

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
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**December 22, 2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> 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

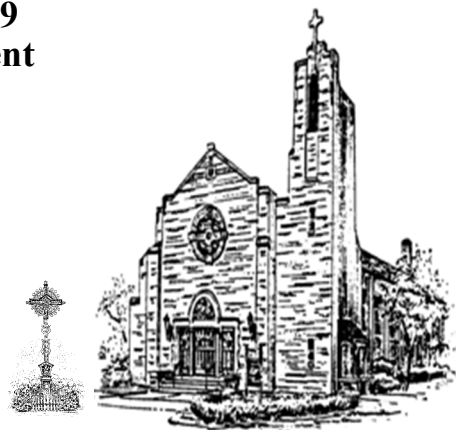
Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

## 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.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 22, 2019**

They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
— *Matthew 1:23*

**TRUST IN GOD**

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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**DECORATING THE CHURCH  
FOR CHRISTMAS**

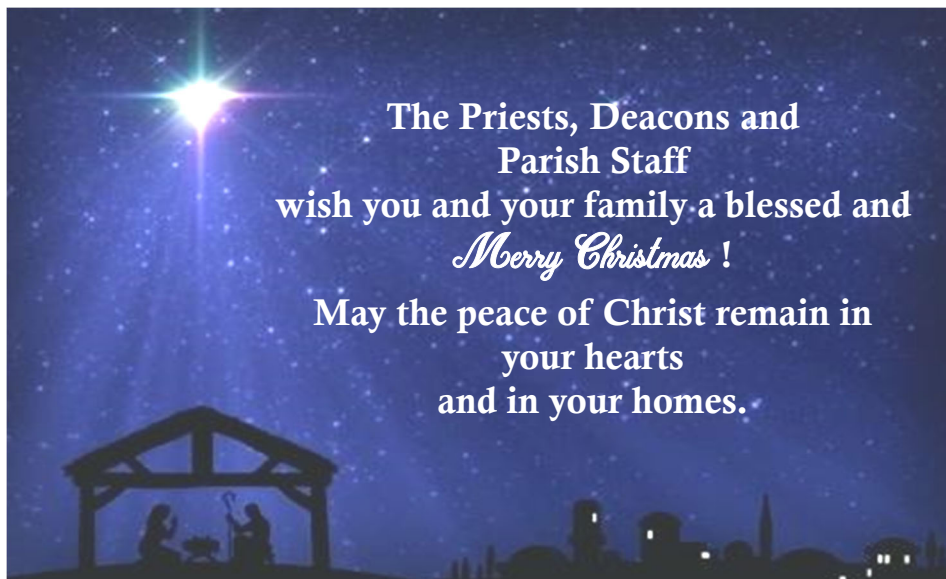
Everyone is invited to help decorate our Church for Christmas. No experience is necessary! Join us on Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00AM.



23<sup>rd</sup>, at



The Rectory office will be open from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed on Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Rectory office will reopen on Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.



**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**

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us!

This is Emmanuel!—From *God's Word Is Our Joy*, Vol. 1 by Lucien Deiss, CSSP, copyright © 1998, World Library Publications. p. 73

**TREASURES FROM OUR  
TRADITION**

We are experiencing the darkest, longest nights of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!

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*Christmas Prayer*



Child of Bethlehem-  
house of bread;  
man of Jerusalem-city  
of peace;

you have loved us  
without limit or condition;  
in our greatness and in our  
misery;

in our folly and in our virtue;  
may Your hand be always upon  
us

and may Your heart be with us,  
so that we too may become  
bread and peace for one another.

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**CHRISTMAS WAFERS**



Christmas Wafers are still available from the ushers or at the Rectory during office hours. Cost \$5.00.



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 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

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM

10:30 AM

**Monday**  
7:30 AM

**Tuesday**  
7:30 AM

5:00 PM  
**Wednesday**

8:00 AM  
10:30 AM

**Thursday**  
7:30 AM

**Friday**  
7:30 AM

**Saturday**  
7:30 AM

**December 21**

**Nick Zuza**  
Req. Sally Zuza

**December 22**

**George and Albina Bilaitis**  
Req. Theresa Bilaitis  
**Barbara Lore**

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

**December 23**

**Joseph Russell**  
Req. Kathy Daunoras

**December 24**

**People of the Parish**  
Req. OLS

**Spiritual Bouquets**

**December 25**

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**December 26**

**Priests of the Parish**  
Req. OLS

**December 27**

**Souls in Purgatory**  
Req. OLS

**December 28**

**Eileen Ross**  
Req. Mary Mooney and Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**December 28**

**Augusto Cornejo 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary**  
Req. Alicia Veliz and Family

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM

**December 29**

**Manuela Freire**  
Req. Lugo Family

10:30 AM

**Martha and Steve Hetey**  
Req. Kathleen Fudali

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 28/29		
	LECTOR/MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	J. Mackesy/J. Morton	Kristen, Kayleen, Emily, Eileen, Vincent
8:00AM	C. Danzi/A. Martinez	Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle
10:30AM	L. Mackalonis	Kayla, Savannah, Alexandra, Vanessa, Haley

MINISTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 31/JANUARY 1		
	LECTOR/MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00PM	C. Danzi/J. Morton	Nicole, Natasha, Izabella, Giselle
9:00AM	W. Kluss	Kayla, Savannah, Alexandra, Vanessa, Haley



Due to holiday production schedule, the collections for 12/15/19 will appear in the next bulletin.

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Thank you to Shaw Buyus Home for Services for their generous donation of our 2020 Religious Art Calendar.



**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21**

10:00 AM Martha Ministry  
4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**

No Religious Education classes  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection Archdiocesan 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.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

4:00 PM—4:30 PM Confessions

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

No Religious Education classes  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection Church's Higher Energy

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

Rectory office is open until Noon.

5:00 PM Holy day Vigil Mass

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020**

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Holy day of Obligation  
9:00 AM Mass

Rectory office is closed.

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK**

**December 22, 2019**



**ALTAR BREAD & WINE...**

*Matilda Tornello / OLS*

**SANCTUARY LAMP...**

*Matilda Tornello / OLS*

**ALTAR CANDLES...**

*Matilda Tornello / OLS*

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