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## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:  
Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM  
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM  
Holy Day Masses:  
7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
9 AM—12 PM  
(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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OCTOBER

31  
2021

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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You shall *love* your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:31

## PARISH REGISTRATION

All are Welcome! New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for 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

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

## 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.

## 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.



**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART.  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND.  
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

**October 31, 2021  
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the *Shema* ("Hear!"). The *Shema* is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the *Shema* on parchment and enclose it in the *mezuzah* that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the *mezuzah*, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

#### **EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT**

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4–5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

#### **KNOWING AND DOING**

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

**Today's Readings: Dt 6:2–6; Ps 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23–28; Mk 12:28b–34**

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#### **All Saints Day—Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)**

We honor all those men and women who faithfully loved God and His people throughout their lives. They are models of behavior, people who made the decision to be directed toward God in all that they did and to be responsible for His people. May all our lives be based on love—a love of God and love of neighbor. **Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM (St. Jude Novena).**

#### **All Souls' Day—Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

November is the month in which we pray for the souls of our beloved dead and the souls in purgatory in a special way. The All Souls envelopes will be placed on the Altar throughout the Month of November. The All Souls envelopes can be found in the Church vestibule. Please place your envelope in the collection basket during the weekend Masses. A listing of names of those who had a Funeral Mass in our Church from November 3, 2020—October 31, 2021 will be displayed in the Church vestibule and listed below. All the names on the All Souls envelopes and those listed on the display board will be remembered throughout the month of November.

RICHARD BUBENAS  
KEITH J. BROWN  
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ANNA FERRIS

RICHARD LAYTOS  
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MICHAEL NAJUCH  
SARAH ROBERTS  
BARBARA RUSSELL



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, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".  
*May God grant them healing.*

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

Following the 5PM Mass on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, all are invited to the Church Hall to express our love and appreciation to Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy for all that they do for us at Our Lady of Sorrows as they prepare to start their new adventure in Pennsylvania. Refreshments will be served.

### ST. JUDE NOVENA



Please join us for our Annual St. Jude Novena on Mondays with the Celebration of Holy Mass at 7PM. This year's theme will be *St. Joseph, With a Father's Heart: A reflection on Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Patris Corde during this year dedicated to St. Joseph.*



November 1      Consecration To St. Joseph  
All Saints Day  
November 8      A Working Father  
November 15     A Father in the Shadows

Come support your parish! Invite your family and friends!

### CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The Rosary Society is sponsoring a Christmas Wreath Sale. The cost of the wreath is \$20.00 each. Order forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Rectory during office hours. Please place your order form along with your payment in the Sunday collection basket or in the mail slot of the Rectory door no later than November 7<sup>th</sup> in an envelope addressed to the Rosary Society. Pay in cash or check made payable to: **Rosary Society of Our Lady of Sorrows**. The wreaths will be available for pick up in the Church Hall on Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup> between 2:30PM and 4:30PM. Thank you for your support!

### REMINDER: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be no classes on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Veteran's Day and Election Day. Classes will resume on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> after saying your prayers before going to bed.

## Mass Intentions

### FOR THE WEEK

#### Saturday

5:00 PM

#### October 30

Esteves and Reu Families  
Req. Sally Zuza

#### October 31

Barbara Russell  
Req. Dolores Walingavich

#### November 1

People of the Parish  
Manuel Calcado  
Req. Family

#### November 2

All Souls

#### November 3

Richard Moroses  
Req. Joyce and Anthony Machcinski

#### November 4

John Cali and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

#### November 5

Mrs. Babe Devino and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

#### November 6

Sergio Sanchez  
Req. Marlene Sanchez

#### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### November 6

Leo Yarmolowicz  
Req. Yarmolowicz Family

#### November 7

Vincent and Edna Rokas  
Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

### 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



### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> collection	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$1767.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	October 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$322.00

There is no second collection for November 7th.  
The Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes are available in the back of the Church.  
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