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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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**Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic
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Seventh
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

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FEBRUARY
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"To you who hear I say,
love your enemies,
do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you,
pray for those who mistreat you."

Luke 6:27

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.



Alms to the Poor

n.d.
Rodolphe Bresdin
French, 1825–1885
Art Institute of Chicago

Luke 6:38

Give, and gifts will be given to you;
a good measure, packed together,
shaken down, and overflowing,
will be poured into your lap.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23
Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13
1 Corinthians 15:45–49
Luke 6:27–38



Annual Appeal ^{#2022}

Make your gift today.

The 2022 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. **Our Parish Goal is \$9117.00. Donations can be made online at www.rcan.org.**

The 2022 Annual Appeal video is available on our Parish website www.olskearny.org and on the Archdiocese website in various languages at www.rcan.org. 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 2022 Annual Appeal?**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes will resume on Sunday, February 27th.



The Rectory office is closed on Monday, February 21st, in observance of Presidents' Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 22nd at 9AM.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR

Calling all singers!!! You are invited to join our Adult Choir as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Masses. Rehearsals begin on Monday, March 7th at 7:15 PM in the Choir loft. Come join us!!!



I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!
(Psalm 108:1)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to the holiday schedule, the collections for February 13th will appear in the next bulletin.

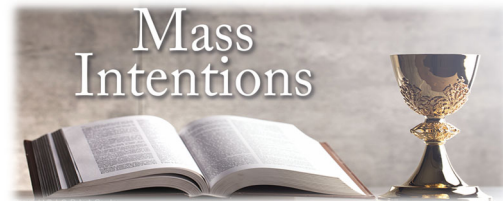
The second collection for the weekend of February 26/27 is for the Easter flowers.

Thank you for your generosity!!

DESTROYING ONE'S ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

—Abraham Lincoln



Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM

February 19

Eduardo Rodriguez

Req. Lucy Avevalo

Sunday

9:00 AM

February 20

Mary Gelcius

Req. Cathy and Greg Cierpial

Monday

7:30 AM

February 21

Gloria and Ken Neer

Req. Gen and Al Mazur and Family

Tuesday

7:30 AM

February 22

Frank Abromaitis

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

Wednesday

7:30 AM

February 23

Isabelle Lunney and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

Thursday

7:30 AM

February 24

Rev. Conrad Miller and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

Friday

7:30 AM

February 25

Special Intention for Regina Harris

Req. Irene Potts

Saturday

7:30 AM

February 26

Mr. Rupero and

Deceased Members of FOSS

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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:00 PM

February 26

Florence Shugrue

Req. Bill and Barbara Shugrue

Sunday

9:00 AM

February 27

Priscilla Games and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

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 **Armand Calabrese, Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, 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.

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