

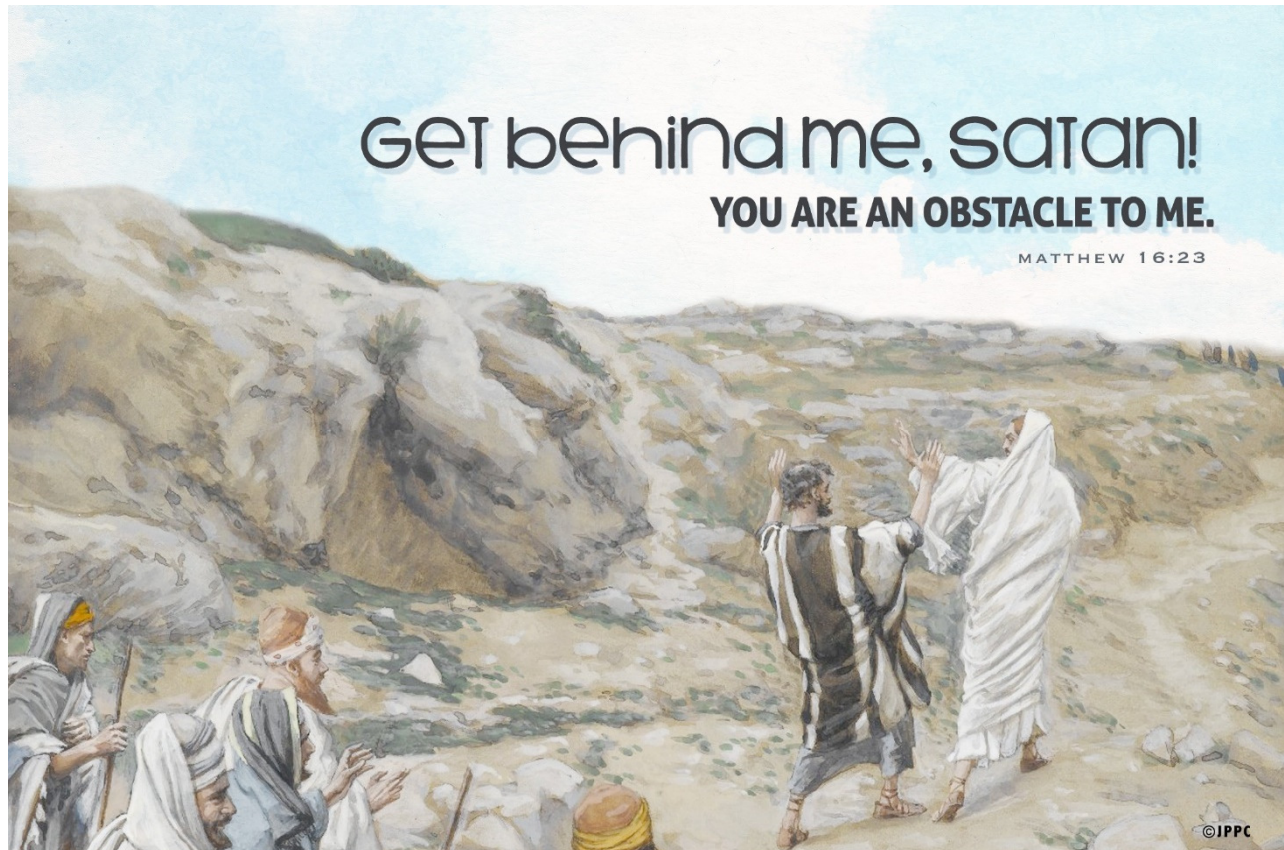


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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

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 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Andrew

“All in!” Whenever there is a poker scene in any movie, we often see how the protagonists almost always seem to be the ones winning the game by risking all they have. It is a dangerous move because you never know how good the card hands the opponent is holding! I would definitely avoid such a move unless I have hands like royal straight flush, which is the best hand you can have in poker. The more risk you are willing to take, the more you gain when you win. That’s the way so many things around us work, whether that be investments you make or a game you play.

Our salvation is never just a simple “game.” It is a very serious matter, and it is something that we would never want to risk. Isn’t that why we are always taught to love God above all, do good, and avoid evil?

However, in order to receive the grace of entering into the eternal glory of heaven, we must have a mindset of going “all in”, which is giving God all we have. We cannot hold anything to ourselves, and every aspect of our lives must be transformed into a new way of life: denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and walking with Christ. We must even be willing to give up our lives for Christ. If we do that, unlike playing card games, salvation is ours regardless of what we have on our hands. What we “have” is not the most important thing for our eternal destiny. It is more about who we “are” and how we “live” as the ones called to fall in love with our Lord.

“Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it,” says our Lord. Life cannot be exchanged with anything, since without it, we will have nothing. In Christianity, there exists a paradox. The ones who lay down their lives gain it, and the ones who hold on to them so tight usually end up losing it. Even the way Christ saves us is full of paradoxes. He never promises glory here on earth while living as His followers, but rather promises to cross. He dies so we may live. There is one God, yet that one God has three persons. Moreover, our Lord teaches we will experience true self-actualization only when we deny and die to ourselves. Those who give all to God, gain all from God.

It sounds mystical, doesn’t it? Then what would this lifestyle look like? I think the first reading portrays someone who may be living this lifestyle of “all in” as a follower of Christ. It is people who cannot help themselves but profess their love for God despite the ridicule and persecution of the world. Loving Him with the heart burning with the zeal of proclaiming His greatness every moment with words and deeds, not being able to live on without doing so. That is what we should aim for.

So many people find it worth the risk to put all they have, even though there still is no guarantee they will win it. However, if we put all for God, there IS a guarantee that we will win. Why? Because the victory is already won for us by Christ. Perhaps, today is the best day to start living that way, giving God all He deserves. Let’s put “all in” for God and receive what is won for us by Christ, the eternal joy in heaven!

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew

**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<u>August 27th</u>	<u>Week 9</u>	<u>Y. to Date</u>
Collection	\$10,672	\$104,027
Budgeted	\$12,027	\$108,239
	Food Pantry \$434	
	Candles \$283	

Thank you for your generosity!

Labor Day – Please note that Monday, September 4th is Labor Day, and we will have only one Mass, at 9:00 am

Please Remember OLS

Leaving a gift in your will is a very personal decision and you should look after your loved ones first. Once this provision is made, we ask that you consider including a bequest to the Parish. A gift in your will to OLS is a practical and powerful way to ensure the continued success of the Parish.

Christian Initiation Highlights

Four new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Rylan Margaret Richter, Bodie Sinclair Richter, Kamaranachimdi Zoey Keshi, Alan Gregorie Lux and Cameron James Quinn. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families. Our next Baptismal Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

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.

New Priest in Residence at OLS!

We are happy to welcome Fr. Patrick Seo as a priest-in-residence at OLS. As a priest-in-residence, Fr. Patrick is not assigned to full-time ministry at OLS, but rather he lives in our rectory

residence, and he will help out occasionally with Masses and confessions as his schedule permits. Fr. Rich and Fr. Gino are also priests-in-residence at OLS.

Fr. Patrick was born in Brooklyn, NY to his South Korean parents alongside two older sisters. They moved to Englewood Cliffs, NJ where he studied in the public school system and then attended high

school at Bergen Catholic in Oradell.

He then flew off to California to study at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula. With plans to become a physician, he attended

Northwestern University in Evanston, IL for a post-baccalaureate premedical program. He then worked for one year in research at Rockefeller University in NYC, and then went to Thomas Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

He was in his third year of medical school when the Lord called him towards another life. He entered Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall and studied there until he was ordained a Transitional Deacon in 2016, serving at St. Michael's in Cranford. The following year, 2007, he was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ.

For five years, Fr. Patrick was assigned to Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. In 2022 he was assigned to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary and St. Michael's in Elizabeth. In 2023, the Lord called Fr. Patrick to serve as Associate Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Bereavement Ministry

An OLS Support Group for those grieving the death of a Loved One, led by Deacon Walter Wiggins and other trained facilitators.

If your loved one has passed away, please join us for our series of seven sessions. Each session includes information, grief support and mutual sharing in a spiritual, confidential setting. Our first meeting is on Sunday, October 8th. All meetings will be held in the Lower Church from 4:00-5:15pm.

Pre-registration is required: if you are interested in joining us or hearing more about the group, please contact Liz at 610-357-0532 or via email at Lsbthebert@gmail.com.



OLS Choirs welcome new singers!

As summer relaxation draws into Fall plans, our music ministry at OLS is making preparations for a new season and new voices are needed and welcomed in all of our choirs!

Our **St. Cecilia Singers (grades 3-8)** has a new day and time for rehearsals: Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30. This new time is designed to make it more accommodating to families attending our OLS School, while still making it possible for our public school families and those in other private schools as well. The children will rehearse weekly and not only become more familiar with our Catholic faith and the liturgy of the Church but also learn how to read music through singing and handbell playing. New children are needed to keep our children's choir alive and thriving!

Our **Youth Choir (grades 9-12)** will now be entering its 3rd season and we are excited to also welcome new teens. They rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:30. Both the St. Cecilia Singers and Youth Choir sing on rotating weeks at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass.

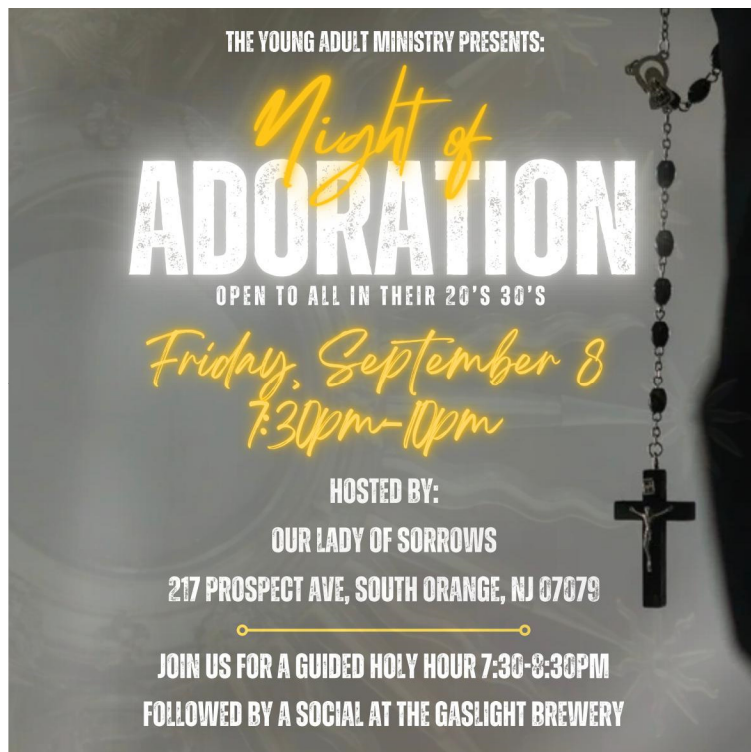
Finally, our **Parish Choir** welcomes adults of all ages and experience levels to sing a wide range of choral music in support of our 11:30 am Sunday Mass. This ensemble rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:30PM. New voices are welcomed but men's voices especially are needed in our Parish Choir.

For more information about any choir or to sign up, please contact Preston Dibble at the parish office: olsmusician@gmail.com

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/

A poster for 'Night of Adoration' featuring a dark background with a rosary and a crucifix on the right side. The text is in white and yellow. It says 'THE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY PRESENTS: Night of ADORATION OPEN TO ALL IN THEIR 20'S 30'S Friday, September 8 7:30pm-10pm HOSTED BY: OUR LADY OF SORROWS 217 PROSPECT AVE, SOUTH ORANGE, NJ 07079 JOIN US FOR A GUIDED HOLY HOUR 7:30-8:30PM FOLLOWED BY A SOCIAL AT THE GASLIGHT BREWERY'.

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VIGIL, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

5:30 PM Cathy Craig

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

8:00 AM Rev. Frederick Miller

10:00 AM People of the Parish

11:30 AM Mary Fernandes

MONDAY, SEPT. 4, 2023 – LABOR DAY

9:00 AM Edward Silliere

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

7:00 AM Kohimbany Batoo Ambouroué

12:00 PM Reginald Eugene and Deceased
Members of the Eugene Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

7:00 AM Fr. Andrew Lee – Special Intention

12:00 PM Vincent McNany

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

7:00 AM George Johnston

12:00 PM Evelyn A. Trapp

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

7:00 AM Vincent McNany

12:00 PM Christine Corpian

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

8:30 AM Ralph and Filomena Ferrace

12:00 PM Robert Novembre

VIGIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

5:30 PM Mario Inguaggiato

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Dawn Mattheiss

11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

Welcomed Home by God

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away at OLS: **Angelina Sena**. 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 and Kevin Golding.



Please join us for our Parish and School Picnic!



**Sunday
September 10**

12:30-
5pm

\$10 per person
\$25 for couples/
families

Please RSVP

Email Michelle Dixon
medixon8@gmail.com



Games and activities for children. All food
(including appetizers, sides and desserts will be provided by the Parish.
We will also supply water, soda and coffee. BYOB



***We are so Happy to Invite You To
Our Lady of Sorrows Healing Mass
September 23, 2023 – 12:00pm***

***Our Lady of Sorrows Church
217 Prospect St.
South Orange, N.J. 07079
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This sacrament is administered by a priest who lays his hands on the head of the sick person. He then anoints the sick person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, while praying: "through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord Who frees you from your sin save you and raise you up."

Who can receive this Sacrament?

- Anyone suffering any kind of mental, physical, spiritual or emotional illness
- Facing serious surgery
- Advanced age
- Anyone in danger of death

******** There will be a light lunch served this year********

Sign-up Deadline: September 15th

(We would be grateful if you could RSVP by the 15th. This way we can ensure that enough food is ordered)

Names of those attending:

Name and address of contact person: _____

Phone # of contact person: _____

Number staying for a light lunch []

Please make sure to indicate if you will be staying for lunch. Only those who indicate that they will be staying for lunch will receive lunch.

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Please note: The area near the baptismal font will be set aside for those who need to have Holy Communion brought to them. If anyone has a concern just let us know and we will work out a way to help you. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Mary Selena at 973-763-5454.

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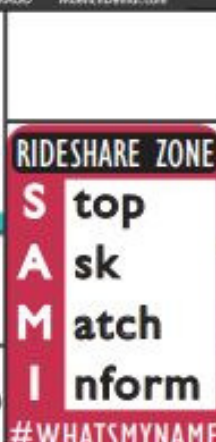
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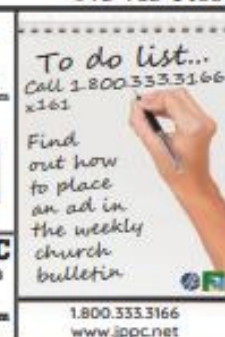
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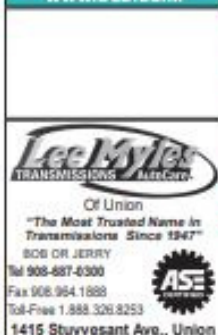
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