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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

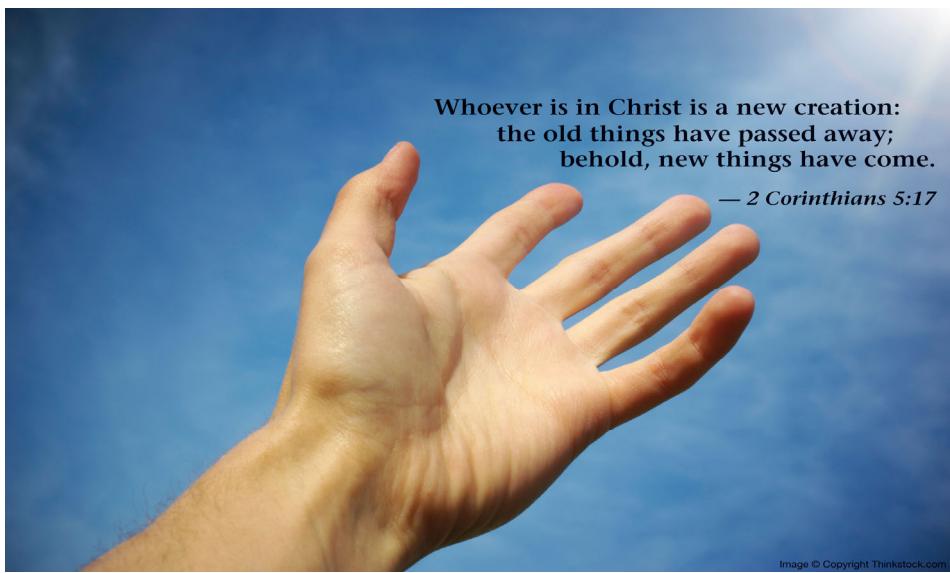
Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

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.



Whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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Who knew that when Moses led the Israelites out of slavery it would mean forty years of wandering in the desert before they were able to enter the Promised Land? Many of us experience periods of wandering in our life. Perhaps we made some poor judgment calls in our younger days, or maybe as adult children we returned home to live because of struggling with substance abuse, or unemployment, or a divorce. Or maybe we fell away from Church for a bit. This is nothing new. The second reading calls us to be new creations in Christ, to put away our old selves, to be transformed; and in the Gospel we hear the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son. Each of these calls for us to move, and grow, and leave old ways behind.

TESTING THE BOUNDARIES

Some of the first words a two-year-old might say are “Do by self!” It is almost a rite of passage for teenagers to test their parents as much as they can. Every parent who ever lay awake in bed at night waiting to hear the sound of the child pulling the car into the garage or opening the door knows at least as much about praying vigils as any nun in a convent. This is a deep and earnest prayer, and the parents can barely breathe until their child comes home. Usually when we think of the story of the Prodigal Son, we think of the feeling of guilt the son had as he realized how much he had messed things up, or we feel the injustice that the older brother felt, because he wasn’t the rebel child leaving the home.

WELCOME HOME

What we don’t often remember in the story of the Prodigal Son is that God is there welcoming, urging us on. A few years ago there was a funeral for a young man who died of a drug overdose within days of coming out of a treatment center. Many of his young friends came but expected fire and brimstone, and to be told what a bad child that boy was. Instead, the priest preached about God loving this child so much that perhaps the only way God could protect him was to bring him home. That gentle image of God welcoming him with open arms soothed the broken hearts and unspoken questions that were on many minds. Not every situation is that drastic, but God is calling us home this Lent no matter what mistakes we’ve made, or how many times we have made them.

Today's Readings: Jos 5:9a, 10–12; Ps 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7; 2 Cor 5:17–21; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

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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.

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL



Choir rehearsals for Holy Week and Easter Masses 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 at 6:30PM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Please join us!



MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Join us for Our Lady of Sorrows traditional Lenten devotion, Mary's Way of the Cross, on Friday, April 8th, at 6:30 PM.

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.

EASTER 2022 SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

All Masses on Easter Day, including the Easter evening Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, as stated on the Spiritual Bouquet Mass Remembrance envelopes. Spiritual Bouquet Easter cards are available at the Rectory office during office hours. The donation for the Mass Remembrance is \$5.00. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during all Easter Masses.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome

Mr. and Mrs. Omola Okpaleke
to Our Lady of Sorrows Church and thank
you for joining our parish family!
We are blessed to have you as
companions on our journey of faith.



Congratulations to the following students
who received First Reconciliation on
Saturday, March 19, 2022 at Our Lady
of Sorrows:

Rebecca Gómez and Sienna Martins

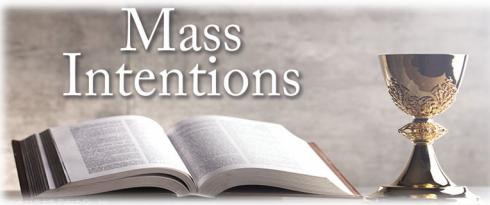
PALM CROSS SALE

The Annual Palm Cross Sale will be held before and after all Masses on the weekend of April 2/3, 2022. The cost is \$9.00. Thank you for your support!



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 Zarebski, 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 26

Burt Hoyt

Req. Anthony J. Lore

Sunday

9:00 AM

March 27

Richard Walingavich

Req. Dolores Walingavich

Monday

7:30 AM

March 28

Myra Thompson and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

Tuesday

7:30 AM

March 29

Johnny Enright and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

Wednesday

7:30 AM

March 30

Burt Hoyt

Req. Muldoon Family

Thursday

7:30 AM

March 31

Augustus Petti

Req. Deacon John Sarnas

Friday

7:30 AM

April 1

Deacon Bill Valladares

Req. Maximina Roig and Family

Stations of the Cross

Saturday

7:30 AM

April 2

Bobby O'Neill and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2

Leo Yarmolowicz

Req. Yarmolowicz Family

April 3

Barbara Lore

Req. Muldoon Family

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 27, 2022

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 st collection	03/20/2022	\$956.00
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The second collection for the weekend of April 2/3 is for the Archdiocesan Monthly Assessment.

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