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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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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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2022 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.**

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.

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, March 6, 2022 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.

**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.*

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 are held on Mondays at 7:15 PM in the Choir loft. Come join us!!!

I will sing and make melody.

Awake, my soul! (Psalm 108:1)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



This traditional Lenten devotion will be prayed every Friday through April 8th, 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.
Please join us!!



**"Sir,
leave the fig tree
for another year;
perhaps it
will bear fruit."**

Luke 13:8-9

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Elizabeth Barret Browning wrote, "Earth's crammed with heaven, And every common bush afire with God, But only he who sees, takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries." We are challenged today to experience the mystery of God with the image of Moses and the burning bush—a God who answers all questions in a simple, bold manner. Like an exasperated parent telling a child "Because I said so," God tells Moses "I am who I am," and "tell the Israelites I AM sent me to you." God may as well have said, "Save all your questions, and trust in me. Quit being so stubborn." The passage from First Corinthians reminds us what happened when the Israelites did not listen to God's message. They grumbled and complained because manna from heaven was not enough! Lastly, an annoyed Jesus calls on his listeners to repent and uses a difficult parable to stress transformation.

A CONTINUOUS LENT

In the Rule of Saint Benedict, the monks are told that their lives should be a "continuous Lent." At first, this may sound like a negative, difficult thing, or entirely depressing. Rather, it is simply a call to be open and continue growing. In fact, one of the vows that Benedictines profess is *Conversatio Morum*, that is, "conversion of life." In a nutshell, that is what Jesus is saying this week. We are being called to change our lives. Some people came to Jesus with gossip and a gruesome story about Pilate; Jesus challenged them with a couple of pointed questions, and then related the parable of the fig tree. To put it in context, usually figs blossom within two years, and then can be harvested twice a year. When a tree has been barren three years, it might be best just to remove it, but this is not the approach that Jesus suggested. Rather, the gardener in the parable chose to nurture the tree, fertilizing it with dung. He was not willing to give up on it.

GROWTH

There are times when we may feel our lives are covered in dung, and we lie dormant through a plethora of difficult and painful moments. But Jesus is calling us to use this time, to draw strength from it, to use the dung in our lives as fertilizer, to begin a slow and steady transformation to a new and better place, until we too can bear fruit. Growth is always a process, and we have to start somewhere. While there is always a call to repentance and conversion, we are blessed with a God who is loving enough and patient enough to wait for us to come to our senses, however long that may take. This Lent we are being called to life. We are called to repent. We are called to be nurtured and fertilized and take the time and effort to grow.

Today's Readings: Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12; Lk 13:1–9

THE 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2022 Annual Appeal is well underway. **Our Parish goal is \$7990.00.** Donations can be made online at www.rcan.org. Thank you to those who have already pledged. Your support is central to the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. Together we can continue to serve with faith, hope and charity. If you have yet to participate, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the Church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing.

EASTER FLOWERS

Our Lady of Sorrows is decorated beautifully each year for Easter by the generous donations of our parish community. If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers, envelopes for the Easter flowers can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Rejoice in the Lord NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of **Rejoice in the Lord** is now available online. In this latest edition, Cardinal Tobin offers a Lenten reflection and an update on the Synodal process along with a message and invitation to the Church's youth. Cardinal Tobin's newsletter to the faithful, is available online at www.rcan.org/rejoiceinthelord and linked on the archdiocesan news site, www.JerseyCatholic.org. Please share this with your family and friends.

2022 ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES

The Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to announce the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022! These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 24, 2022	3:00 PM	5 years & 25 years (All counties)
May 15, 2022	3:00 PM	50 years (All counties)

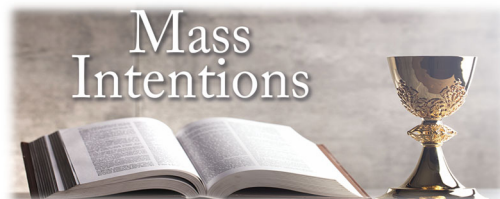
It is Archdiocese's desire, that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Since the Archdiocese was unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years is invited in this celebration. **Please note that the certificates will still say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.**

Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. Please contact the Rectory office to make a reservation. Forms for the April 24th Anniversaries are due on April 15th and anniversaries celebrated on May 15th, forms are due on May 6th.



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, **especially Patricia Blair**, 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.



Saturday

5:00 PM

March 19

Maria Robetto
Req. Chris Danzi

Sunday

9:00 AM

March 20

Nancy O'Hara
Req. Kathy Daunoras

Monday

7:30 AM

March 21

Chicky Moscoto and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Tuesday

7:30 AM

March 22

Osbourne Roberts and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Wednesday

7:30 AM

March 23

Alice Daunoras
Req. Kathy Daunoras

Thursday

7:30 AM

March 24

Special Intention for Samuel Manaois
on his 12th Birthday
Req. Teresa and Harry Manaois

Friday

7:30 AM

March 25

Joe McKnight and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS
Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM

Saturday

7:30 AM

March 26

Persecuted Christians and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday

5:00 PM

March 26

Burt Hoyt
Req. Anthony J. Lore

Sunday

9:00 AM

March 27

Richard Walingavich
Req. Dolores Walingavich

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 20, 2022

Altar Bread & Wine...

Patricia Blair / OLS

Sanctuary Lamp...

Patricia Blair / OLS

Altar Candles...

Patricia Blair / OLS



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	03/13/2022	\$1160.00
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