could fully understand her sufferings. The list could go on.

At times, we think about how tough our life could get and that there isn't really anyone around us who would understand what we go through. Whether it be physical, mental, or spiritual sufferings we experience, it is important to constantly remind ourselves that there is someone who went through it all so we can always have her sitting right next to us to lend her shoulder for us to lean on. Her name is Mary. Being our Mother, she cries more than us when we cry. She is a kind and gentle Mother full of compassion, as she has gone through so many pains throughout her life. God likes to use broken hearts to heal other broken hearts since the best instruments of healing are the people who know how painful it is to live on with brokenness.

The simple words "Mom, I am tired. Could you come hold my hands?" are enough for her to fly near us and embrace us. We all have the greatest Mother we could ask for. Why not seek her help and consolation? She is waiting right next to us. All we need to do is turn our heads to her, for she will never leave our side. She is the one who saw Christ taking His first steps as a toddler. Christ too must have fallen countless times as a baby trying to walk for the first time, and Mary must have been joyful to see her Son grow and help Him get up. You and I are always going to be toddlers who will fall so many times on our journey to heaven. We need a mother who helps us and encourages us to keep walking.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

### THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>September 10<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Week 11</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$11,899	\$127,607
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### Please Remember OLS

Thank you for considering OLS in your will. A bequest to the Parish makes a lasting positive change. It is a powerful reflection of the values and principles you treasure. It enables you to create a legacy of love and care for those who most need assistance and it will continue your life's aims beyond your own lifetime.

### Healing Mass

Join us on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Noon Mass as we pray for our sick. If you have a health issue, you can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you know someone near or far and are sick and need prayers write the name in our prayer binder near the holy oils and baptismal font. We will have this book at Mass and will include those people in our prayers. Please come and pray with us.

### OLS Men's Discussion Series

The men of the parish are invited to a monthly discussion series that will focus on a man's role in society, the family, and his own faith. We will meet on the following dates at 7:30 pm in the Lower Chapel.

- Tuesday, Sept. 26: Catholic Masculinity
- Tuesday, Oct. 24: Fatherhood
- Tuesday, Nov. 28: Brotherhood
- Monday, Dec. 11: Sacramental Life

All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Lou Budzyn: [kc303@gmail.com](mailto:kc303@gmail.com).

This Discussion Series is sponsored by the OLS Knight of Columbus Regina Pacis (Queen of Peace) Council.

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### CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Boys and Girls in Grades 1–12 who are registered students in the OLS CCD program are invited to play CYO Basketball as part of a shared parish ministry with St. Joseph's in Maplewood. Teams will practice and play games at St. Joseph's Gym from October to March. Registration has begun and will conclude by October 10.

Additional information and registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph's CYO Basketball web site: [www.stjosephscyo.org](http://www.stjosephscyo.org).

Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Athletic Director, at [stjosephcyobb@aol.com](mailto:stjosephcyobb@aol.com), with any questions or to volunteer.

### 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/](http://www.stjosephscyo.org/volleyball/)

## 2023 OLS Rosary Congress October 10-11, 2023



### 24 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration Rosary prayed at the top of each hour

**October 10, 7:00 pm**

Opening Mass

Followed by 24 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Rosary prayed at the top of each hour, from 8:00 pm, Oct. 10 - 7:00 pm, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

Please consider leading the Rosary during one of the hours or committing to spending 1 hour before Our Eucharistic Lord in prayer.

Use the QR code to sign up or visit our parish website to sign-up:  
[www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)

**October 11, 7:00 pm**

Reflection by Fr. Stephen Dufréne, C.F.R.  
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Recitation of the Rosary and  
Litany of the Rosary

Solemn Benediction of the  
Blessed Sacrament



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## Women's Morning Retreat

Saturday, October 7th

8:30 am until 12:30 pm

We will begin our day with Mass in the Upper Church

featuring a reflection by Sister Honora Noltz, OP

Sister Honora Noltz, a Dominican Sister, has dedicated her life to Catholic service. She began her ministry in education, serving as a teacher, principal, and eventually associate superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Brooklyn. She has also worked at RENEW as a presenter, director of pastoral services, director of development, and associate director.

Please RSVP by Sunday, October 1  
to Melanie Chambers at  
[mchambers97@comcast.net](mailto:mchambers97@comcast.net)  
or scan this code with your phone

Admission is \$10 at the door



## Volunteer for Family Promise of Essex County

We will again be supporting families experiencing homelessness for Family Promise of Essex County (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) in October. We need to shop for a list of grocery items for 4-5 families and prepare a meal for each family. The meals and grocery items will need to be brought to Our Lady of Sorrows in the lower church (4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance) the evening of Monday, October 9 or the morning of Tuesday, October 10, and will be delivered to the Family Promise office on October 10. The volunteer roles include:

- Cooks to prepare a meal, or part of a meal, for four to five families.
- Shoppers to buy and donate the requested grocery items for each family.
- Volunteers to help accept and store meals and groceries on Monday evening (October 9) and Tuesday morning (October 10).

We have sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for these roles. Questions? Contact Anna Nelson at [annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com) or 973-477-9546.

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### **VIGIL, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

5:30 PM Stasia and Walter Borowicz

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

8:00 AM Robert Antinozzi – Special Intention  
 10:00 AM People of the Parish  
 11:30 AM Michael McDonough – 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

7:00 AM Malgorzata Szporlak  
 12:00 PM Bob Marquand

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

7:00 AM Eugene Dempsey  
 12:00 PM Patrick and Alyssa Gonzalez –  
 Special Intention

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

7:00 AM Jean and Ted Kubilus  
 12:00 PM Bernadin Etienne

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

7:00 AM Vincent McNany  
 12:00 PM Deceased Members of the DePaola  
 Deehan and Salvante Family

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

7:00 AM Kim Herbert – Special Intention  
 12:00 PM Timothy Barrett

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

8:30 AM Marie Jeanette Georges  
 12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

### **VIGIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

5:30 PM Jean and Ted Kubilus

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
 10:00 AM Thanksgiving  
 11:30 AM Steven Shoemaker

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### **Welcomed Home by God**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Bernice Plesnik**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. 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, Kevin Golding, and Mary Beth Dixon.



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# JOIN US AT OUR NEW FAMILY MASS

**10:00 am**

Every 2nd and  
4th Sunday

**Youth Participants needed once a month as:**

Greeter and Clean-Up Crew (ages 4 and up)

Gift Bearer and Usher (ages 7 and up)

Reader of a Prayer(s) of the Faithful (ages 7 and up)

S. Cecilia Singer or Youth Choir Member (ages 8 and up)

Lector (Confirmation age preferred)

**Questions? Want to volunteer?**  
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## ***The Call of the Catechist***

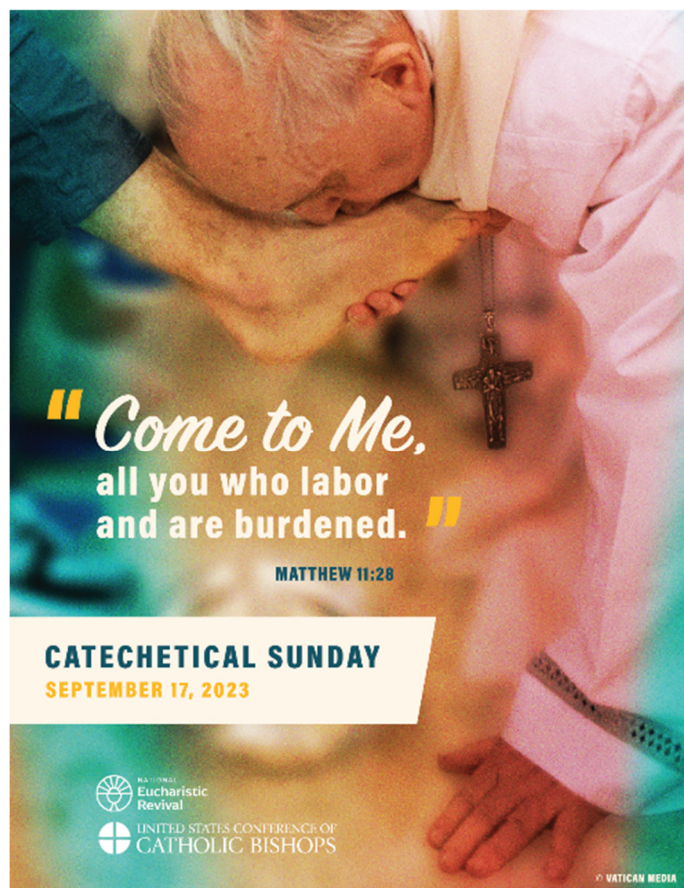
God tends to invite or call us through other people. Think of the invitations that you have received in your lifetime—invitations that have made a difference and perhaps even changed your life. It's possible that an invitation led to a friendship, a new hobby, your present job, your significant other, or choosing to live in the part of the world you do. Thankfully, each year an incredible group of people respond to a call from Christ (and the Religious Education Department) with life-altering potential: to become catechists here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

At the heart of catechetics is an invitation. It's an invitation to the children of our parish to let Christ into their minds and hearts - and thus into their entire lives. Because invitations are powerful. They make the invitee feel special, affirmed, honored, wanted, accepted, noticed, part of a relationship, and part of something bigger than themselves. And, yes, personal invitations can change lives, because they can change the way we think and feel about ourselves and others. That means they serve as a critical tool in the process of conversion, which is the call to change how we think, feel, and act.

This year's Catechetical Sunday theme is all about invitation: *"Come to me all you who labor and are burdened."* (Matthew 11:28)

Jesus personally invites us to follow him, and he promises that he will not add to our burdens. Rather, he will lighten them. This invitation, which catechists extend to others, is life-changing.

Please keep our catechists in your prayers throughout the upcoming school year - but particularly this weekend as the Church marks Catechetical Sunday. May our catechists continue to hear the Lord's invitation to follow him more closely; may their burdens be lightened; and may they always make it a priority to invite others to follow Christ more closely through their evangelizing catechesis.



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