

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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**September 13, 2020**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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 27, 2021 - September 5, 2021

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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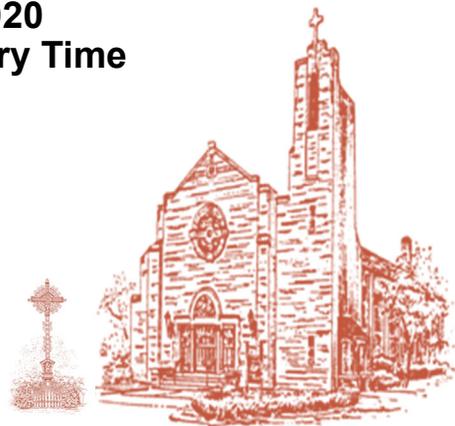
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the event of a serious illness. Visits to  
the home-bound and those in  
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Deacons and Extraordinary  
Eucharistic Ministers.

## 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 Cath-  
olic. 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.



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Peter asked,  
“Lord,  
how often  
must I forgive?  
As many as  
seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-  
FOURTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME  
SEPTEMBER  
13  
2020

## GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

### FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive “seventy-seven” times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

### PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week’s Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus’ vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7  
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12  
Romans 14:7–9  
Matthew 18:21–35



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 **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struziński, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

**May God grant them healing.**

### TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows. We will begin these spiritual days in honor of our Blessed Mother's Feast beginning on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us!!

#### **Sunday, September 13**

The Liturgical Celebration with Prayers for Healing  
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses

#### **Monday, September 14**

True Cross Service at 7:00 PM

#### **Tuesday, September 15**

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows  
Celebration of Holy Mass at 7:00 PM

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

#### ST. JUDE NOVENA



Come join us for 9 weeks for the Celebration of Holy Mass at 7:00 PM followed by the St. Jude Novena beginning Monday, September 21, 2020 and every Monday through November 16, 2020. Fr. John Wassell will be presenting the theme "The Apocalypse: A Study of the Book of Revelation."

September 21	Biblical Introduction
September 28	Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)
October 5	Seven Letters (1:9-3:22)
October 12	Seven Seals (4:1-8:5)
October 19	Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
October 26	Visions (11:19-15:4)
November 2	Seven Bowls (15:5-19:10)
November 9	Visions (19:11-21:8)
November 16	Epilogue (21:6-20)

**Live-streamed on Our Lady of Sorrows Facebook Page.**

### 2020-2021 CCD REGISTRATION

Our Lady of Sorrows is accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 Religious Education classes for Grades 1-8. New registrants must provide a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate (if applicable) unless the sacraments were made here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Classes are scheduled to begin on October 4<sup>th</sup>. More information regarding the classes will follow.

**Please note:** At the present time, the bulletins and missalettes are not available in our Church according to the current guidelines of the Archdiocese of Newark. We have purchased the new missal books for one year beginning with Advent 2020. The missals are available as a memorial for a loved one at \$100.00 for a set of 20 missals. If you are interested in reserving a set of missals, kindly contact the office at (201) 998-4616. We will reserve a set for you. Only 10 sets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. We thank you for your patience in this matter and for your continued support!

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**September 12**

**Margaret Masonus and**

**Roseann Mobus (Anniversary)**

Req. Donna Calcado and Linda Reina

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM

**September 13 (OLS TRIDUUM)**

**Mary Abromaitis**

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

10:30 AM

**Wayne Ploghoft**

Req. Roland, Lucy and Victoria Buchholz

**Monday**  
7:30 AM

**September 14 (OLS TRIDUUM)**

**Dan Nakrosis**

7:00 PM

**True Cross Service (No Mass)**

**Tuesday**

**September 15 (OLS TRIDUUM)**

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

7:30 AM

**Sergio Sanchez**

Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

7:00 PM

**Edward McBride**

Req. Linda and Bert Yngelmo

**Wednesday**

**September 16**

7:30 AM

**Juan Lago**

Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

**Thursday**

**September 17**

7:30 AM

**Daniel Nakrosis**

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

**Friday**

**September 18**

7:30 AM

**Anna Zulauf**

Req. Theresa Tiberi

**Saturday**

**September 19**

7:30 AM

**William Grozio**

Req. Cathy and Greg Cierpial

### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday**

**September 19**

5:00 PM

**Richard Carlson 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Req. Patricia Carlson

**Sunday**

**September 20**

8:00 AM

**Edmund Abromaitis Jr.**

Req. Loving Sister

10:30 AM

**Barbara Lore**

Req. Loving Family

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

### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

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*People of the Parish*

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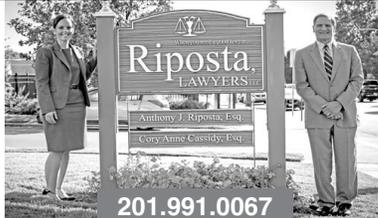
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