

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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9:00 AM-4:00 PM
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December 8, 2019
2nd 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 & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses:
7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:
June 28, 2020 - September 6, 2020
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. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

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.



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.

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.

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 8, 2019

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. — *Isaiah 11:9*

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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PRAYING OF THE ROSARY

Saturday, December 14,
2019 at 12:00 PM inside
Our Lady of Sorrows
Church

*For Conversion, Salvation,
World Peace and
Personal Intentions*



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From outer space, the United States must seem peculiarly aglow these nights: we have strung lights on every tree within reach. Sometimes, even tie tacks and earrings twinkle with "microlights." Clearly, something is afoot: there is a deep-down yearning for the world to change. Yet, John the Baptist would probably be unplugging most of these lights if he had the chance. In today's Gospel he turns people away from his baptism of repentance. "Give some evidence that you mean to reform!" he cries.

What meaning do our holiday

lights convey for you? In the deep and dark countryside, a single candle glowing in a window can be seen for miles. It signals welcome and readiness; it is a beacon guiding strangers to the door, a token of a warm hearth, a loving embrace, a sign that those who have placed the candle are awake and waiting. This year, set the timers aside, and each night as you light the candles in your windows, pray: "May Christ find an eager welcome here. May this household be filled with the light of his word." One candle at a time, our faith community can reclaim the meaning of the lights of Advent hope.

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CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING



The 49th Annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 11th and Thursday, December 12th, at 8 PM (two performances).

Doors open at 7 PM both nights. Christmas music in nine languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assemble and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info, call (973) 484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org.

MARTHA MINISTRY

The Martha Ministry will meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 10:00 AM. Come help us maintain our Church in beauty and order to honor God. The next date is December 21st.

POSSIBILITIES

Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.

—Don Bosco



CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

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 Christmas Mass Remembrance and Spiritual Bouquet envelopes. **The Spiritual Bouquet Christmas cards are available for a donation of \$5.00** and are located in the vestibule of the Church and at the Rectory office during office hours. Kindly 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.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree helps bring the joys of Christmas to those who may not be able to celebrate due to financial struggles. The gifts for the Giving Tree are due no later than Sunday, December 15th. Please attach the **tag** from the Giving Tree to the wrapped gift so it can be easily identified for sorting.

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 office.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Envelope No. _____

Name of Donor: _____

In Memory of: _____

Two names maximum per request of \$10.00



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; especially **Joseph Russell**, 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 Caveney, Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, James Kashauer, Tom Kashauer, Edward McBride, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, Jose Sanchez, June Struziensi, 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 7
Nick and Donald Zuza
 Req. Esteves Family
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
December 8
Chris Najuch
 Req. John and Alice Keogh
- 10:30 AM**
December 8
Richard and Paul Fudali
 Req. Kathleen Fudali
- Monday 7:30 AM**
December 9
Mary Donorovich
 Req. Dorothy Songile
- Tuesday 7:30 AM**
December 10
Michael Santucci
 Req. Toni Solano
- Wednesday 7:30 AM**
December 11
Constance Mary Wandras
 Req. John and Deborah Ronan
- Thursday 7:30 AM**
December 12
Barbara DeBellis
 Req. Muldoon Family
- Friday 7:30 AM**
December 13
Maria Agudelo
 Req. Patty Martinez
- Saturday 7:30 AM**
December 14
People of the Parish
 Req. OLS
- 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Saturday 5:00 PM**
December 14
Richard Walingavich
 Req. Dolores Walingavich
- Sunday 8:00 AM**
December 15
Carmen and Alfredo Carregal
 Req. Lugo Family
- 10:30 AM**
Helder Esteves 18th Anniversary
 Req. Wife, Ermelinda and Children

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 14/15		
	LECTOR/MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	J. Mackesy J. Morton	Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen, Vincent
8:00AM	A. Martinez/C. Danzi	Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle
10:30AM	W. Kluss/L. Muldoon	Kayla, Savannah, Alexandra, Vanessa, Haley



1st Collection for 11/24/19: \$1355.00
 2nd Collection for 11/24/19: \$386.00
 1st Collection for 12/01/19: \$1056.00
 2nd Collection for 12/01/19: \$474.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
 4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
 2nd collection Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Religious Education classes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
 Patronal Feast day of the of Immaculate



Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

No Adult Christmas Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
 4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15
 2nd collection
 Religious Retirement Fund
 9:00 AM Religious Education classes
 Giving Tree gifts are due.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
 7:15 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 8, 2019



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...
Joseph Russell / OLS

SANCTUARY LAMP...
Joseph Russell / OLS

ALTAR CANDLES...
Joseph Russell / OLS

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