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(The office is closed on  
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**February 21, 2021**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

## 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.



## 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF

# Lent

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,  
and he remained in the  
desert for forty days,  
tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts,  
and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13



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FEBRUARY  
**21**  
2021

## REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both fast and abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On a day of fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**
2. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the

*First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.*

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

## FEAST OF FAITH

### SEASONAL CHANGES FOR THE LITURGIES OF LENT

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Annual Appeal

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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. Our Parish Goal is \$9116.00.

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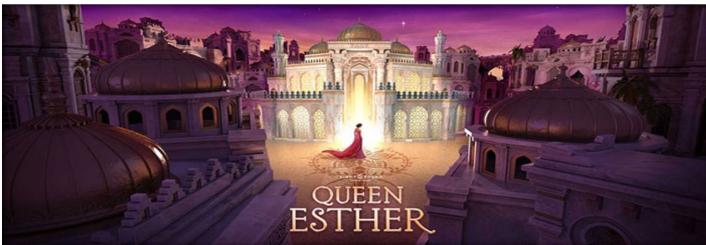
Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, 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.*

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The collections for February 14<sup>th</sup> will appear in the next bulletin.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the weekend of 2/27 & 2/28 is for our Church's Easter Flowers.  
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Checks payable to OLS Rosary Society.

Final payment is due on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be prayed every Friday beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM through March 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.



## BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

—Jean P. F. Richter

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### February 20

Howard Mackesy

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

### February 21

Mary Gelcius

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

Gloria and Ken Neer

Req. Gen and Al Mazur and Family

### February 22

Deceased Members of FOSS & Ismael Lamroy

Req. FOSS

### February 23

Deceased Members of FOSS & Jeff Sitar

Req. FOSS

### February 24

Doris Leinhard

Req. Theresa Tiberi

### February 25

Deceased Members of FOSS & June Oschner

Req. FOSS

### February 26

Living Members of FOSS &

Bobby Cravon

Req. FOSS

Stations of the Cross

### February 27

Deceased Members of FOSS & Michael Ambrosio

Req. FOSS

### Second Sunday of Lent

### February 27

Dolores Wapinsky

Req. Linda Reina

### February 28

Augusto Cornejo

Req. Alicia Veliz and Family

Susan Wolenski

Req. Kathy Daunoras

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

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

### Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS

### Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish / OLS

### Altar Candles...

People of the Parish / OLS



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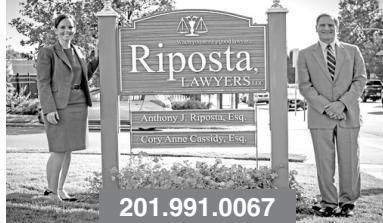
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