



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

May 14, 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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*Served by*

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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.

## 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 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "**I will not leave you orphans.**" God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope.

We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

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

Have you ever Googled the word "love"? If you did, you may have come across something called the Love Calculator. It is a website where you can supply two names, and the percentage chance of a successful relationship is calculated. Curious, I entered my name and my wife's. Twenty percent! I hope my wife doesn't read this!

I then decided to add my name and God. A whopping thirteen percent! Then for the last attempt, I put in my name and Jesus. A very disappointing zero percent! Am I that unlovable? Of course, then I read the small print at the bottom of the page: "Please note that this site has no serious intention whatsoever." Shocking!

The truth is, the modern world increasingly seems to have no real idea what love is or how to determine when love is real. That makes the seemingly simple words of Jesus about loving God and your neighbor very complex indeed. How can you love God with your all your heart, soul, and mind when you have no idea what the act of loving means? And then, what constitutes loving a neighbor? To make it more complicated, Jesus commands you to love them like you love yourself. I bet you can agree with me that there are a lot of people out there who do not even come close to loving themselves. Knowing what love is in modern times is just not that easy. How is a well-meaning person able to find out the true meaning of love?

You don't know what true love is? I think you do. Turn your eyes to that crucifix hanging in your church, home, or office. The answer was given over 2,000 years ago, and the image remains for the entire world to see.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

## CONFIRMATION

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish congratulates our student:

**Yeilix Analix Amparo**

who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Very Reverend John J. Chadwick S.T.D., on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Cecilia Church in Kearny. We ask that the Holy Spirit strengthen **Yeilix** as she continues her faith journey. We are proud of our student, Yeilix, and invite you to continue to pray for her.

## FIRST Communion

Our Parish Family rejoices as our children received Jesus at their First Holy Communion at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We welcome them to our Eucharistic Table. May their love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament increase as they grow and may the Christian example of their parents strengthen their faith. Congratulations to the following students:

**Leo Andrade,  
Jonathon Bretal and  
Alicia Gómez**

### Invitation from the Knights of Columbus Council 6928

Knights of Columbus invites men to build their lives on solid ground, to become the spouse, father and man God created them to be — fulfilled and fully alive. Inspired by Blessed Michael McGivney, St. Joseph, and our four principles — charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism — our international community of Catholic men comprises more than two million members who wish to grow in faith. Knights support each other and lead our families and parishes through action. Discover your mission at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) St. Cecilia/St Stephen Council 6928 Grand Knight Kevin Purcell 201-388-0239 or State Membership Chairman Neal McGarrity 201-223-7967 [mcgarritye@aol.com](mailto:mcgarritye@aol.com).

### Sacraments for Shut-Ins

All those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes, please call the Rectory office at (201) 998-4616 to make arrangements.

## **Prayer for Mothers**

Heavenly Father,  
from the beginning you have  
chosen to entrust  
the human person to mothers in a  
special way.  
We thank and praise you for the  
gift of mothers;  
for their tenderness, care, and  
compassion,  
for their intuition and  
encouragement, for commitment  
and sacrifice.  
Bless all mothers this day.  
Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.  
May they be blessed by our open-hearted  
love and gratitude. **Amen.**



## **Youth and Family Mass**

St. Cecilia Church will host the Youth and Family Mass for Middle Grade and High School Students on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. Join us after Mass for pizza and refreshments in the Church basement.

## **Annual Appeal <sup>the 2023</sup>**

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. 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).

## **Ascension of the Lord Sunday**

The Ascension of the Lord Sunday will be celebrated the weekend of May 20/21. Please note there is only one Mass on Thursday, May 18th at 7:30 AM and it is not a holy day of obligation.

## **2022-2023 Religious Education**

May 14	No Class (Mother's Day)
May 21	Last Class

## **Weekly collections**

1<sup>st</sup> collection    05/07/2023    \$ 1220.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> collection    05/07/2023    \$ 418.00

The second collection for the weekend of  
May 20/21 is for the Archdiocesan Monthly Assessment.  
**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.**

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**May 13**  
Alcina Abrantes  
Req. Miranda Family

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM

**May 14**  
Spiritual Bouquets  
Living and Deceased Mothers

**Monday**  
7:30 AM

**May 15**  
Jane Hunt and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Tuesday**  
7:30 AM

**May 16**  
Gloria Kearney and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Wednesday**  
7:30 AM

**May 17**  
Alyssa Elsman and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Thursday**  
7:30 AM

**May 18**  
Barry Hodgdon and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Friday**  
7:30 AM

**May 19**  
Rev. Fr. Thomas Allkine and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Saturday**  
7:30 AM

**May 20**  
Harry Charles Faulk and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**May 20**  
Joseph Farnicola  
Req. Irene Potts

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM

**May 21**  
Priscilla Zarco  
Req. Family

## **Memorials for the week of May 14, 2023**



**Altar Bread & Wine...**  
**Mildred Smith / Gen Mazur**  
**Sanctuary Lamp...**  
**Mildred Smith / Gen Mazur**  
**Altar Candles...**  
**Mildred Smith / Gen Mazur**

## **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>