



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

April 23, 2023

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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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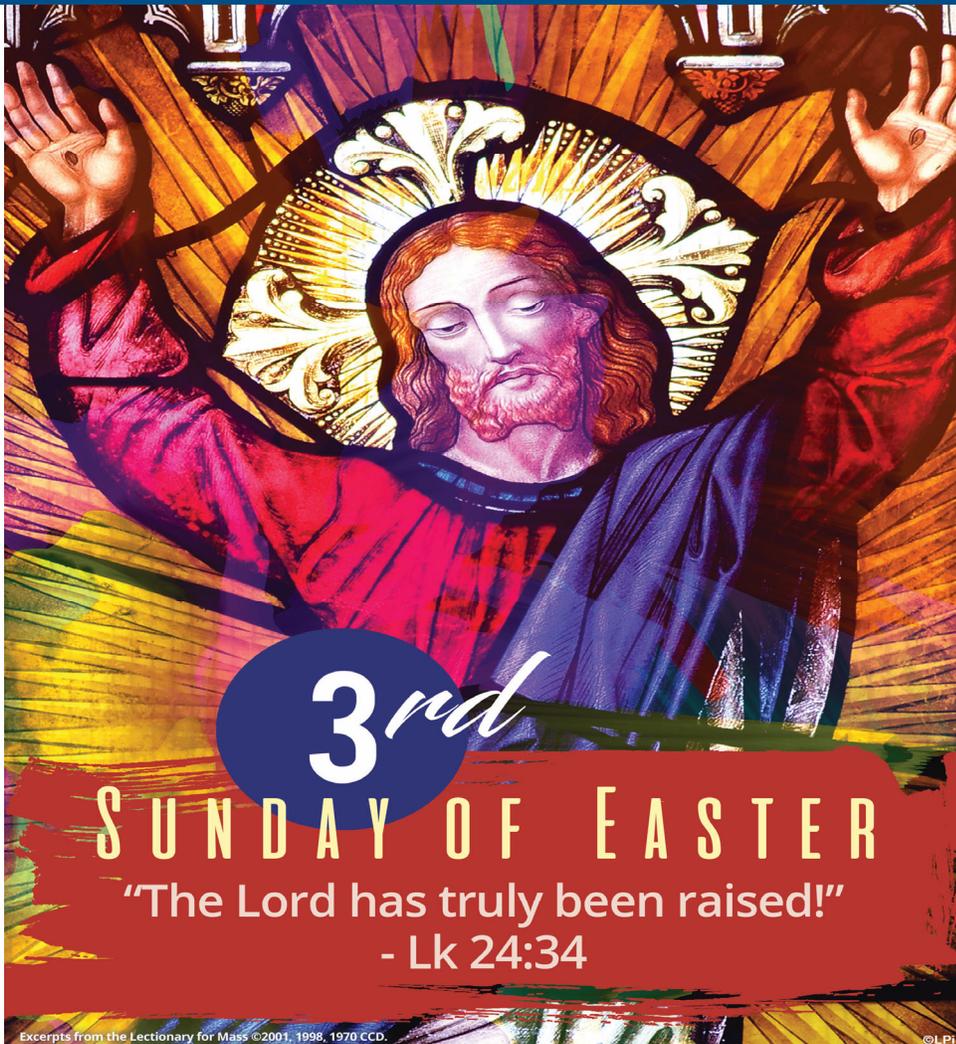
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## PARISH REGISTRATION

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.



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Church, Kearny, NJ

## WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH!

### OUR MISSION

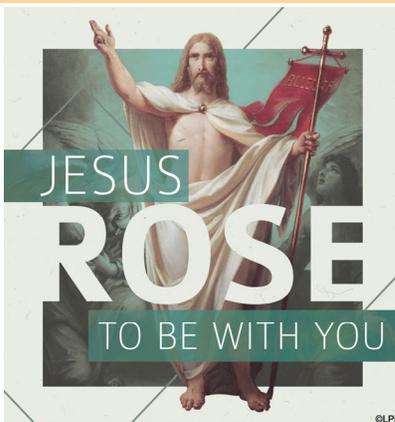
We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes of and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter

I always feel a little sad when someone begins to speak to me with the words, "Father, I know you're so busy, but ..." It happens a lot. And I get it. He or she is trying to be respectful of my time. But it saddens me because a priest makes Jesus present to people in a special way, and Jesus *always* has time for us. Don't we all feel at times that God just doesn't have time for us?



Nonsense. Just look at the stunning "Road to Emmaus" story we hear this week. It's the day Jesus rose from the dead. And the Risen One appears in disguise to two disciples. He walks with them, chats with them, and eventually eats with them. It could have been hours he spends with them — two unnamed persons — in the middle of nowhere. On the day he rose from the dead!

My friends, please take this to heart: The Risen Jesus is not too busy to spend time with you! He doesn't have "better things to do." You and I are members of this crucified and risen Body. He therefore has all the time in the world to be with us. So, I challenge you this week to approach him confidently in prayer and conversation. After all, being with you and me is the reason he rose from the dead.

Father John Muir  
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### Everyday Stewardship

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.

Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact.

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The 9:00AM Mass on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup> will be offered for all mothers and those who love with a mother's love, living and deceased. Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet cards are available in the Rectory office. Kindly call the office to reserve your Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet. The offering for each intention including the card is \$5.00.

### Mother's Day Candles

Mother's Day candle forms are available in the back of the Church. What a wonderful gesture to honor your mother, either living or deceased. Kindly return the form to the Rectory office or place in the collection basket with your offering of \$10.00 for each candle on or before Wednesday, May 10, 2023.



### Prayer for our Confirmation Candidate

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidate at Our Lady of Sorrows who will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Cecilia Church.

***As disciples of Christ, may the gifts of the Holy Spirit stay alive in their hearts and may they receive the guidance necessary to continue the mission of Christ and His Church.***



### May Crowning and First Holy Communion

Our traditional May Crowning ceremony to honor Mary, our Blessed Mother, will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, before the 9:00 AM Mass.

Our Parish Family rejoices as our children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. May their love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament increase as they grow and may the Christian example of their parents strengthen their faith.

### Child Abuse Prevention Month

Do you need help having a conversation with the children in your life about how to keep themselves safe? There is a one-hour module you can take to help. There is no charge for this training—just email [sect@can.org](mailto:sect@can.org).

### Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, April 30 from 1:00-3:00pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6389.

### Kearny Food Pantry Network

Please help support the Kearny Food Pantry Network by donating non-perishable food in the bins located in the back of the Church.



## Annual Appeal the 2023

Please help us reach our goal. Donations can be made online at [www.rcan.org](http://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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing).

### 2022-2023 Religious Education

April 23	Class
April 30	Class
May 7	Class (First Holy Communion)
May 14	No Class (Mother's Day)

### Weekly collections

1 <sup>st</sup> collection	04/16/2023	\$ 1175.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	04/16/2023	\$ 393.00

There is second collection for the weekend of April 29/30 is for the Continuing Support of the Parish.

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!**



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, Linda Mackalonis, 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.**

# MASST INTENTIONS

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### April 22

Walter P. and Frances Bayard  
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### April 23

Scott and Edward McBride  
Req. Dorothy McBride

### Monday

7:30 AM

### April 24

Sorrell Leckowski and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### April 25

Gertrude Yakinevicus  
Req. Kathy Daunoras

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### April 26

Mr. Alvarez and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### April 27

Souls in Purgatory  
Req. Miranda Family

### Friday

7:30 AM

### April 28

Willie Hendrix and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### April 29

Eileen Ross  
Req. Mary Mooney and Family

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### April 29

Special Intention of the  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Ray and Linda Mackalonis  
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### April 30

Kimberly Blakely  
Req. Kolbinger Family

### Memorials for the week of

**April 23, 2023**



**Altar Bread & Wine...**

*People of the Parish*

**Sanctuary Lamp...**

*People of the Parish*

**Altar Candles...**

*People of the Parish*

### Fulfilling Your Easter Duty

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.**

*\*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.*