

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH



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December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses: 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 30, 2019 - September 1, 2019

Saturday 5:00 PM; Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 10:30 AM Mass. Arrangements for the Baptism should be made at least one month in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage according to the Common Policy of the Bishops of the Province of New Jersey. Either the bride or groom must be registered with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. We urge all parishioners to make regular use of their collection envelopes. When moving, please notify the rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 2018**

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

— Baruch 5:7

AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS



All Masses on Christmas Day, including the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, named on the Spiritual Bouquet Mass Cards. These Christmas cards are available in the vestibule of the Church and at the Rectory office during office hours. Complete the front of the envelope and return it with your donation of \$5 per

name. Place it in the collection basket or return it the Rectory office. The greeting card and envelope are yours to present or keep. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during all Christmas Masses.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH

ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING



Now in its forty-eighth consecutive year, the Carol Sing has become one of the most significant Christmas concerts in northern New Jersey. The ambiance of candle-light and season décor, along with the Cathedral Choir, organ, brass, percussion, and thousands of participants combine to create an event that must be experienced.

Wednesday, December 12: 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Thursday, December 13: 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Cost: Free-will offering

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart,
89 Ridge Street, Newark, NJ 07104

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree, a long standing tradition here at Our Lady of Sorrows, helps bring the joys of Christmas to those who may not be able to celebrate due to financial struggles. To participate, please take an ornament from the tree in the back of the church. **Please bring the wrapped gifts no later than the 8:00 AM Mass on Sunday, December 16th.**

Be sure to attach the "tag" from the giving tree to the gift so it can be easily identified for sorting.



Volunteers will be needed to help with sorting and the delivery of the gifts, which will be delivered on December 16th.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS



The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table

covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available from the ushers or at the Rectory during office hours. Cost \$5.00.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. Please fill out the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, mail, or drop it off at the Rectory.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Envelope No. _____
Name of Donor: _____
In Memory of: _____
Two Person Maximum per Request of \$10.00

MARTHA MINISTRY

The Martha Ministry will meet on the 3rd Friday of every month at 1:00 PM. Please note the new day and time. Come help us maintain our Church in beauty and order to honor God. The next date is December 21st.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 8

Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 9

CCD classes

MONDAY, December 10

Christmas Choir Practice

7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, December 12

Bible Study with Fr. John

7:30 PM St. Cecilia Rectory Basement

SATURDAY, December 15

Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 16

CCD classes

The Giving Tree gifts due by 8:00 AM.

Delivery of Giving Tree gifts



LECTOR/MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 15/16

5:00 PM	L. Mackalonis	J. Morton
8:00 AM	C. Danzi	A. Martinez
10:30 AM	W. Kluss	L. Muldoon

ALTAR SERVERS

December 15/16

5:00 PM	Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle
8:00 AM	Kayla, Savannah, Alexandria, Vanessa & Haley
10:30 AM	Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen & Vincent



The 1st collection for December 2th: \$1062.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$421.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Ray Blair, Anne & Helen Caveney, Dolores DeFazio, Elaine & Janette & Harry Faulk, Kathleen Fudali, Ted Hirschi, James Kashauer, Tom Kashauer, John Keogh, Barbara Lore, Lois Mannion, Kathleen Podlaski, Diane Sahar, Jose Sanchez, June Struzienski, Iris Torres Colon and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**



May God grant them healing.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SHUT-INS

Those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes during the Advent Season, may call the Rectory during office hours to make the necessary arrangements.



Mass Intentions 
 FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00 PM

December 8

Pedro Santos Rodrigues

Req. Fatima Association

Sunday

8:00 AM

December 9

Christina Najuch

Req. Dolores Walingavich

10:30 AM

Martha and Stephen Hetey

Req. Kathleen Fudali

Monday

7:30 AM

December 10

Scott McBride

Req. Mom and Dad

Tuesday

7:30 AM

December 11

Charles Kerr

Req. Donna Calcado

Wednesday

7:30 AM

December 12

Dave and Mary Ireland

Req. Ruth and Rodger Ireland

Thursday

7:30 AM

December 13

Dottie Wright

Req. Barbara and Bill Shugrue

Friday

7:30 AM

December 14

Joyce Bowen

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

Saturday

7:30 AM

December 15

Frank Coccaro

Req. Bill and Barbara Shugrue

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday

5:00 PM

December 15

Helder Esteves (17th Anniversary)

Req. Wife and Children

Sunday

8:00 AM

December 16

Msgr. John Gilchrist

Req. John and Alice Keogh

10:30 AM

Richard Walingavich

Req. Wife

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 9, 2018



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...

Chuck Kerr / OLS

SANCTUARY LAMP...

Chuck Kerr / OLS

ALTAR CANDLES...

Chuck Kerr / OLS



RICHES

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

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