



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

May 7, 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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## **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

May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I’ll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That’s at the core of our faith.

Father John Muir

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### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Witnesses for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can’t make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God’s hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

—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 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.

### Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to announce the visit of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on **Saturday, May 13, 2023**. This statue will be sent by the shrine of Fatima to visit the Archdiocese of Newark.



This visit will be a moment of prayer, extraordinary grace, and encounter with the Mother from Heaven. Many parishes are ready to receive this special and honorable visit.

Below is the schedule of the visit at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark, New Jersey:

**4:45 PM—Arrival of Our Lady**

**5:00 PM—Mass**

**6:00 PM—Holy Rosary and Prayers**

**7:00 PM—I am from Heaven | A reflection with the Message of Fatima with Ricardo Casimiro**







Our parishioners, Ray and Linda Mackalonis, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at the 5:00PM Mass last Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, and received a special blessing.

**Congratulations Ray and Linda on this special occasion!!**

*"Where you go, I will go,  
and where you stay, I will stay."*  
Ruth 1:16

### 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

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

### Weekly collections

|                            |            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> collection | 04/30/2023 | \$ 1032.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection | 04/30/2023 | \$ 410.00  |

There is no second collection for the weekend of May 13/14.

**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 **Valerie Cawley, 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.**

# MASST INTENTIONS

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### Monday

7:30 AM

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### Friday

7:30 AM

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### May 6

Dennis Troy

Req. Muldoon Family

### May 7

First Communion Children

### May 8

Jorge Cadenas and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### May 9

Patty Martucci and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### May 10

Jorge Olivero and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### May 11

Daniel Lunney and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### May 12

Bishop Arias and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### May 13

Sr. Julia and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

### May 13

Alcina Abrantes

Req. Miranda Family

### May 14

Spiritual Bouquets

Living and Deceased Mothers

### Memorials for the week of

**May 7, 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>