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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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Church, Kearny, NJ

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

There will be signs in the sun,
the moon, and the stars.

When these signs
begin to happen,
stand erect and
raise your heads
because your
redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



FIRST Sunday OF Advent

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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.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

Advent

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of



The Last Judgment, from The Small Passion

Albrecht Dürer (German, 1471-1528), c. 1510

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

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Today, whether at evening, morning, or midday, in many communities of different churches around the world, the first candle lighted in each Advent wreath silently but beautifully announces the beginning of a new liturgical year. This new beginning presents a grace-filled opportunity for us to resolve to live not simply according to the secular calendar of our commercialized society, but according to the spirit of the liturgy. There's nothing wrong—indeed there can be something quite holy—about planning to celebrate God's surprising gift of the Son by surprising our loved ones with thoughtful gifts at Christmas. But how important, amid the rush of holiday preparations, to take the time and to make the effort to appreciate Advent's early twilights and later sunrises, awash in the purples, deep blues, and even the dusky rose colors we associate with Advent. Thus we let nature's own "Advent" prompt reflections on the "Advent" that Jeremiah saw coming.

IMAGES OF THE END-TIMES

How forcefully today's scriptures challenge us to attend to the ominous nature of the Kingdom's definitive in-breaking! The call echoes through Jeremiah's prophecy: "In those days, in that time" and in Paul's letter: "at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen." The theme intensifies toward a crescendo in Luke: "there will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth . . . dismay and perplexity." People will be scared to death—literally—"in anticipation of what is coming upon the world," as "seas and waves roar" and "the powers of heaven will be shaken." And all of this will be just a prelude to "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." In the face of this "awful" (that is, filled-with-awe) ending, Jesus warns his disciples to guard against two equally debilitating extremes, both of which seem to be trademarks of our contemporary culture: deadening diversion on one hand, and frantic anxiety on the other.

PREPARATION FOR THE END-TIMES

In light of these predictions of frightening end-times, Jesus advises us to embrace his three-fold "Preparation for the End Program": (1) "Beware!" that is, be aware of what really matters, life's true priorities. (2) "Be vigilant at all times," that is, watchful for Christ's coming not only at the end but in the meantime, in family and neighbor, friend and stranger. (3) Above all, "pray." Prayer, communion with God, will help us to remember that for faithful disciples, The End of this world—or our own lives, whichever comes first—will be The Beginning of a joy no one can take from us, fullness of life that will never end. How lovely if this Advent's renewal prepared us to look forward to the moment of Jesus' coming—in his glory or our death—not as a cataclysmic disaster, but as a reason for which to "stand erect and raise (our) heads (in joyful expectation) because (our) redemption is at hand."

Today's Readings:

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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The Rosary Society of OLS News...

In place of the Giving Tree, the Rosary Society is participating in a Toiletry Bag project. This project will benefit local shelters, especially the homeless. You may take a bag from the back of the Church, fill it with the item on the list in the bag, and return the bag to the back of Our Lady of Sorrows Church by Wednesday, December 8th. We thank you for supporting this project!!



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.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. The envelopes for the Christmas flowers are located on the table in the back of the Church. Please place it with your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory office mail slot.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Advent is a perfect time for Reconciliation.

It is a wonder time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please join us on Monday, November 29th at 7:00 PM at St. Cecilia Church.

ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Calling all Singers!!! We are pleased to announce the return of our Adult Christmas Choir!!!



Choir Rehearsals Resume

You are invited to join our Christmas Resume Choir as we prepare for the liturgical season of Christmas. Choir practice begins on Monday, November 29th, at 7:15PM in the choir loft. We hope to see you there!!!

2022 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Our 2022 Book of Mass Intentions is open. Please note that due to the changes in our current Mass schedule we would like to be fair to all our parishioners: (Two Sundays throughout the year of 2022 ONLY and four 7:30 AM Daily Masses up until June 30, 2022 to ONE family.) After all the parishioners have had a chance to schedule Mass intentions, you will be then able to request no more than 2 Sunday Masses at any other time (to one parish family). All Mass stipends are \$10.00.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available at the Rectory office. Kindly contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up the wafers. Cost \$5.00.



Mass Intentions for the week



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Saturday

5:00 PM

November 27

Nick Zuza

Req. Sally Zuza

Sunday

9:00 AM

November 28

Richard Laytos

Req. Peggy Taylor

Monday

7:30 AM

November 29

Kevin Olson and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

Tuesday

7:30 AM

November 30

Monica Osorio

Req. Marlene Sanchez

Wednesday

7:30 AM

December 1

Karen Stellato

Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

Thursday

9:00 AM

December 2

People of the Parish

Friday

7:30 AM

December 3

John Plikaitis

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

Saturday

7:30 AM

December 4

Special Intention for Harold Faulk and

Peace and Conversion

Req. Elaine Faulk

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4

Nick and Donald Zuza

Req. Ermelinda Esteves

December 5

Special Intention for Sarah Manaois

on her 19th Birthday

Req. Harry and Teresa Manaois



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish / OLS

Altar Candles...

People of the Parish / OLS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to the holiday production schedule of the bulletin, the collections for November 21st will appear in the next bulletin.

The second collection for December 5th is to help pay our Church's higher energy costs.

The Christmas Mass Remembrance and Christmas flowers envelopes are available in the back of the Church.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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