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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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FEBRUARY 12, 2023 • SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law."

MATTHEW 5:18

BEING FAITHFUL DISCIPLES

Our readings today together provide powerful insight into how to be faithful disciples. Sirach reminds us that, in the deepest places in ourselves, in our primary attitudes and tendencies in living, we face choices. We have real agency to embrace what is good, and resist what is destructive, for our own flourishing and for the common good. We are shaped, but we are not ultimately shackled, by social forces or by other persons. In Matthew's Gospel, we read that God cares not only about our observing boundaries, but about these deep areas of ourselves and our basic choices in life. God knows our fears and wounds that influence our choices. God is actively providing wisdom, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians. God will help us sort out the bewildering decisions we often face. God is here, deep within, offering challenge, healing, and courage so we may choose to love.

BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE

Matthew continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, which is Jesus' extended teaching on the central theme of his ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew highlights Jesus as a teacher like Moses, and who is rooted in the law of Moses. Jesus interprets the law by intensifying its meaning, by going to the root values behind the specific teachings in the law. These include reconciliation with others; mutual care for all persons as sacred, especially women; and being trustworthy and honest.

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as both in the present and in the future. When these values are lived out in daily life within the community, the Kingdom becomes present there and demonstrable to others. Jesus also spoke about life in the future, when God fulfills the divine promises to establish fully justice and peace on earth. The reconciliation, care, and trust experienced now will reach their fullness in the promised Kingdom.

WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today turns to the relationships within the community. Jesus understands the traditional teachings about relationships in light of the coming Kingdom. He describes a deep trust and accountability among members of the community. Not settling for meeting minimum requirements, he points his new community toward an intimate knowledge and caring for each other, so that all may flourish as individuals and as a whole.

Although he highlights the dignity of each individual person, Jesus also envisions a community life where there is both a responsibility for each other and an accountability to each other. Members are to attend to each other's struggles and sorrows. Members become aware that their individual choices and lifestyle will be an example to others. We are to work out how to follow Jesus together in community, not only as individuals. We discern and live out our community's vocation, not only our own. Our unity with God is also with each other.

TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 15:15–20
Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34
1 Corinthians 2:6–10
Matthew 5:17–37 [20–22a, 27–28, 33–34a, 37]

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the 2023 Annual Appeal

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! . Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.
Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing,

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Our Lady of Sorrows Church will host the Youth and Family Mass for Middle Grade and High School Students on February 25th at 6:30PM. After Mass, we will go downstairs to eat and play games.

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds for this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.,org/ccee.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. CECILIA.

Ash Wednesday is on February 22nd. St. Cecilia Church will host a Lenten Penance Service on Monday, February 27th at 7PM. Everyone is invited to have this opportunity to live the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lent.

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

February 12	Class
February 19	No Class (President's Day weekend)
February 26	Class
March 5	Class

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1st Collection	February 5, 2023	$ 972.00
2nd Collection	February 5, 2023	$ 509.00

The second collection for the weekend of February 18/19 is for the Central & Eastern Churches in Europe.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!

Saturday 5:00 PM	**February 11** *Kimberly Blakely* Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas
Sunday 9:00 AM	**February 12** William Gallacher Req. Eileen Blair
Monday 7:30 AM	**February 13** Michael Ambrosio and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Tuesday 7:30 AM	**February 14** Martin Demphsey and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Wednesday 7:30 AM	**February 15** Frank Calabra and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Thursday 7:30 AM	**February 16** Kevin Kennedy and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Friday 7:30 AM	**February 17** Victims of New Zealand Shooting and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Saturday 7:30 AM	**February 18** Rosa Lescano and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 5:00 PM	**February 18** Dennis Troy Req. JoAnn and Ashley Murray
Sunday 9:00 AM	**February 19** Dolores Walingavich Req. Irene Potts

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Altar Bread & Wine…
People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp…
People of the Parish
Altar Candles…
People of the Parish

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 **Maria Cunha, Gary Davitt, Meme Evans, Kathleen Fudali, Jay Harris, Ted Hirschi, Alice Keogh, 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.***