

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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The office is currently open  
Monday – Friday  
from 9 AM—12 PM.  
Please wear a mask upon entering  
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(The office is closed on  
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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

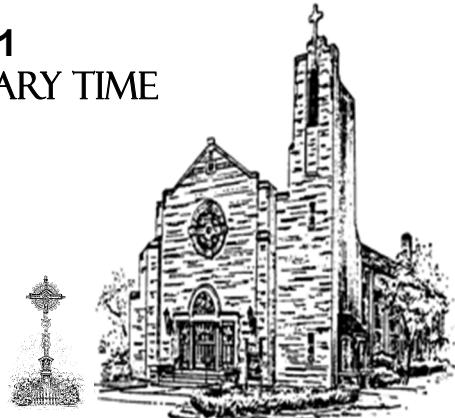
Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers.

## 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 31, 2021**

**4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord;  
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his  
presence with thanksgiving;  
let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Psalm 95:1-2



## GOD'S AUTHENTIC VOICE

Who speaks for God? How can we determine which are authentic, authoritative expressions of God's intentions, and which are false? Today's readings explore the question of authority in distinct ways. In Deuteronomy, Moses prepares the people of Israel for his coming death, indicating that God will raise up a new prophet to guide them. Mark describes Jesus as God's authentic voice, by the authority of his teaching and the authority he commands over an unclean spirit. In both, authority comes directly from God. Authority comes from an intimate relationship with God and with God's people. God's spokesperson is one who teaches, protects, and heals the people loved by God. As always, there is great need today for leaders in our communities who radically trust God to work through them. Let us pray that each person who performs in a role of leadership may speak for God with an authentic voice.

## RESCUE FROM BONDAGE

Uniquely in the Gospel of Mark, Jesus' public ministry begins with a direct confrontation with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel passage reflects a recurring theme in Mark, that Jesus' coming is part of a cosmic battle between God and evil forces. It was commonly believed that many spirits were present in the world, and some sought to control human beings. Mark asserts that in Jesus, God has come to rescue humanity, to free us from every form of bondage.

In today's passage, the unclean spirit does not surrender power quietly. After complaints, convulsions, and screams, the spirit finally departs. As we may witness in own experience, that which binds us—fear, injustice, resentment—often departs only after a mighty struggle. Confronting anything "unclean" in our hearts, our institutions, or our society often involves a long journey toward freedom. May we sustain our efforts and our trust in God, during these long struggles.

## PROPHETS IN DAILY LIFE

Moses assures Israel of God's continued presence by promising a new prophet. Like Moses, the prophet will be raised up directly by God. But how to distinguish a true prophet from a false one? Many claim to speak for God. The task is complicated by the fact that often, true prophets make waves, cause trouble, and disturb how things are normally done. Many simply don't want to hear what God is saying, because it threatens their privilege, comfort, or sense of identity.

Like the Israelites in today's reading, it can be hard for us to bear the voice of God. For God calls us out of all the ways we avoid opening our hearts to God and to others. And so, God raises up surprise prophets in daily life. These are all the people and events who summon us to fuller maturity in love and in faith. We are called upon to always be ready for the prophetic word that may emerge from God's surprises.

JANUARY 31, 2021  
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 18:15–20  
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7b, 7c–9  
1 Corinthians 7:32–35  
Mark 1:21–28

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Collection January 24, 2021: \$561.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: \$148.00

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the weekend of 2/6—2/7 is for Maintenance and Repairs.  
Thank you for your support and generosity.



**Annual Appeal**

**Make your gift today.**

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support.

**Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### January 30

Alice Daunoras

Req. Kathy Daunoras

### January 31

People of the Parish

People of the Parish

### February 1

Priests of the Parish

### February 2

People of the Parish

### February 3

People of the Parish

### February 4

Souls in Purgatory

### February 5

People of the Parish

### February 6

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

#### Saturday

5:00 PM

#### February 6

Eloi Reu 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Req. Ermelinda Esteves

#### Sunday

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

#### February 7

People of the Parish

Leo Yarmolowicz

Req. Yarmolowicz Family

**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...

*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.**

## MORE

Care more than others think necessary.

Trust more than others think wise.

Serve more than others think practical.

—Anonymous

