



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

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Brian

Most of us have been brought up to believe in the expression, “an honest day’s pay for an honest day’s work.” And so, when we hear this Sunday’s Gospel, the Parable of the Laborers in the Field, we immediately think, “That’s just not right. That’s not fair.” It’s so easy to identify with the grumbling guys in the Gospel who worked from sunup to sundown, in the heat of the day, and then watched in amazement as some slackers who worked for just one measly hour got paid a full day’s wage.

The full-day workers expect to be paid more. And they should get paid more. The guys who worked all day have a good argument. But the parable isn’t really about who should get paid what. The parable isn’t even about the workers. The parable is about the owner. The parable is about God. He is the Divine Employer. The parable is about a God who offers His gift of grace to us, even when we don’t deserve it.

You may have heard the story of John Newton. He was a sailor and eventually became the captain of his own ship – a slave trading ship. And he prospered, gaining great wealth by selling slaves. John didn’t care whether God did or didn’t approve of his business. Then on one of his trips to trade slaves, everything changed. John found religion. Or better yet, religion found John. As he attempted to steer the ship through a violent, deadly storm, he was convinced that all was lost. Just as he thought the ship was going to sink, he surprised himself by calling out, “Lord, have mercy on us.” Just like that, the storm started to let up and the ship was saved from going down.

John reflected on this, and he became convinced that God had spoken to him through the storm. He changed his life and gave himself to God. He got out of the slave business. He immersed himself in the study of theology and he became an Anglican minister. He met a poet named William Cowper and the two of them began collaborating on new hymns. You know one of their hymns very well. The hymn that John Newton wrote is *Amazing Grace: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound. That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.*

How can we think that God would ever be unfair? After all, God saved the life of a slave trader. God brought conversion to a person who had ignored Him for years. Would any of us dare tell God that He was unjust? No, because we’ve all received grace from God, even if not in the dramatic way that John Newton did.

That’s what the Parable of the Laborers in the Field is really about. God’s grace comes to different people at different times and in different ways. Perhaps some of us may feel that we haven’t been the person we could be and should be. Maybe we’re right about that. But we haven’t missed our opportunity. God’s grace is amazing. And even if we think we’re already close to God, there’s still room to grow closer and that’s what God’s grace helps us to do.

Here’s the challenge that Jesus is presenting to us: At some point this week, examine your life in a brutally honest way and ask yourself two questions: 1) What kind of person am I? And 2) What kind of person should I be? Each of us will discover that there is a gap between those two answers. And then we need to have a serious conversation with God and ask Him for His gift of grace so that we – God and us together – can start to close the gap. And so that we can begin to say: *Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.*

Amazing Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

September 17th	Week 12	Y. to Date
Collection	\$10,771	\$138,378
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$144,319

Repairs and Maintenance \$2,420
Food Pantry \$1,021

Thank you for your generosity!

Please Remember OLS

Don't have a will? You are not alone. Now is a great time to start planning and please consider including a bequest to OLS in your estate plans. Bequest funds are vital to ensuring the Parish continues to thrive and minister to our parishioners.

Congratulations to our Ninth 2023 Calendar Raffle Winner!

Congratulations to Tony Georges on winning our 9th of 12 monthly drawing in our calendar raffle. Tony won \$1,500! Tony's ticket went right back into the raffle drum for subsequent monthly drawings. It's certainly not too late to purchase a ticket, which will give you a chance to win one or more of the next 3 drawings. You can download the form from our Eblast or go onto our website olschurch.com and purchase directly. We also have copies of the form in the church vestibule. You can drop the raffle form with a \$120 check into the Sunday collection. Our next drawing is October 15th. Good luck to everyone!

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. 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.

Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Athletic Director, at 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/

Calling all runners!

The Sisters of Christian Charity will be holding their 10th annual Run for a Nun 5K on October 14, 2023 at Natirar Park in Peapack, New Jersey. Registration and check-in will begin at 8:30 AM. For more information, to register, make a donation, or become a sponsor, please go to: www.sccus.org/runforanun Proceeds from this event go to the education of our Sisters. We are so grateful for your support and 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 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 (4th 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 or 973-477-9546.

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. 11th

October 11, 7:00 pm

Reflection by Fr. Stephen Dufrene, C.F.R.
Franciscan Friar of the Renewal

Recitation of the Rosary and
Litany of the Rosary

Solemn Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament

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:
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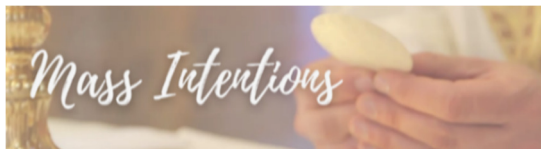
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VIGIL, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

7:00 AM Patrick Andre - Special Intention
12:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

7:00 AM Ed Bury
12:00 PM Guillermo Sanchez - 20th
Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

7:00 AM Steven Carpenter
12:00 PM Fr. Andrew Lee - Special
Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

7:00 AM Kathleen M. Howley
12:00 PM Rev. Frederick Miller

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

7:00 AM Mary Theresa Berres
12:00 PM Mary Ellen Rustum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

8:30 AM Mary Theresa Berres
12:00 PM Timothy Hunt

VIGIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

5:30 PM Mary Crawford

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

8:00 AM Ursula Quinn
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Jennifer Bober

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Marie Fisher and Melissa McArthur**. 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, Kevin Golding, and Mary Beth Dixon.



JOIN US



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?
Email olschurchministries@gmail.com

Or scan here!



Woman, what are you looking for?



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 Nolty, OP

Sister Honora Nolty, 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
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Admission is \$10 at the door



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