

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH



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December 16, 2018
Third 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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to help decorate our Church for Christmas. No experience is necessary! Join us on Sunday, December 23rd, after the 10:30AM Mass.



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.

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 to 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.

A Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



WITNESSES

Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.
—Anonymous

THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who participated in The Giving Tree, a long standing tradition here at Our Lady of Sorrows!! Your generosity and kindness helps bring the joys of Christmas to those who may not be able to celebrate due to financial struggles.



If you have taken a tag from the Giving Tree but have not returned your gift on the due date of December 16th, please return your wrapped gift to the Rectory office. We will make sure the recipient receives the gift in time for Christmas. Please help us so that no one has to be disappointed at Christmas by being left out.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

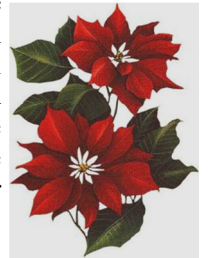


The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored “Old Country” traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table

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 15

Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 16

CCD classes

Giving Tree gifts due today.

MONDAY, December 17

Christmas Choir Practice

7:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, December 19

Bible Study with Fr. John

7:30 PM St. Cecilia Rectory Basement

FRIDAY, December 21

Martha Ministry 1:00PM

SATURDAY, December 22

Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 23

No CCD classes

Classes resume January 6, 2019

Christmas Decorating after 10:30 AM Mass



LECTOR/MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 22/23

5:00 PM J. Mackesy J. Morton

8:00 AM A. Martinez

10:30 AM C. Danzi

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 PM J. Mackesy J. Morton

December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 AM A. Martinez

10:30 AM C. Danzi

ALTAR SERVERS

December 22/23

5:00 PM Nicole, Natasha, Izabella & Giselle

8:00 AM Kayla, Savannah, Alexandria, Vanessa & Haley

10:30 AM Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen & Vincent

December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00 PM Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle, Kayla, Savannah, Alexandria, Vanessa & Haley

December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 AM Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen & Vincent

10:30 AM Nicole, Natasha, Izabella & Giselle



The 1st Collection for December 9th:

\$1067.00

Fuel Collection: \$458.00

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.



Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday

7:30 AM

December 17

Charles Kerr

Req. Bill and Barbara Shugrue

Tuesday

7:30 AM

December 18

Eleanor Mernar

Req. Thomas Mernar

Wednesday

7:30 AM

December 19

Dottie Wright

Req. Karadimos Family

Thursday

7:30 AM

December 20

Scott McBride

Req. Mom and Dad

Friday

7:30 AM

December 21

MaryAnn McClelland

Req. Bill and Barbara Shugrue

Saturday

7:30 AM

December 22

People of the Parish

Req. OLS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday

5:00 PM

December 22

Nick Zuza

Req. Sally Zuza

Sunday

8:00 AM

December 23

Augusto Cornejo

Req. Daughter and Family

10:30 AM

Sandra Bubenas

Req. Robert and MaryAnn Williamson

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 16, 2018



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...

People of the Parish / OLS

SANCTUARY LAMP...

People of the Parish / OLS

ALTAR CANDLES...

People of the Parish / OLS



IMPRESSIONABLE

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark.

—Ancient Chinese proverb

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