

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

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 29, 2019
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

A Message from Fr. Brian

Though we live in a very affluent country, we are still confronted by a very disturbing reality: There are 39 million people living in poverty in our country, and one third of those are children. That's outrageous in a great nation like ours. And it's heartbreaking.

And how much more poignant it makes this Sunday's Gospel. It's a straightforward story, with two central characters. The first is the Rich Man, whom our tradition has called Dives, the Latin word for "rich." Dives would have felt very comfortable living in our present age, for he was incredibly self-indulgent.

The other character in our story is Lazarus, which in Hebrew means "one who is blessed or helped by God," although in the case of this Lazarus, it sure doesn't seem that way. This Lazarus was dirt poor and he was homeless. He survived day to day, living off the leftovers thrown to him by people like Dives. Lazarus would lay in waiting every day at the front gate of the rich man's home, hoping to receive scraps of bread, while the dogs licked at Lazarus' open sores.

But then, as Jesus relates it, one day Lazarus died. And suddenly things were reversed. Lazarus was carried away by angels to Heaven, to enjoy forever a sumptuous banquet. Dives also died. But there would be no banquets for him to enjoy. Jesus tells us that Dives ended up in the netherworld – in Hell. Now the question is: Why did Dives end up in Hell? What was this man's sin?

In answering that question, we should remember: Lazarus doesn't enter Heaven simply because he's poor. Nor is the rich man condemned to Hell simply because he's rich. Neither poverty nor wealth determines our eternal destiny. The sin of Dives was that he was totally self-absorbed and completely blind to the needs of those around him.

We can ask ourselves: How is my eyesight? What do I see? Do my eyes see the pain and brokenness around me, the poverty and the hopelessness, or are they focused only upon my own wants and pleasures? It seems unlikely that anyone of us has another Lazarus at the end of our driveways, waiting for the crumbs from our table. But we're kidding ourselves if we think that there aren't other Lazaruses in our lives. Who are they? Who is lurking outside the front gate of our hearts?

1. Is it the co-worker who is feeling depressed and overwhelmed at work?
2. Is it the teenager who is desperate for just one good word of affirmation or compliment from us?
3. Is it the friend or neighbor who is recently widowed and would welcome a visit from us, who would love to just sit and chat?
4. Is it the unborn child who is waiting to be born into this world?
5. Is it the friend who is dependent upon the crutch of drugs or alcohol and who just needs someone to listen and share the pain?
6. Is it the unpopular person at work or school who just needs a friend?
7. Is it the neighbor who is living in a spiritual vacuum, who is spiritually dead and who needs, yes our prayers, but who also needs us to share with them the joy of our Christian faith?
8. Is it the spouse quietly waiting to be told, "I love you," or "I'm sorry," or "I forgive you?"

If we forget about ourselves, if we open our eyes and take a good look around us, we can find many, many Lazaruses who need our help. Our lives are surrounded by countless people who are living their own form of poverty. Someone is knocking at the front gate of our heart. Let's open up that gate and let everyone in.

Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

September 22nd	Week 13	Y. to Date
Collection	\$9,995	\$152,099
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$172,500



Join us next Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 pm in the parking lot for the blessing of the Animals

October Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Host Week

Volunteer sign-up sheets are still 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.

Men's Retreat Day!

Men of the parish are invited to join us for a day of reflection/retreat on **Saturday, Nov 9, at St Joseph Shrine in Stirling, NJ.** The program will include two presentations, time for private reflection and prayer, Mass, and an opportunity for confession. It will start at 9:00 AM and end around 3:00 PM. Fr Peter Okafor will be our spiritual leader for the day. The event is sponsored by the Wednesday Morning Men's Prayer Group. The cost is \$40.00 and includes a continental breakfast and full hot meal for lunch. Car pooling will be available. For reservations or questions, please contact Len Mrozak (lmrozak@aol.com / 908 872-4968) or Greg Tobin (gmgso@aa.org / 973 818-2547).



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.

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Pro-Life Ministry

40 Days for Life, a nationwide campaign of prayer and fasting, takes place from September 25 - November 3, 2019, from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. in the public right of way across the street from a high-volume abortion center (Pilgrim Medical Center), 396 Bloomfield Ave., in Montclair. Would you prayerfully consider pledging one hour per week at the prayer site for babies in the womb and their families? Can you pray the same day/hour each week? To volunteer, email Lisa Hart at lisa@lifeneducation.org or call her at 973-769-4422.

"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!" — Saint John Paul II

To be part of our ministry or for more info, contact Elena at elena.santoliquido@gmail.com or Katharine at katharinetownsend@hotmail.com.

We're on social media! Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/olsprolife or on Instagram @olsprolife.

Reflections on Catechism

2831 But the presence of those who hunger because they lack bread opens up another profound meaning of this petition. The drama of hunger in the world calls Christians who pray sincerely to exercise responsibility toward their brethren, both in their personal behavior and in their solidarity with the human family. This petition of the Lord's Prayer cannot be isolated from the parables of the poor man Lazarus and of the Last Judgement.



[CYO BASKETBALL](#)

Boys and Girls in Grades 1 – 12 who are registered students in the OLS CCD program or a Catholic School 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.

Additional adult volunteers are needed to be coaches for some teams. Contact Gerry O'Connor, St. Joseph's Parish Athletic Director, at stjosephcyobb@aol.com, with any questions or to volunteer. Additional information can be found on the St. Joseph's CYO Basketball web site at www.stjosephscyo.org

[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.**

[Several Sources](#)

Thanks the generosity of the parishioners here at OLS. They raised \$2507 for their shelters at our Masses last weekend.

[Think About It](#)

The Bible says, 'When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.' Maybe you are in a situation- a relationship or a financial condition-that's not what you want. You can lie down and give up, but when you don't, when you instead offer your best something wonderful is happening inside you that far outweighs what happening outside. Adversity has a way of changing our values and priorities for the better. If we should focus on the obstacle before us, then we're driven by fear. Instead when our focus is on God, we're made alive by faith, wait on the Lord, be of good courage.

Peace and Justice Committee

[Come Adore the Lord](#)

God is always with us, but so often we are not with God. If only for a few minutes, visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar in the chapel downstairs every Monday and Friday from 12:30 till 3:00 pm. At 3pm, the hour of Christ's total abandonment and death on the cross for us we offer Him our love by praying the powerful 10 minute long Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. **Let us put our faith into action!**

[Men's Prayer Breakfast](#)

Would you like to acquire a greater resolution from the Sunday Gospel and Homily? The Men's Prayer Breakfast is the place to be. Join other men every Wednesday morning at 6 a.m. in the lower church. "Let your good spirit lead you to me on a level path" Rise and Shine with the Lord.

[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"



Our Lady of Sorrows School News Learn Serve Lead Succeed

The OLS School year is well underway. Last week we welcomed many teachers and our new Middle School Science teacher, Mrs. Nicola Myrie-Cureton. Our students are looking forward to a fun filled year of hands on learning! The OLS HSA is already busy planning and sponsoring fun events for the kids. The Kona Ice truck payed a visit to the kids on a beautiful sunny day. All the students played and enjoyed their own Kona Ice.

Watch for information on the OLS 2019 Tricky Tray on November 16, 2019 or check our school website for the latest information!



Parents who are interested in sending their children to OLS School (Pre-K, K-8) are encouraged to schedule a **school tour** as soon as possible! Visit www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org or call 973.762.5169. See all that Our Lady of Sorrows has to offer!

Attention Parents of Students Making 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. 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 and review sheets as well as registration forms will be distributed at these meetings. At least one parent must attend one of the two following meetings:

Wednesday evening, October 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Ann Seton Room in the Lower Church **OR** Thursday afternoon, October 3, 2019 at 1:00 pm, Ann Seton Room in the Lower Church

We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd *or* the 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Noll in the Religious Education Department, 973-763-5454 x235 or jennollols@gmail.com.

“Be” All That You Can Be - “Be” a Catechist

In his address at the Congress on Catechesis, Pope Francis noted that one doesn't simply “*work*” as a catechist, one must “*be*” a catechist. Teaching religious education and sharing your faith with others is more than a mere job or volunteer opportunity - it is a calling, a vocation. On Saturday, October 5th OLS will be hosting a Catechist Formation Day for the Archdiocese of Newark from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm for all current catechists, those discerning a possible vocation and any interested parents - particularly those involved in our homeschooling program. The event, more like a mini-retreat, will focus on the importance of personal prayer and reflection, how to lead children in prayer, and how to engage students in meaningful and creative ways to promote spiritual learning. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jen Noll for registration details at 973-763-5454 ext. 235 or jennollols@gmail.com.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

8:00 AM Deceased Members of Guarente & Cerza Families
10:00 AM Elizabeth Cannarozzi
11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette Ezuduemoih and Family & The Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

7:00 AM Athalie Pierre-Louis – In Thanksgiving
12:00 PM Theresa Maloney

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019

7:00 AM Deacon John Baltus
12:00 PM Gloria Santiago

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2019

7:00 AM Lillian Clancy – Special Intention
12:00 PM Bridget Milewski

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019

7:00AM Lillian Clancy – Special Intention
12:00 PM Peter & Patricia Carroll

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019

7:00AM Lillian Clancy Special Intention
12:00 PM Zita Pogany

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

8:30 AM Eric Flanagan
12:00 PM Ellen Powers

VIGIL MASS OCTOBER 5, 2019

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette Ezudumoih & Family & Souls in Purgatory
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusta & Abramo Families
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

IN MEMORIAM

This week's **Sanctuary Candle** in the Upper Church is being offered in loving memory of **Dale Marshall**. Requested by OLS Rosary Society.

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

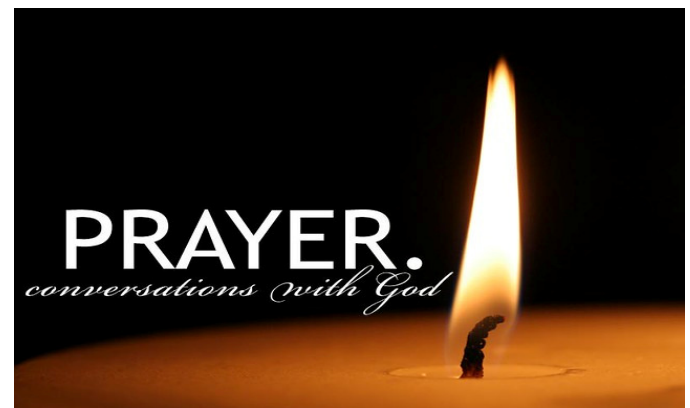
It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or special intention.

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, Sr. Theresia Maria Holtschlag, George Richmond Files Jr., and Beth Hebron.





Our Lady of Sorrows

Rosary Society

Presents

The Annual Communion Breakfast

on

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Following the 10:00 A.M. Mass

at

Essex County Country Club

350 Mt. Pleasant Avenue

West Orange, NJ

Honoring Evelyn Fornale

Catholic Laywoman of the Year

Reservations – OLS Rosary Society Communion Breakfast - October 6, 2019

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

_____ will attend @ \$45.00 per person - Total enclosed _____

(Please list friends and family to sit with on back of form)

Please return the reservation form no later than September 30, 2019 with your check payable to: OLS Rosary Society

Send to: Rose Marie Deehan, 171 Vose Avenue – Apt. 2K, South Orange, N.J.
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