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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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Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic
Church, Kearny, NJ

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,*

*and the infant
lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

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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

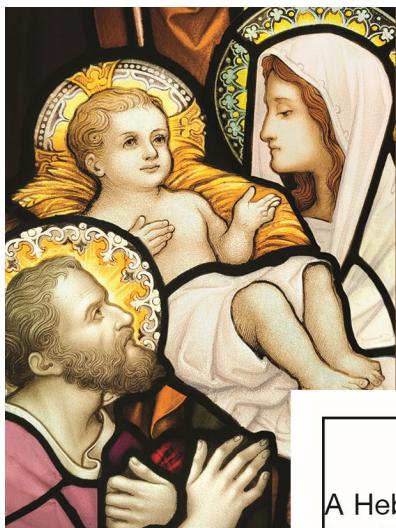
Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

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.



January 1, 2023 • Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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MARY AND JOSEPH, AND THE INFANT LYING IN THE MANGER.

Luke 2:16

SHALOM

A Hebrew word that many people are familiar with is *shalom*, commonly translated into English as “peace.” However, the word is much richer, deeper, and broader than that. As a matter of fact, when the blessing in today’s first reading concludes with *shalom*, it serves as a summary of the entire blessing: *shalom* is God’s wholeness, well-being, longevity, harmony, as well as God’s peace. Perhaps Mary prayed this blessing while she found herself in the midst of angels, shepherds, and—quite likely, thanks to the shepherds—inquisitive neighbors who had been told of the wondrous birth. Perhaps she prayed for God’s *shalom* not only for herself, but also for her child as she reflected on his birth. As we stand at the threshold of a new year, we can likewise pray this blessing, with Mary as our example, pondering the mysteries of Christ in our hearts, praying for the richness, depth, and breadth of God’s *shalom*.

MARY THE CAREGIVER

At some point in time, most people will find themselves needing to watch over another person. This is true for parents and children of course; for others, perhaps an aging parent or spouse; a friend or neighbor living alone after surgery. At these times, along with the caregiving of the moment, there is often a focus on the future, a wondering about what will come. Quite naturally for the new mother Mary there is this future focus, with many possibilities for her to hold in her heart. She reflects quietly in the midst of the very hectic series of events that follow the birth of her child: hurrying shepherds who go and tell the wondrous news to others, then those others sharing their amazement. Luke tells us that Mary keeps all of this, and reflects on it in her heart. Mary is watching over Jesus as mothers do, watching over each and every moment.

GOD THE CAREGIVER

As Mary watches over her child, so did Israel pray for God to watch over them and one another, to bless and keep them, as Mary kept and reflected on things in her heart. Mary’s face surely shone upon the infant Jesus, as Israel prayed for God’s face to shine upon them with that graciousness we also know in her whom we call “full of grace.” At the conclusion of the blessing in today’s first reading is a prayer for God to look on us in kindness and, even more, to grant us peace. It may be in this final line of the blessing that we see God most at work in the face and the care of Mary, gazing gently on her child, wishing the fullness of God’s *shalom* for Jesus and his future. Our mission as disciples is to show the divine care we hear in the blessing prayer, and to live out the care-giving we see today in Mary.

TODAY’S READINGS

Numbers 6:22–27

Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 2:16–21



The Priests and Deacons of the Parish sincerely thank all who have helped make the celebration of Christmas, Christ's birth, a joyous one.

A big "Thank You" to all our volunteers who gave up their time and talents to arrange the Christmas decorations in our Church and help set up our Nativity sets; our Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gina Sgalias-Ball; our Ministry of Lectors and Altar Servers.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Poinsettias Memorial which beautifully decorated our Church.

The Parish Priests also thank all who so generously contributed to this year's Christmas collection. Your generosity at Christmas and throughout this year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.

We wish all parishioners and friends of the parish a fulfilling and prosperous new year. May your relationship with Jesus Christ grow stronger this year and may He grant you the strength to do His will in every aspect of your life.

**Fr. John, Fr. Juan Carlos, Fr. Patrick,
Deacon John & Deacon Len**

2023 MASS BOOK

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is open. Only 2 Sunday Masses will be permitted per ONE family and Holy days of obligation are limited to ONE Mass per family. All Mass stipends are \$10. There will no individual intentions for Easter, Christmas, Mother's or Father's Day, and All Souls Day. Please contact the office for more information.

OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd at 9AM.

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 1	No Class (New Year's Day)
January 8	Class
January 15	No Class (Martin Luther King)
January 22	Class

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

Mass Intentions for the week

Saturday 5:00 PM	December 31 Eileen Ross Req. Mary Mooney and Family
Sunday 9:00 AM	January 1, 2023 Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk Req. Elaine Faulk
Monday 7:30 AM	January 2 Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk Req. Elaine Faulk
Tuesday 7:30 AM	January 3 Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk Req. Elaine Faulk
Wednesday 7:30 AM	January 4 Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk Req. Elaine Faulk
Thursday 7:30 AM	January 5 Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk Req. Elaine Faulk
Friday 7:30 AM	January 6 Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk Req. Elaine Faulk
Saturday 7:30 AM	January 7 Clare Munley & Dec. Members of FOSS Req. FOSS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday 5:00 PM	January 7 Dennis Troy Req. Barbara Shugrue
Sunday 9:00 AM	January 8 Susan Wolenski Req. Loretta Wolenski

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF

JANUARY 1, 2023

Altar Bread & Wine...
William Gallacher / OLS
Sanctuary Lamp...
William Gallacher / OLS
Altar Candles...
William Gallacher / OLS



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	12/18/2022	\$1265.00
2 nd collection	12/18/2022	\$ 388.00

Due to the production schedule of the bulletin, the Christmas collection will appear in a future bulletin.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially William Gallacher, 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 Maria Cunha, Gary Davitt, Meme Evans, Kathleen Fudali, Jay Harris, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.

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