

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH



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Saturday and Sunday - Closed

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December 23, 2018
Fourth 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.)

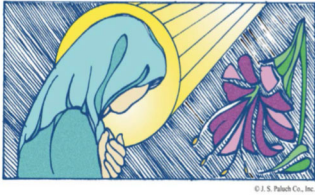
If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the rectory office.

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

My father used to refer to the town of my—and his—birth as a “nickel-and-dime” town. As a child, I was never exactly sure what he meant, but it didn’t sound like a compliment. I think it was similar to Micah’s words about Bethlehem as “too small to be among the clans of Judah” (5:1). Another description would be “backwater.” Hardly a place deserving of great expectations. Yet backwater Bethlehem, city of David the shepherd boy, was to be the birthplace of the Messiah—not Jerusalem, center of government and religion, city of David the warrior king. God’s strange choices extend beyond geographical sites to the people on whom God sets eyes. A young betrothed girl up in the north, a barren woman down in the south—these were chosen to play pivotal roles in the story of salvation. The once-barren Elizabeth, soon to bring forth the greatest of all prophets, now proclaims God’s most marvelous work and the little one through whom God is working: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb” (Luke 1:42).

Elizabeth cues us to join in the response of the baby in her womb: to allow our hearts and spirits to leap for joy. Again and again God works through those who are open to the Spirit. Blessed are they who place their trust in the Lord, who continues to come to give us new life.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.
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MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

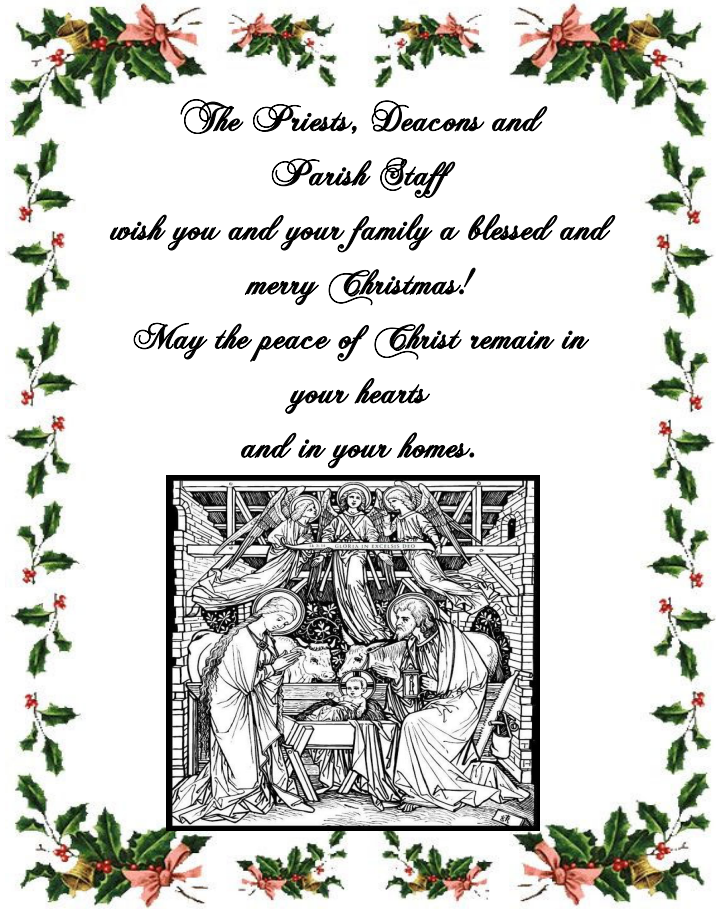
Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord’s words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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Christmas Office Hours

The Rectory office will be open from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon on Monday, December 24th. The office will be closed on Christmas Day and reopen on Wednesday, December 26th, at 9:00 AM.



The Priests, Deacons and Parish Staff wish you and your family a blessed and merry Christmas!

May the peace of Christ remain in your hearts and in your homes.



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.

O COME, LONG FORETOLD



O come, Desired of nations,
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Will break the captive fetters,
Redeem the long-lost fold.
Dear Savior, haste;
come, come to earth,
Dispel the night and show your face,
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, December 22

Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 23

No CCD classes

MONDAY, December 24

Rectory office hours

9:00 AM—12 Noon

Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 PM

with Children's Christmas Pageant

TUESDAY, December 25

Rectory office is closed.

Christmas Day Mass

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, December 26

No Bible Study

SATURDAY, December 29

Confessions 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SUNDAY, December 30

No CCD classes

Classes resume January 6, 2019



Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday

7:30 AM

December 24 Christmas Eve

Priests of the Parish

Req. OLS

5:00 PM

Spiritual Bouquet

Tuesday

8:00 AM

December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Spiritual Bouquets

10:30 AM

Spiritual Bouquets

Wednesday

7:30 AM

December 26

Martina Sullivan

Req. Rosary Society

Thursday

7:30 AM

December 27

Frank Cocco

Req. Chuck and ToniAnn Feuker

Friday

7:30 AM

December 28

Eileen Ross

Req. Mary Mooney and Family

Saturday

7:30 AM

December 29

People of the Parish

Req. OLS

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Saturday

5:00 PM

December 29

Special Intention of Maria Lago

Sunday

8:00 AM

December 30

Edmund Rokas

Req. Ruth and Rodger Ireland

10:30 AM

Monica Osorio

Req. Sanchez Family

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

LECTOR/MINISTER SCHEDULE

December 29/30

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

December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 PM	J. Mackesy	J. Morton
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January 1 New Year's Day

9:00 AM	L. Mackalonis	C. Danzi
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ALTAR SERVERS

December 29/30

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

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Due to the Holiday production schedule, the collections for December 16th will appear in a later bulletin. **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.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 23, 2018



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...
Sandy Potts Koets / Irene Potts
SANCTUARY LAMP...
Sandy Potts Koets / Irene Potts
ALTAR CANDLES...
Sandy Potts Koets / Irene Potts



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