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December 15, 2019
3rd 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.

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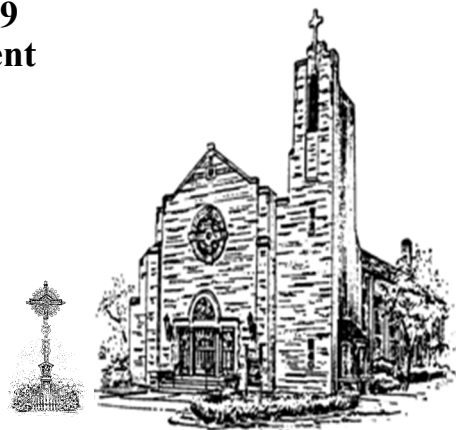
Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

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

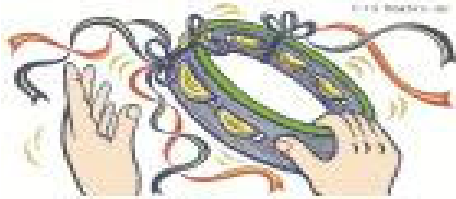
Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of 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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 2019

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy.

— Isaiah 35:10a

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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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 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.



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 Sunday, December 15th, 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

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.

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.

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.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to help decorate our Church for Christmas. No experience is necessary! Join us on Monday, December 23rd, at 10:00AM.



THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?

It has feet to go to the poor and needy.

It has eyes to see misery and want.

It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

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 **Matilda Tornello**; 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 Struzienski**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.



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

Monday
7:30 AM

December 16

Jose Sr. and Jose Jr. Cunha
Req. Family

Tuesday
7:30 AM

December 17

Estelo Carbalho
Req. Sanchez Family

Wednesday
7:30 AM

December 18

Eleanor Mernar
Req. Tom Mernar

Thursday
7:30 AM

December 19

Louis Gray
Req. OLS

Friday
7:30 AM

December 20

Vincas Abromaitis
Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

Saturday
7:30 AM

December 21

Mindaugas Abromaitis
Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday
5:00 PM

December 21

Nick Zuza
Req. Sally Zuza

Sunday
8:00 AM

December 22

George and Albina Bilaitis
Req. Theresa Bilaitis

10:30 AM

Barbara Lore

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 21/22		
	LECTOR/MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	L. Mackalonis/ J. Morton	Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen, Vincent
8:00AM	A. Martinez	Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle
10:30AM	C. Danzi	Kayla, Savannah, Alexandra, Vanessa, Haley

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24/25		
	LECTOR/MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	Nicole/Kayla	Emily, Eileen, Giselle, Savannah, Natasha
8:00AM	A. Martinez	Alexandra, Haley, Izabella
10:30AM	C. Danzi	Kristen, Kayleen, Vanessa



1st Collection for 12/08/19: \$1137.00
2nd Collection for 12/08/19: \$508.00
Thank you for your generosity!

LIVING GOD'S WORD

When we pray the Our Father at Mass the priest voices a prayer that asks the Lord to free our minds of worry as we look forward to Jesus' coming. Joyful hope gives us the spirit and confidence to do all that we can, expecting that Christ's saving power will be present in our midst.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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Religious Retirement Fund

9:00 AM Religious Education classes

Giving Tree gifts are due.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:15 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:00 AM Martha Ministry

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

No Religious Education classes

2nd collection

Archdiocese Monthly Assessment

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

10:00 AM Decorate Church for Christmas

7:15 PM Adult Christmas Choir Practice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Rectory office is open until Noon.

5:00 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Holy day of Obligation

Masses at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

Rectory office is closed.

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

December 15, 2019



ALTAR BREAD & WINE...

People of the Parish / OLS

SANCTUARY LAMP...

People of the Parish / OLS

ALTAR CANDLES...

People of the Parish / OLS

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