

**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 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 6, 2020**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure***

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## A Message From Fr. Brian

For many people, Labor Day is seen as the last long weekend of summer, a time for families to gather and to BBQ. But it also gives us the opportunity to reflect a bit on the meaning of work in God's plan for us.

Our late Pope St. John Paul II, who himself labored in a factory, in the theatre, and in university education, observed that there are 2 ways of thinking about work. The first is that work is an end in and of itself. In this view, we do not work to live, but instead, we live to work. This is exemplified by the chilling inscription above the entrance at the concentration camp in Auschwitz: *work makes you free*. This view of labor, found on the political left with Marxist socialism and on the right with unfettered capitalism, reduces the worker to a tool, a cog in a machine who has no rights of his or her own and who exists only to produce.

The second way that we can view labor is as a means to an end. In this view, there are many ends or goals of work. The goal of work is to provide the laborer with all that he or she needs to live securely and responsibly. This view of work also promotes the enhancement of our human dignity and the opportunity to share in God's on-going creative work. The goal of work is also the satisfaction that comes with a job well done, and the appreciation and utilization of skills and talents with which God has gifted us. And yes, the goal of work is also profit: emotional, spiritual and financial, both for the worker and the owner.

It is this second view of labor that is promoted by the Church and the Scriptures. And it is this view of labor that traditionally has been advocated by the more enlightened voices in our country.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, our nation was nearly at full employment, meaning that almost everyone who wanted a job had one (even if it wasn't the ideal job). In February of this year, the unemployment rate was at a 50-year low of just 3.5%. Because of the pandemic, many people were forced to file for unemployment and in April the unemployment rate hit a 2020 high of 14.7%. We are slowly adding jobs back into the economy and as I write this, the unemployment rate is 10.2%, but with 16.3 million Americans still unemployed. Let us pray for those who are without work, that an improving economy will help them to find work that provides for them and their families and that promotes their human dignity.

We know that God the Father sent His only-begotten Son, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to be raised by a worker, St. Joseph the Carpenter. Pope Pius XII named St. Joseph the patron saint of laborers, because it was he who, by the work of his carpentry, provided for Mary and for the infant Jesus. Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede with God for those who are currently without work. May St. Joseph also help us to view work as an opportunity to share in God's own work, to strengthen and celebrate our dignity, and to bring ever-greater glory to God our Father.

Labor Day Blessings,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Brian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

## Labor Day Mass

**Monday, September 7th, is Labor Day and we will have only one Mass, at 9:00 am.**

### THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

<u>August 30<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Week 9</u>	<u>Y. To Date</u>
Collection	\$10,677	\$105,600
Avg. Budgeted	\$12,038	\$108,345

***Thank you for your continued support!***

### Christian Initiation Highlights

Two new members were initiated into our Christian Community. They are: Odin Sable Francis Bachert and Bryce Hudson Wolf. We congratulate their parents, godparents, and families.

### ***Let us pray for those who serve***



We give our deepest thanks and offer our sincere prayers for all those who

serve our nation in the armed services. To submit a name to our prayer list that will be published every week in the bulletin, please email the name, rank, and branch of service to Anne Moore at [ols.pastor@verizon.net](mailto:ols.pastor@verizon.net).

### RCIA

If you have any questions concerning a Catholic who desires to complete his/her sacraments or someone who God is gracing to desire to come into His family the Catholic Church or just want to know about the Catholic faith, please give the office a call and ask for Sr. Mary Selina (973-763-5454) with any of your questions

## **Prayer for Peace in the World**

***By Pope St. John Paul II***

Immaculate Heart of Mary, help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future.

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings laden with the sufferings of whole societies. Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences. May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen.

## Assistance Request for Guatemalan school

By Barbara McCarthy

Many of you already know of my charity, *Zacapa School Aid*, which helps children and schools in the Zacapa region of Guatemala. They have been struck very hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. There are no unemployment benefits in Guatemala. Many families also do not have the money to buy masks for their children to help protect them against the virus.

I have been fundraising online but, as we all know, times are hard, and donations are consequently slow to come in. This week I am sending the \$1,108 we have raised so far to the Principal of the elementary school in Usumatlán, to purchase masks for the 317 students there. But their needs are many, particularly having clean water for drinking and washing their hands. Many families are not able to replace their water filters due to a shortage of money, and so are not protected against the bacteria in the town-supplied water.

I am asking for your help to be able to buy water filters for the homes of these families. They cost approximately \$2 each. I realize that many of us are struggling financially right now, but anything at all that you can give to help these families will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be mailed to me at 112 Seton Place, South Orange. If you wish to write a check, please make it out to *Zacapa School Aid, Inc.* Thank you!

### Binge on this!

Don't be bored while stuck at home! Become more deeply engaged in your faith! Our Lady of Sorrows offers you free access to FORMED, an online depository of wonderful books, movies, audios, and much more. Here's how to sign up and start enjoying all those benefits:

1. Go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
2. Enter our parish code: RJCHGZ (if requested)
3. Create a personal account with your email address and a password
4. Start enjoying the best Christian content all in one place!



## Email scams involving clergy

Please be vigilant about any email that appears to be from one of our priests, asking you to take some kind of unusual action (purchasing gift cards, clicking a link or downloading an attachment you didn't request, wiring money to a specified account, or simply asking you to reply).

A number of parishes have been hit with these email scams. It involves making a fake Gmail (or Yahoo, etc.) account in a priest's name and then sending you a request of some sort from that priest. The emails may seem harmless; they have the priest's name and an email address that looks legitimate, but upon further inspection, the email address is actually different than the one the priest uses. In some instances, the priest's name may look correct but is missing just a single letter.

Please do not respond or reply to these emails. Simply delete them. You will recognize an authentic email from one of our priests if you get one. Also, note that Fr. Brian's email address is always on the front cover of the bulletin: [frbrianneedles@gmail.com](mailto:frbrianneedles@gmail.com).

## 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.**

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## **CCD Registration for 2020-2021 Year is Underway**

Please help us plan and prepare for the upcoming catechetical year by registering for CCD today. Our registration form is located on the OLS website. Simply click on the “Religious Education” tab and select the “CCD Registration” drop-down.

The Archdiocese of Newark has suspended in-person catechetical classes through the end of 2020, but our catechetical team has been working hard all summer long to transition the OLS CCD program into a robust remote learning experience. Our classes may look a little different this year, but the aim of our program remains the same: to bring all the children in our parish into a close personal relationship with Christ.

Through the end of 2020, CCD will consist primarily of 11 remote sessions. These sessions will be a combination of monthly “live” Zoom classes and catechist-recorded instruction. Additionally, students will also have the opportunity to attend four additional in-person outdoor “events”. Our program will be administered via Google Classroom and students will receive CCD “kits” in September with everything they need for a successful CCD year. At the end of the year we will be working with the Archdiocese of Newark and the parish to determine the look of the program for the remainder of the year. Should we return to in-person classes at any time, families wishing to continue with remote learning may do so through our homeschooling program.

Our CCD fees continue to remain the same as they have for the last three years. As always, families needing to be added to a payment plan or requiring financial assistance will be accommodated. Please contact Colleen McDonald at [sorrowschurch@gmail.com](mailto:sorrowschurch@gmail.com) for details.

### **CCD Fee Schedule**

1 child - \$170

2 children - \$260

3+ children - \$345

We look forward to working with you to bring the good news of Christ to all the families in our parish this coming year. While some of the details of our transition to remote learning are still being worked out, please do not hesitate to reach out to Catechetical Coordinator Jen Noll, [jennollols@gmail.com](mailto:jennollols@gmail.com), if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of the religious education program here at Our Lady of Sorrows.

### **Attention Parents of Rising First Graders**

Is your child entering first grade this fall? If so, please note that the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist are received in the second year of religious education, generally in second grade. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that children must have two years of religious education before receiving these sacraments. So, don't delay, register your child for CCD today and start him or her on the road leading to Christ in the celebration of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Eucharist.

## Helping Those in Need: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

*"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,  
you did for me." (Mt 25:40)*

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering. This is done in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society is one of the largest charitable organizations in the country. The purpose of the Society is to bear witness to the love of Christ. Our parish group does this by offering financial assistance to individuals and families temporarily unable to meet their current living expenses.

Every effort is made to provide this assistance in ways that respect the dignity of the recipient and the strictest confidentiality of the relationship between the recipient and the Society. People of all backgrounds and religions can receive assistance.



**Email [olssvdp@aol.com](mailto:olssvdp@aol.com) if you are in need of assistance.**

The Society cannot do this alone. We are therefore most grateful for the monetary donations we receive in order to carry out our work. Donations may be sent to: Our Lady of Sorrows Church, c/o Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079. Checks should be made out to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for helping us bear witness to the love of Christ.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020**

5:30 PM People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Lambusta&Abramo Families  
10:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Bernadette  
Ezuduemoih& Family and Souls in  
Purgatory  
11:30 AM John Battaglia

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020**

9:00 AM Msgr. Francis R. Seymour

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

7:00AM Ralph Williams  
12:00 PM Marie Manno

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

7:00 AM Mark Scheurer  
12:00 PM Ernestina Lacy

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

7:00AM Jack O'Leary  
12:00 PM Arnold R. Budd

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**

7:00AM Remembering September 11th  
12:00 PM Patricia J. Smith

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**

8:30 AM Margaret Richards  
12:00 PM Jean Gailey

**VIGIL MASS SEPTEMBER 12, 2020**

5:30 PM Walter & Stasia Borowicz

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

8:00 AM People of the Parish  
10:00 AM All Rosarians Living & Deceased  
11:30 AM Deceased Family & Friends of the  
Ferrace&Pizzillo Families

**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 *Manual Fernandes*. Requested by Joy Fernandes & 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, DanielCallaghan,ElizabethStuart,MarieSomers, BillAber,NevilleMoore,JaneO'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, LudgardaRosa,Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto, Melissa O'Brien and Rita Arena.

