



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

April 30, 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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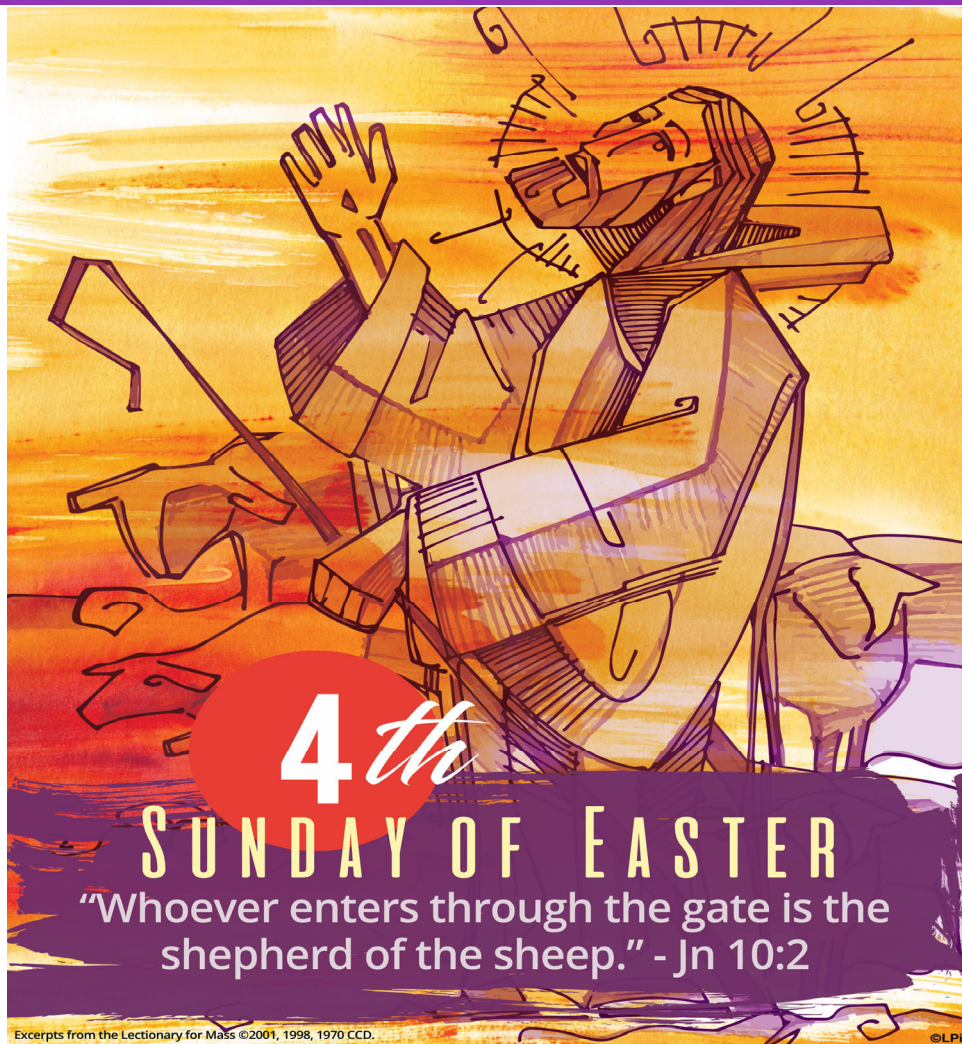
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PARISH REGISTRATION

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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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 30, 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

I recently rescued a dog. She's a terrier and rather adorable. And she's crazy about me. She could spend all day with me. But I'm a pastor at a parish and sometimes I leave her at the front desk of the church office. She constantly amazes me by her ability to distinguish between my voice and that of everyone else. If I say one word, even if I'm hidden around a corner, she'll sprint toward me and jump up into my arms.



This week the readings focus our attention to the *voice* of the risen Jesus Christ. Comparing his disciples to sheep and himself to a shepherd, he says, **"They recognize his voice."** He speaks to us and wants us to respond. When we hear his voice, we follow. Throughout this coming week, we will experience many interior promptings to receive God's love, and to love Him in return. That's his voice. Follow it into the safe and tender arms of Christ.

By contrast, some voices we will hear do not convey God's concern and love for us, but rather produce fear, despair, and other harmful mischief. Jesus calls these voices those of robbers. Does an idea or thought make it harder for you to love God? If so, run away. Let it go. It is most likely not the voice of the Risen Lord. Keep waiting for him to speak. You will recognize his voice. Then run to him as fast as you can.

— Father John Muir
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

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

The 9:00AM Mass on Mother's Day, May 14th will be offered for all mothers and those who love with a mother's love, living and deceased. Mother's Day Mass 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 6th 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 7th, 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 7th. 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

Keep the conversation alive—maintain appropriate boundaries with youth, and know that there is hope for them to grow up safe and free from abuse. Take the Virtus Protecting God's Children workshop. Sign up at www.virtus.org.

Rejoice in the Lord Newsletter

The latest edition of **Rejoice in the Lord** is now available online. Cardinal Tobin's reflection is God's mercy is extended to everyone.

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.

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. 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.

2022-2023 Religious Education

April 30	Class
May 7	Class (First Holy Communion)
May 14	No Class (Mother's Day)
May 21	Last Class

Weekly collections

Collection 04/23/2023 \$ 1114.00

The second collection for the weekend of May 6/7 is for the Catholic Home Missions.

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 29

Special Intention of the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Ray and Linda Mackalonis
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

Sunday

9:00 AM

April 30

Kimberly Blakely
Req. Kolbinger Family

Monday

7:30 AM

May 1

Alexander Mazur
Req. Agnes Bianco

Tuesday

7:30 AM

May 2

Lucille Byrnes
Req. Gen Mazur and Family

Wednesday

7:30 AM

May 3

Juan Lago
Req. Lago Family

Thursday

7:30 AM

May 4

Souls in Purgatory
Req. Marlene Sanchez

Friday

7:30 AM

May 5

Felix Armco and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Saturday

7:30 AM

May 6

Gene LaSoine and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

5:00 PM

May 6

Dennis Troy
Req. Muldoon Family

Sunday

9:00 AM

May 7

First Communion Children

Memorials for the week of April 30, 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.*

Never miss Sunday Mass whenever you may travel!
Go to: <http://www.masstimes.org>