

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
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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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5th Sunday of Lent

Stewardship is sharing our time, talent & treasure

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A Message from Fr. Brian

Have you heard the one about the man who was talking with three of his friends about the subject of death and he asked them: "What would you like people to say about you at your funeral?" The first friend said, I'd like them to say, "He was a great humanitarian, who cared about his community." The second friend said, I'd like them to say, "He was a great husband and father." The third friend said, I'd like them to say, "Look, he's moving!" Corny, I know, but we can also stand to chuckle a bit right now. In this Sunday's Gospel, the family and friends of Lazarus thought that Lazarus was dead and gone, but then Jesus entered onto the scene and all of a sudden everyone was saying, "Look, he's moving."

When Jesus finally arrived at the home of Lazarus, Lazarus was already dead and buried. Nobody had any hope left. Martha ran out to meet Jesus, and her heart spoke through her lips. Her words were partly a reproach of Jesus, but they also demonstrated a faith that nothing could shake. *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died, but even now I know that God will grant whatever you ask of Him."*

Martha is such a model of faith for us, especially when we're confronted with uncertainty and struggles and challenges, when we're in our time of greatest need.

Blessed are we, for the same Jesus who spoke to Martha, who was so saddened by the death of Lazarus, speaks to each one of us. He says, *"I am the resurrection and the life."* And He asks each of us, *"Do you believe this?"*

Do you believe that God is always with you? Do you believe that He is the solution to your every problem? Do you believe that He is saddened by your troubles? Do you believe that He will help you overcome whatever problems you may encounter because of the coronavirus pandemic?

The current crisis feels like a tomb. If we aren't careful, we can allow it to completely overwhelm us, to cause us to lose faith and trust in God, even to question God's love for us.

If we have any doubts about the power of Christ to help us overcome the effects of this virus, Jesus invites us to have the same faith that Martha had. If He could raise Lazarus from the dead, if He could raise Himself from the dead, then He can do *anything*, including helping us to overcome all that is troubling us now.

Jesus says to us, as He did Lazarus: "Come out!" Come out from your fear, come out from your discouragement, come out from your anxiety, come out from your lack of trust, come out from your hopelessness.

Just as I was preparing to write the final words to this bulletin column, Sr. Mary Selina walked into my office and handed me a little card. She has dozens of them that she bought years ago. They contain a short scripture passage and a thought for the day. The card she gave me contains a passage from the prophet Jeremiah (29:11): *"For I know the plans I have for you,"* declares the Lord, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* The accompanying thought says, "Don't worry about tomorrow...God is already there!"

I have nothing to add to that!

OLS Blessings,



THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

March 15	Week 39	Y. to Date
Collection	\$8,205	\$480,712
Avg. Budget	\$13,269	\$517,500

Repairs & Maintenance \$985

Bored?

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
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!

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Stewardship Reflections

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

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."

Pope Francis' prayer to Mary during the Coronavirus

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping
your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon Himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy
Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen



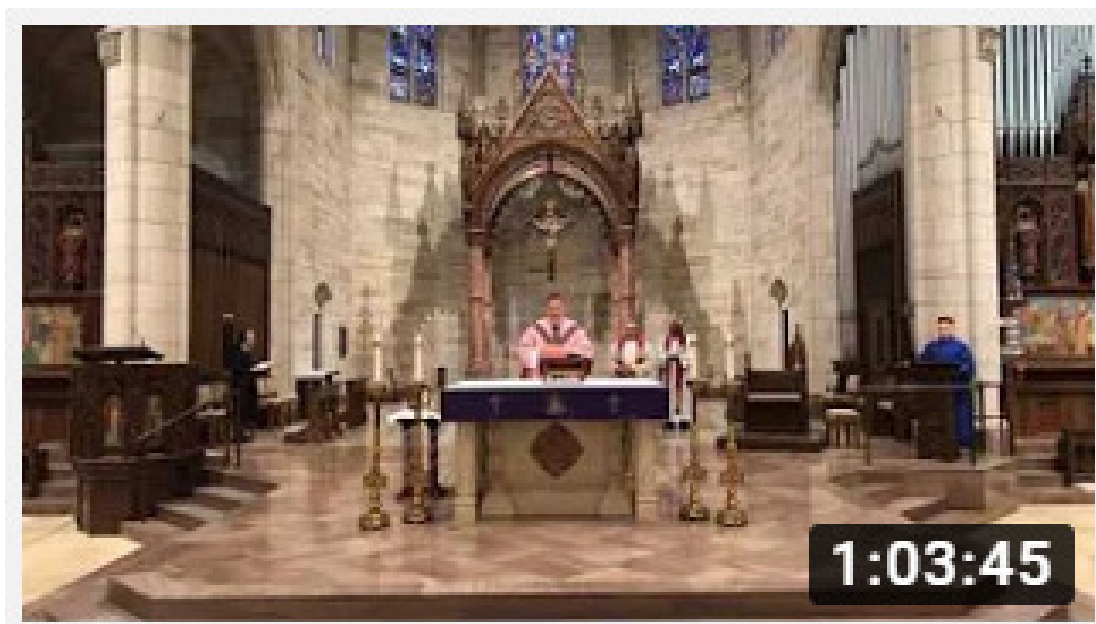
LIVE STREAMING OF MASS

You may not be able to come to Church for Mass, but you can still “attend” Mass virtually by means of our live streaming of Sunday Masses. Join hundreds of your fellow parishes in worshipping on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am.

You can view the live stream at our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/163360657011257/>

The video can be watched later in the day after it has been posted on our new YouTube channel. Simply search for “Our Lady of Sorrows South Orange” and click on the result that says, “official channel for Our Lady of Sorrows.”



An act of Spiritual Communion when you cannot physically receive the Eucharist:

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



The Archdiocese of Newark has partnered with GoFundMe Charity to help parishes during this time when parish finances are being so negatively affected. This is a coordinated and unified effort by the Archdiocese and all parishes within the Archdiocese.

Thankfully, Cardinal Tobin has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment in support of donations given through this GoFundMe. The assessment is an administrative fee charged to parishes to support archdiocesan operations and ministries. We will not have to pay that 18% fee for contributions made through GoFundMe, which charges only a small fee per donation to cover payment processing, as is typical for online fundraising platforms. Aside from that small fee, every penny that you give will go directly to OLS.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish. Visit our parish GoFundMe Charity page: <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/our-lady-of-sorrows-south-orange>

The funding flow for this initiative offers both simplicity and transparency for our parish community and others who choose to contribute:

- All money raised through individual parish GoFundMe pages will flow into a central archdiocesan fund, and the Parish Business Services team will aim to release all funds to parishes in the amount raised for the parish within the week.
- Pastors, parishioners, and the public can track how much each parish has raised in total on their individual parish GoFundMe pages.
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically.

You may, of course, continue to support our parish by means of mailing in your weekly envelope or by using our regular online giving portal, which can be found at the bottom of our web page. Please note, though, that contributions through those 2 means will continue to be assessed by the Archdiocese, while contributions to the GoFundMe Charity will not be assessed. In other words, your donation will go much further through GoFundMe Charity.

No matter how you choose to give, please know how incredibly grateful we are! Thank you, God bless you, and Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!



Homebound Connections

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

We recognize that many of our parishioners live alone and, especially during this time of the coronavirus, are not able to leave their home. If you are one of our precious seniors, if you are homebound, if you cannot leave your home due to a compromised immune system, we ask you to let us know. We would like to call you to check in on you.

Aside from simply checking up on you, we are able to run errands for you. If you need grocery shopping done, or a prescription picked up, or any other errand run, our volunteers are ready to help you. *Our choir members are even anxious to call you and sing you a song!* And this is not just a temporary ministry necessitated by the coronavirus, but will become a new ongoing ministry of our parish.

Please send us your name and phone number by emailing us at: olscares@gmail.com. You can also call Sr. Mary Selina at 201-345-7380 and give her the information. We look forward to serving you!



SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Deehan Family
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lambusto
& Abramo Families
11:30 AM Nancy Catherine Sullivan

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020

7:00 AM Brutofsky Family
12:00 PM Dale Marshall

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020

7:00 AM Patricia Wiggins
12:00 PM Cecilia Isenkenegbe and Delia Earlie
& Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2020

7:00 AM Russell Pace Sr.
12:00 PM Maria Wilms – Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020

7:00AM Josephine Patricia Wiggins
12:00 PM Edward A. Antinozzi

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020

7:00AM Josephine Patricia Wiggins
12:00 PM Margaret & Patrick Clarke – Special
Intention

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2020

8:30 AM William & George Atterbury
12:00 PM Philomena & Ralph Ferrace

VIGIL MASS APRIL 4, 2020

5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020

8:00 AM Thanksgiving for Bernadette
Ezuduemoih & Family and Souls in
Purgatory
10:00 AM Rev. Ocie Lacy Sr. Centennial
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

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, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Henry Hamel, Jennifer Bober, Rosemary Muller, Catherine Maranto and Melissa O'Brien.



1-Day Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy

Stockbridge, Massachusetts
Saturday, June 6, 2020

Please join us for prayer, meditation, relaxation and the message of God's Divine Mercy on a Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in beautiful Stockbridge, MA. The Shrine has been the destination of millions of pilgrims from all over the world, who have found it to be a place of rest and renewal in the beautiful natural setting of the Berkshires.

The cost for this Pilgrimage is \$35 per person. *Food is not available at the Shrine* and therefore you should plan to bring your own lunch and snacks.

Pilgrimage Schedule

7:00 am	Departure from Our Lady of Sorrows
10:30 am	Approximate arrival. Free time and your choice of visiting the Lourdes Grotto and Candle Shrine, as well as the other shrines on the property. You may also choose to privately pray the Stations of the Cross, visit the gift shop, or simply spend the time in personal prayer on the beautiful grounds of the Shrine.
12:00 pm	Lunch break
1:00 pm	Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration
1:30 pm	Rosary for Life
2:00 pm	Holy Mass
3:00 pm	Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina, Blessing of religious articles
4:00 pm	Departure from Shrine
7:30 pm	Approximate arrival at Our Lady of Sorrows



Pilgrimage Registration

Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Additional Names: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) _____

Please return this form and your payment (made payable to Our Lady of Sorrows) as soon as possible to: Our Lady of Sorrows, 217 Prospect Street, South Orange, NJ 07079.

For questions, email Fr. Brian Needles at frbrianneedles@gmail.com.