

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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MASSES: *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 and arrange Communion calls

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

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message From Fr. Brian

The story is told of an old country preacher who had a teenage son. While the boy was at school one day, his father devised an experiment to test his son. He went into the boy's room and placed three objects on his desk: a Bible, a silver dollar, and a bottle of whiskey. The old preacher said to himself, "I'll hide behind the door, and when my son comes home from school this afternoon, I'll see which of the three objects he picks up. If he picks up the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me. If he picks up the silver dollar, he's going to be a businessman, and that would be OK, too. But if he picks up the bottle of whiskey, he's going to become a drunkard." When the boy came home and walked into his room, he saw the three items on his desk. He picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. Then he picked up the silver dollar and slid it into his pocket. Finally, he uncorked the bottle of whiskey and took a big swig. "Lord have mercy," the father whispered to himself, "He's gonna be a politician!"

It's easy to make fun of politicians these days since we presume that they want to have it all and that they don't feel the need to make hard choices. But for the rest of us, a coherent life means having to make good choices. It means having to choose how we live in this world, especially how we decide to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are called to choose the good, the true, and the beautiful. The problem for us is that when temptation presents itself to us, we sometimes choose that which is sinful and evil.

God, in His magnificent and infinite love, created us free, free to choose between good and evil. He wouldn't force His happiness upon us. Instead He took a chance on us. Would we abuse our precious gift of freedom and become slaves to sin? Or would we become His faithful and obedient servants? That was, in a certain sense, God's gamble. We all know that our first parents Adam and Eve abused their freedom and sin entered into the world, along with suffering, sickness, war and a whole host of other disasters that have plagued humanity. And yet, in His love and mercy, God our Father came to our rescue by means of the Death and Resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. But the Cross of Christ will not save us without our cooperation. We must *choose* holiness.

And in choosing holiness, we must resist temptation. This Sunday's Gospel has some pretty graphic language in it. We hear about cutting off of our hands and feet and plucking out our eyes rather than being thrown into Gehenna. What is Jesus teaching us? He's talking about fighting against temptation. He is telling us that whatever comes between God and us, we must get rid of, throw it out, cut it off, sever it.

We can't ever let down our guard down. We have to be ever alert. We're all tempted by Satan and by our own flesh. The apostle Peter therefore tells us to "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil prowls about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith."

This week Jesus tells us to make a choice, to face our demons, our temptations, our sins, to face them head on and to say ENOUGH. I am cutting you out of my life. Be gone. That's not always easy to do. But with courage and perseverance, with the help of the Sacraments, and out of love for Our Lord Crucified, we know that the victory can be ours. Friends, every day is an opportunity for us to choose the good, the true, and beautiful. Every day, we have to make the choice to live in Christ and allow Him to live in us.

Blessings,



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

Sept 19th	Week 12	Y. to Date
Collection	\$12,252	\$ 137,580
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$ 134,148

Food Pantry \$500
Music \$600
Repairs and Maintenance \$1,790

Thank you for your continued support!

**Congratulations to our ninth 2021 Calendar
Raffle Winner!**

Congratulations to Kate Williams on winning our 9th of 12 monthly drawings in our calendar raffle. Kate won \$1,500! Kate's ticket went right back in 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!

Union Catholic is Back to School!

Please pray for our fellow Our Lady of Sorrows Parishioners as they begin their school year at Union Catholic:

Gianni DelSontro	Rory Harrigan
WadnerLuberisse	Maria Maddi
Thomas Maddi	Simone Motley
William Spreeman	Devin Weeda



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Digital newsletter today! Go to our website
main page under news and
events.<http://www.olschurch.com>**

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND TEENS
FOR OLS MUSIC MINISTRY!**

A New Youth Choir (grades 9-12)

Beginning this Fall, we are launching a new choir for teens in the 9th-12th grades. The Youth Choir will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45 pm - 7:30 pm in the downstairs Chapel. They will sing for selected 10:00 am Sunday Masses. All teens are welcome to either sing or play an instrument or both! Vaccination will be required for participation and masking will therefore be optional. Rehearsals begin on October 13.

Please contact Preston Dibble ASAP for more information or to sign up: olsmusician@gmail.com

St. Cecilia Singers (grades 3-8)

Our St. Cecilia Singers for young parishioners in grades 3-8 will resume Thursday afternoon rehearsals from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and continue to sing and play handbells at selected 10:00 am Masses. Given masking requirements and vaccinations not available for our younger parishioners, the St. Cecilia Singers will continue to play handbells only to start this new season, as they did last season. Hopefully they will be able to sing together again soon. Rehearsals begin October 14.

Please contact Preston Dibble ASAP for more information or to sign up: olsmusician@gmail.com

OLS School Pre-K and K-8

973-762-5169

www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org

Nursery

973-763-4040

www.thenurseryatourladyofsorrowsschool.org



Baptism Prep: A chance to learn and reflect

Parents who ask to have their children baptized at OLS are first asked to watch a film about the Sacrament of Baptism and then to answer a few questions. To the question of "Of all the symbols of Baptisms you learned about, which one in particular stood out for you and why?" among the replies we recently received were the following:

- The baptismal candle represents the light of Christ. Jesus is the light that guides every baptized person moving forward. We like that the eternal flame represents faith as well as spreading the light of Jesus in the world.
- The baptismal candle. After being an altar server for many years and witnessing the significance of the Easter candle, it will now hold a more special meaning as my own child's baptismal candle is lit from the Easter candle.
- The color white of the baptismal garment and its connection to purity and a cleansing from original sin.
- Stained glass represents so many different people and tell meaningful stories.

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. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. 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?

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 has received Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.**

CYO BASKETBALL

Boys and Girls in Grades 1-12 and 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 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, 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. Additional adult volunteers are needed to be coaches for some teams.

Volunteers Needed

For many years, Our Lady of Sorrows Church has participated in the annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service of Maplewood and South Orange. Each religious congregation in the two towns is invited to have a member represent it on the Remembrance Committee. Each committee member has a role in developing the annual service and in its goal of educating young people about the Holocaust.

The Committee meets once a month from October to June. The service takes place on a Sunday afternoon in late April or early May. Meetings usually last about 90 minutes. Putting the service together encompasses many elements, and our youth education effort offers many opportunities to use your talents to educate youth about the Holocaust.

As a member of the Committee, you would have the chance to learn more about the Holocaust and to meet Holocaust survivors. You would be working with members of different faiths and would be playing an important part in keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive.

If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Alan Levine at alevine.mustang@gmail.com, or 973-477-9155.

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION



Attention Parents of All Students Celebrating the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist This School Year

Parents of all students in the parish who will be celebrating the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this year are asked to attend one of two upcoming **mandatory** First Reconciliation parent meetings via Zoom. These very important information sessions will provide parents with an overview of the home-based sacramental preparation program used here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Parent resource materials, student workbooks, review sheets and registration forms will be distributed in advance of the meetings at CCD and through the OLS School. At least one parent must attend one of the two following meetings:

Thursday afternoon, September 30, 2021 at 1:00 - 2:15 pm, via Zoom **OR**

Thursday evening, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 - 8:15 pm, via Zoom

All families of our sacramental preparation students should also plan on attending our First Reconciliation Inscription Mass. This Mass will be held at the upcoming *Mass with Children* on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00 am. A First Reconciliation activity will follow in St. Joseph's Hall immediately after Mass.

We look forward to helping your children begin the next important step in their sacramental journeys. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Noll in the Religious Education Department, 973-763-5454 x235 or jennollols@gmail.com.

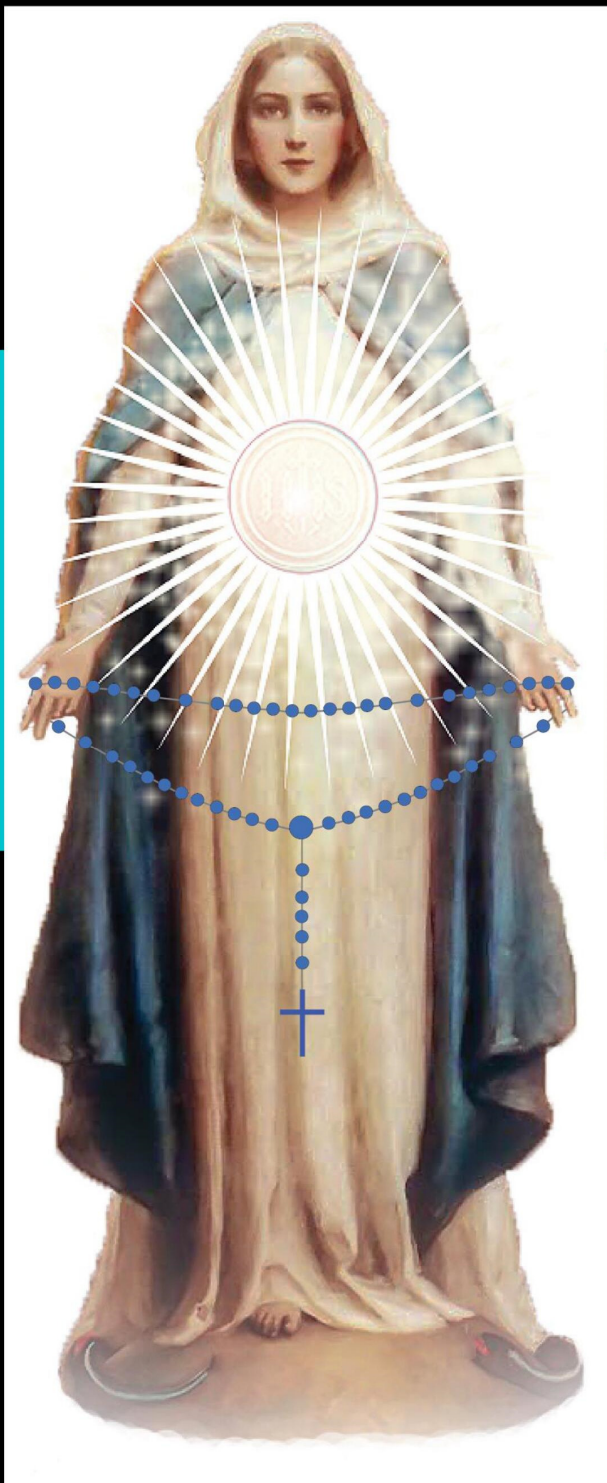


2021 ROSARY CONGRESS

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Begins with Holy Mass on
Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm

Ends with a Benediction on
Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 pm



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Please join us for this year's Rosary Congress.

The 24-hour event begins with Holy Mass, followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament for Adoration and recitation of the Rosary at the beginning of each hour.

Bring to Jesus and Mary your prayers for our Church, our nation, our families, peace and justice, and your own individual intentions.

All are welcome to sit in our beautiful church in prayer during the event, but we also need people willing to commit to one hour of Adoration or leading the Rosary. Please use our Sign-Up Genius at olschurch.com. Contact Lori with any questions at (973)-935-4307.





VIGIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

5:30 PM Walter Wiggins, Sr.

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 26, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Guillermo Sanchez, 18th Anniversary
11:30 AM Antoinette Inguaggiato

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

7:00 AM Mari Tirado
12:00 PM David Durkin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

7:00AM William Haine
12:00 PM John Dilley, III

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

7:00 AM George O'Neill
12:00 PM David C. Durkin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

7:00AM Fr. Brian X. Needles, Special
Intention
12:00 PM Debra A. Flynn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021

7:00 AM Ursula Quinn
12:00 PM Ayoub Family - Special Intention

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

8:30 AM Frank Rados
12:00 PM Harry and Helen Inglis

VIGIL MASS OCTOBER 2, 2021

5:30 PM Thomas Tevlin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Thanksgiving
11:30 AM Maureen Larkin

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 **John Bender**. Requested by the Donald Bender Family.

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, 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, Pat Bendrot, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, and Kyle Reardon.



2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book is now open. You may send in your Mass intention requests by mail. The donation for Masses is \$10 for each one. Please use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket. When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you requested is unavailable. If you require a Mass card, we will mail it to you (please check the box below if you wish to have a Mass card).

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Name of the deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (weekday) _____ ☐ 7:00 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday) _____ ☐ 8:30 am ☐ 12:00 Noon

Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____ ☐ 5:30 pm ☐ 8:00 am
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