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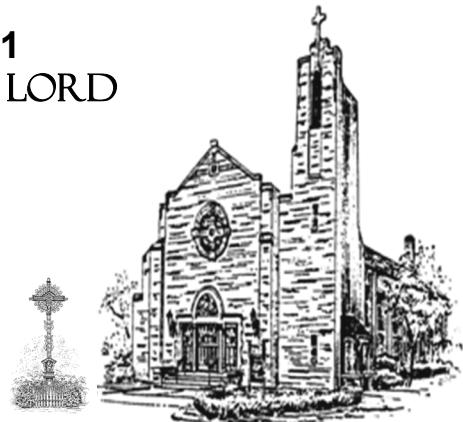
Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

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.



January 10, 2021 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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.

**JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMED:
“ONE MIGHTIER THAN I
IS COMING AFTER ME ...
I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER;
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

MARK 1:7,8

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THE **BAPTISM** OF THE LORD



JANUARY 10, 2021

It may seem obvious that the theme for the Baptism of the Lord is “water,” but when one spends time with the readings today, one can see many different connotations for that water and its power. Isaiah calls the poor who are thirsty and tired to come to the water and take the spiritual food and drink that will be provided if we but seek the Lord. Here, God is both destination and consolation. The responsorial psalm follows suit with the image of drawing water from the springs of salvation. 1 John takes us to the reality of Christ as eucharist: not only Jesus’ birth and baptism, but his death, as we hear that Jesus came “by water and by blood.” The Gospel depicts John baptizing Jesus with water, and the Spirit baptizing Jesus. We experience both the humanity and the divinity of Christ. Indeed, water has much power to save us.

BEING THE MESSENGER

When we go to a pop music concert, there is often an opening act. Usually they are a young group on their way up, or older musicians who are past their prime and still hanging on in the business. This is indeed a hard job. In the comedy world it is the same thing. You have to warm up the crowd. You are not who they are coming to see, and audiences may be unresponsive, come in late, or not pay a lot of attention. Yet John had no problem being the opening act, the messenger, the harbinger of faith for Jesus. He was very devout in his faith and knew what his role was. Many Jews were actively seeking a messiah, and he was quick to let them know that he was not the one for whom they were waiting. “I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Yet he conducted his ministry with faith and hope.

BEING THE MESSAGE

As John humbly carried out his mission and Jesus accepted this simple baptism by John, the Holy Spirit indeed came down upon Jesus, and God proclaimed for the first time, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Thus Jesus began his formal ministry. There must have been much that he already knew, but also much that he uncovered each day in his encounters with the disciples and the crowds. As he responded “yes” to the Father over and over, his thirst was quenched and his spirit strengthened.

How many times do we witness baptisms in the parish? The priest ministers with simple elements of water and oil, but the Spirit is called down each time. Every time we participate, we are experiencing the message, experiencing the call again. How many times have we blessed ourselves with holy water, or participated in a sprinkling rite? Yet in these days, when church fonts are empty due to safety precautions, we need to remember those other times, trust in God, and sing the prayer of Isaiah in our hearts about drawing the water joyfully. We must trust in the message. We must become the message of God’s saving action through our baptism and our lives.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:1–11
Isaiah 12:2–3, 4bcd, 5–6
1 John 5:1–9
Mark 1:7–11

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS



Welcome
Ms. Theresa Tiberi
Mr. and Mrs. James Walls
to Our Lady of Sorrows Church and thank
you for joining our parish family!
We are blessed to have you as
companions on our journey of faith.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A MASS

One of the greatest gifts a person can receive is the celebration of a Mass for their intentions. For this reason it is a custom for many people to give the gift of a Mass intention to relatives or friends, living or deceased. We have many open Masses for next year. Kindly call the rectory office to reserve your Mass intentions for 2021.

FEAST OF FAITH: THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

At the beginning of our prayer, we make the sign of the cross together. This sign, simple and powerful, operates on many levels. We trace the sign of the cross over our bodies, reminding ourselves that the cross of Christ has become our source of resurrection, life, and grace. With this sign, we also profess our faith in the Trinity: the presider does not say "in the *names*," but "in the *name* of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"—three persons, one God. The sign of the cross is also a baptismal reminder, for every sign of the cross echoes the words spoken over us at our baptism, which marked our entry into the saving mystery of Christ. This many-layered sign is also our primary sign of blessing: the cross is traced over people, places, and things upon which we ask God to impart divine benediction.

In blessing ourselves with the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass, we acknowledge the mystery that has gathered us together: that Christ, the crucified and risen One, is living, and that we are members of his Body. Our response, our Amen, is our yes to all this, our first profession of faith.

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AN ANCIENT BAPTISTRY

One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistry, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistry in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptistries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.

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COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY & HEALING

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, regard the safety and protection of all God's people in any Church service, activity or event as a high priority. Any person who wishes to report an incident of sexual misconduct by a member of the clergy, religious or lay staff of the Archdiocese of Newark, should contact the Archdiocese by calling (201) 407-3256.

A MESSAGE TO OUR PARISHIONERS:

Thank you for supporting your parish during this unprecedented time. The COVID-19 pandemic has posed many challenges to many parishes. The Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows is sincerely grateful for your continued support and generosity.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday

8:00 AM People of the Parish

Monday

10:30 AM People of the Parish
January 11
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Req. The Gozun Family

Tuesday

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday

7:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday

7:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday

7:30 AM People of the Parish

Saturday

7:30 AM People of the Parish

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 PM Walter and Helen Mackalonis
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

Sunday

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving of Ading Gozun,
Children and Family (Living)
Req. Presy Gozun
John Kahmann
Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS

Sanctuary Lamp...

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Altar Candles...

People of the Parish / OLS



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

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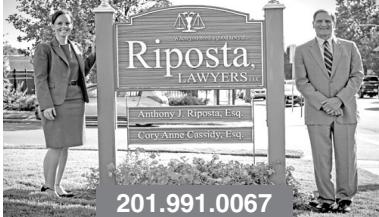


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