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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.

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.



January 17, 2021

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

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GOD'S CALL

The stories of the call of Samuel and of the first disciples in John's Gospel help us begin to understand the nature of God's call. It is not a work order from a distant God to carry out a specific task, but an invitation to participate in what God is already doing. The journey begins with God's intentions and activity. After the initial moment of call, God is shown to be actively leading these ordinary people to partner in God's work. For ourselves, we might not experience a single or dramatic moment of call. God's call can take many forms. But like Samuel, and like Jesus' disciples, we are invited into a relationship of trust and friendship with God. We too are invited to employ the gifts God has given us, always in dialogue with our God, in our daily lives.

OUR DEEPEST DESIRES

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' first spoken words in the Gospel of John: "What are you looking for?" This penetrating question reverberates throughout John's Gospel. The disciples who form Jesus' first community, and many others who meet Jesus during his life, are drawn to him, seeking something they can't quite name. As Jesus called and formed his community of disciples, he probed their hearts and allowed them to probe his heart. They shared their deepest needs, hopes, and commitments.

Jesus' words might be directed to us, here and now. Sometimes we struggle to name what we really want. In our faith journey, in prayer and in lived experience, we learn to share our dreams and also to open our hearts to know God's dreams. In time, with lots of practice, with many successes and failures, we learn to trust God to shape and to fulfill our deepest desires.

YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING

We hear of young Samuel today, dedicated to a life of service to God, under the guidance of Eli, a Temple priest. Twice, Samuel hears the call of God and says "Here I am" to Eli. At last Eli recognizes that it is God who is calling Samuel. When Samuel hears God a third time, Samuel does not say "Here I am," but "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." We can see a subtle shift as Samuel moves away from announcing his intention to serve and more clearly opens himself to God's voice. Samuel allows God to take the initiative, and attends first to God's intentions rather than his own.

Samuel's story helps us to remember that accepting God's call is not only about a new chapter in our personal story. Our acceptance is, more profoundly, a new moment in God's story. Even in our smallest "yes," God celebrates our partnership in God's great work. Through our openness and acceptance, God has new opportunities to bring all of us into loving unity with God.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 3:3b–10, 19
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–8a, 8b–9, 10
1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a, 17–20
John 1:35–42



The Priests and Deacons of the Parish sincerely thank all who have helped make the celebrations of Christmas, Christ's birth, a joyous one.

A huge "thank you" to our volunteers who gave up their time and talents to arrange the beautiful decorations in our Church and help set up our Nativity sets; a special thank you to our Music Director, Mrs. Gina Sgalia-Ball, our Ministry of Lectors and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, and our Altar Servers.

A special thank you to all who contributed to the Christmas Poinsettias Memorial which beautifully decorated our Church.

The Priests of the Parish thank all who so generously contributed to this year's Christmas Collection especially during this most challenging year for everyone. It is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.

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.

2020 INCOME TAX STATEMENTS

The Income Tax Statements for 2020 are mailed directly to our parishioners from our offertory envelope supplier. If you have not received your tax statement by the end of January, kindly contact the Rectory office.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are you." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00 PM

January 16

Walter and Helen Mackalonis
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

January 17

In Thanksgiving of Ading Gozun,
Children and Family (Living)
Req. Presy Gozun

John Kahmann

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

January 18

Abing Galang

Req. Wana and Disa Manitpisitkul

January 19

Souls in Purgatory

January 20

Beruta Lukshis
Req. Dolores Walingavich

January 21

People of the Parish

January 22

People of the Parish

January 23

Maria Gonzalez
Req. Sanchez Family

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23

Anna and Walter Serafenas
Req. Dorothy McBride

January 24

People of the Parish
Rev. Msgr. Dominick Pocus
Req. Gen and Al Mazur and Family

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 17, 2021

Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish / OLS

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

May God grant them healing.

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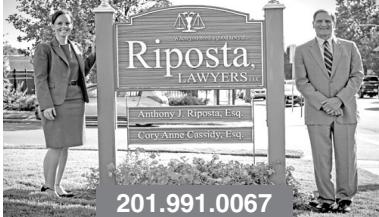


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