



# *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

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***September 18, 2022***  
***25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

### *A Message from Fr. Brian*

You may have heard about the clever pastor who was approached by two men who offered him a considerable amount of money to do their brother's funeral. The problem was that the deceased was a notorious criminal and his brothers (also notorious criminals) stipulated that in his homily the priest had to refer to their deceased brother as a saint! So, on the day of the funeral, the priest: "This man was a drunk. He was a cheat. He was a thief and a crook. But in comparison to his brothers, he was a saint!"

We definitely have a shortage of saints in this Sunday's readings, but we do have our fair share of rascals and scoundrels. In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, the prophet Amos thunders against the exploitation of the poor. And then we have the Gospel and the parable of the dishonest steward. This is probably the most confusing of all the parables. It almost seems as if Jesus is praising a crooked business manager, making a hero out of this guy who is so obviously dishonest.

So what's going on here? Well, we need to know first that in Our Lord's day there were many absentee landlords. They would hire a steward or business manager to take care of their farm and their affairs. The central character in this parable is such a steward, who made his living off of commissions that came from people who borrowed various items from the landlord. But the steward was being dishonest in the way he was collecting his commissions, taking a bigger share of the profits for himself than his boss knew and he was mismanaging his master's affairs.

Now Jesus doesn't hold up this dishonest steward as someone whose business practices we should admire or imitate. But He does say that we can learn something positive even from a scoundrel. And so He praises the steward's ingenuity and shrewdness in making the most of a difficult situation.

The steward used his talent, his intelligence, his cleverness to prepare for his future. And that's what Christ wants us to do. Not just in doing business and in conducting our ordinary, everyday affairs, but in building up the Kingdom of God and preparing our souls for eternity.

Christ wants us to use our wit, our intelligence, our abilities, our talents, our ambition, in His service, and in pursuit of our eternal salvation. So, from this story perhaps we could ask ourselves some tough questions. Questions like:

- Are we putting as much effort into growing in holiness as we put into growing our bank account?
- Are we striving as hard to ensure our eternal salvation as we strive to amass more wealth?
- Are we as zealous in providing for needs of the poor as we are in providing for our own needs?
- Are we as focused on making sure that our children and grandchildren learn their Catholic faith as we are focused on their next soccer or basketball game?

Those types of questions make us ask ourselves what sort of commitment we're giving to God, to His Church and to our neighbor. There's nothing wrong with enjoying successful lives here on earth. But Christ reminds us that it's more important to grow in holiness, to build up the Kingdom of God, to serve our neighbor, and to prepare for that day when we'll meet Him face to face.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

| <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Week 11</b> | <b>Y. to Date</b> |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Collection                       | \$13,111       | \$129,222         |
| Budgeted                         | \$11,788       | \$129,667         |

Catholic University of America \$1,079

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**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 four to five families and prepare a meal for each family. The meals and grocery items will need to be delivered to St. Joseph Hall in the lower church the evening of Monday, October 10 or the morning of Tuesday, October 11, and will be delivered to the Family Promise Office on October 11. The volunteer roles include:

- Cooks to prepare and pack 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 donations on Monday evening (October 10) and Tuesday morning (October 11).
- Driver to deliver the meals and grocery items to the Family Promise Office in Montclair between Noon and 1:00 pm on October 11.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles, or have any questions, please contact Anna Nelson at:

[annanelson202@gmail.com](mailto:annanelson202@gmail.com) or 973-477-9546.

In September we'll also have sign-up sheets in the church vestibule for any roles that still need to be covered.

**Facebook**

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

**Congratulations to our 2022 Raffle Winners!**

Congratulations to **Evelyn Fornale** on winning our 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$4,242, **Jennifer Noll** our 2<sup>nd</sup> prize winner of \$1,212 and **Kelly Sullivan** our 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winner of \$606. The winning tickets were pulled at our Parish Picnic. Thank you to everyone that participated. This is the only fundraising we do for the year within the parish and we appreciate everyone's support!

**Picnic Thank You!**

To all who helped to make last Sunday's Parish and School Picnic such a great success, many thanks! Over 260 people registered for the picnic (a record!) and although we had to move the picnic into the gym because of rain, the turnout was still great.

We had a marvelous time and enjoyed wonderful food, fraternity, friendship, and community. It showed that our parish (church and school) is very active, lively, and vibrant!

Without naming names (for fearing of omitting someone), we wish to thank all those who helped out in any way: picnic set-up (the Knights of Columbus); those who cleaned up at the end (lots of helping hands!); the grill masters (4 of the young men in our Youth Group); those who picked up food from ShopRite; the person who picked up all of the hamburgers and hot dogs from Restaurant Depot and who supervised the cooking and grilling; the person who handled all of the reservations; the Youth Group members who entertained our young children; and the musicians who entertained us with great music. Well done by everyone!

**OLS Youth Choir**

OLS Music Ministry's newest addition is a choir specific for those in 9th-12th grades. We had a great first season and we hope to build on that energy this September. Rehearsals are weekly on either Tuesday or Wednesday evenings and the group sings at a couple of 10:00 am Masses each month. Musical styles are varied, with choir members having an active voice in what we sing. Instrumentalists are also welcome. Please contact Preston Dibble for more information!  
[olsmusician@gmail.com](mailto:olsmusician@gmail.com)



## ST. GIANNA PRO-LIFE MINISTRY



### LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS AND INTEREST!

We are planning two major projects, but we need your help to pull them together. After a two-year hiatus, we are seeing an even greater need to increase our efforts to help expectant moms and their families; our ministry could benefit from the volunteering efforts of OLS parishioners. We also want to grow interest in the ministry now more than ever!

Will you prayerfully consider being a volunteer? Contact Elena if you'd like to get involved at [elena.santoliquido@gmail.com](mailto:elena.santoliquido@gmail.com) or 973-902-1296.

- **Baby Bottle Boomerang** – a fundraiser for First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center in Montclair
- **Baby Shower** – would benefit another local pregnancy center, such as Good Counsel Homes or Several Sources

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which at this time we're offering in particular for peace in Ukraine. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

**Please sign up for Our Lady of Sorrows Digital newsletter today! Go to our website main page under news and events.**  
<http://www.olschurch.com>

### CYO BASKETBALL

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 Parish Gym from October to March. Registration has begun and will conclude by October 10.

Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Athletic Director, at [stjosephcyobb@aol.com](mailto:stjosephcyobb@aol.com), with any questions or to volunteer. Additional information and registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph's CYO Basketball web site at [www.stjosephscyo.org](http://www.stjosephscyo.org).

### 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](http://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.**

### Sponsor Certificates: A reminder

To receive a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that **the individual is a registered member of our parish and is a practicing Catholic and have received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

### **OLS Food Pantry**

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates. Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables.

#### **Food donations can be dropped off:**

- **Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00** – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)
- **Saturday: 8:00-6:00** – Church front vestibule
- **Sunday: 8:00-12:00** – Church front vestibule
- ***Please do not leave food at the Rectory.***

Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/> Questions? Email [olspantry@gmail.com](mailto:olspantry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.



### **OLS School Pre-K and K-8**

973-762-5169

[www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org](http://www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org)

### **Nursery**

973-763-4040

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### **Meet Our Staff**

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**Rev. Richard Pfannenstiel**, Priest in Residence

**Rev. Eugenio (Gino) de la Rama**, Priest in Residence

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### **Hospital Privacy**

Privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals to contact parishes if their parishioners are in the hospital. If you or a loved one are going into the hospital and you desire that a priest visit you or your loved one, please call the rectory office and let us know.





### **VIGIL, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022**

5:30 PM Stasia and Walter Borowicz

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Bob Marquand

11:30 AM Edward J. Tierney (E.J.)

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

7:00 AM Joan Pascual - Special Intention

12:00 PM Mae Crimmins

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

7:00 AM Adrian Mompremier - Special Intention

12:00 PM Bernadine Etienne

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

7:00 AM Michelle and Christie Gonzalez - Special Intention

12:00 PM Anthony Iantosca

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

7:00 AM Michael Pallo

12:00 PM Joseph Lanzl

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022**

7:00 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

12:00 PM Jessica LeAndre - Special Intention

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

8:30 AM Protecting Unborn Children

12:00 PM Jerome McElroy

### **VIGIL MASS SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 2022**

5:30 PM Jean and Ted Kubilus

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Deehan Family

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM William Harrington

### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

This week's *Sanctuary Candle* in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Mary Fernandes**. Requested by Joy Fernandes & Family.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

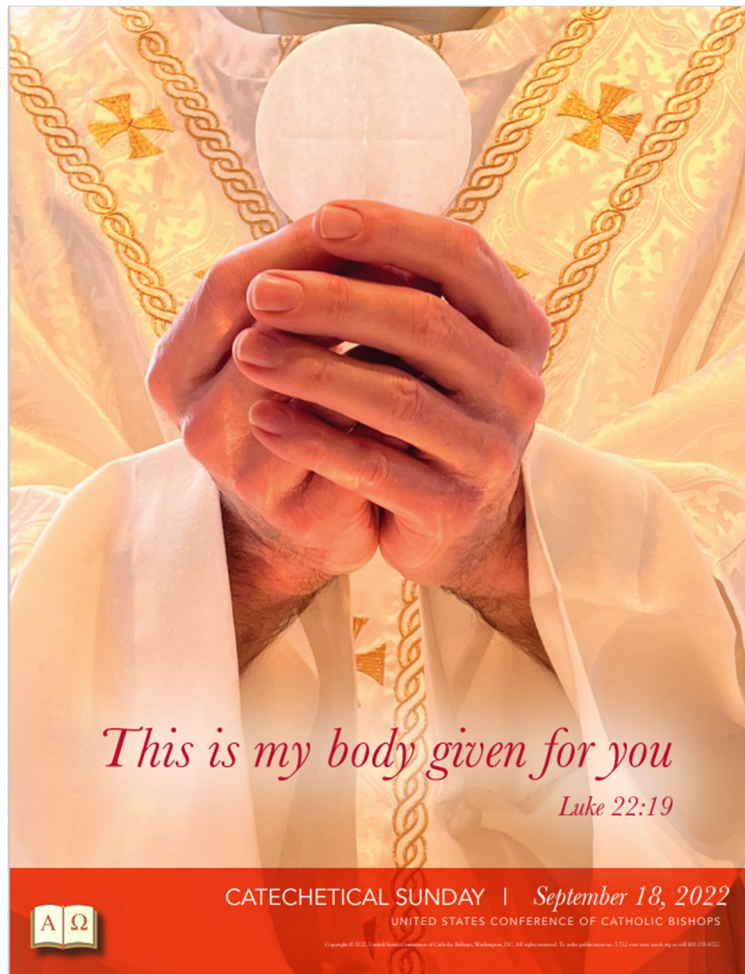
Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

### **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Cathy Craig, Julia Callaghan, Angie Sena, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan, Robert Charles, Jeanie Marucci, Patricia Bee and Elizabeth Mary, Donna T., Roy Bell, Norma Hermann, Mimi Hermann, Jennie Magliaro and Annalise Magilaro.







### **Thank You Catechists!**

In our secular calendar, we celebrate holidays such as Memorial Day, Labor Day, Dr. Martin Luther King Day, and Independence Day as ways of reminding us of people or events that represent the best of our core values: service, selflessness, human rights, freedom, etc. Similarly, in our liturgical calendar, we celebrate special days to remind us of people or events that represent our core spiritual values. On Catechetical Sunday, we call forth and commission those dedicated to the catechetical ministry to remind ourselves of the importance of growing in our relationship with the Lord through faith formation.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is consistent with the current Eucharistic Revival: "This is my body given for you." The parish of Our Lady of Sorrows would like to thank all of the dedicated men and women who have generously committed their time and energy in order to make the Lord known to the children in their care. Best wishes for a great year!

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