



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

May 21, 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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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:19-20**

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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

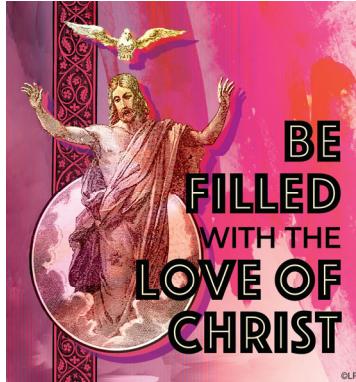
We are Catholic Christians of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish who are conscious of the plan of God for the salvation of all. We praise the Lord in our everyday lives by sharing our faith and talents with each other for the continued growth of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Community. We wish to live the Beatitudes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

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 21, 2023

#### The Ascension of the Lord

Have you ever noticed how often we use "up" and "down" to judge things? Beethoven's Ninth Symphony is "high" art, while professional wrestling is "low." If I'm having a good day, I'm on "cloud nine." A bad day means I am "down in the dumps." A successful career is "moving up the ladder." Failure in work or personal life can be "falling from the heights." Life is filled with "ups and downs" — no one has the slightest problem understanding that means life has both "good and bad."



Now consider Jesus' ascension. He ascends not just to some level slightly higher of goodness, but "above all the heavens," to use the words of Saint Paul (Eph.4:10). That expression means to the source of all goodness. He has gone all the way down — to the farthest depths of human suffering, and death. And now he has taken our humanity all the way up into God. In doing so he has demonstrated what he says in the Gospel of John to the Father: "**Everything of yours is mine.**" He now reigns over every possible aspect of creation in and through his human nature. That's what the ascension is all about.

So what? No matter what the lows and highs, ups and down we face this week, we are totally encompassed by the one who descended and ascended. So, we should happily and confidently entrust ourselves to him. He has shown us not only his power, but especially his love, in filling all our ups and down with his presence.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. *Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!*

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Father's Day Candles

Father's Day candle forms are available in the back of the Church. Place the completed form and \$10.00 offering in the collection basket or return to the Rectory office no later than Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. What a wonderful gesture to honor your father either living or deceased.

### Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The 9:00 AM Mass on Father's Day will be offered for all fathers, living and deceased. Father's Day Mass cards are available in the Rectory office during office hours 9 AM—12 PM. Offering for each intention, including the card is \$5.00.



### Holiday Office Hours

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### 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.



### 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.



## PRO-LIFE MASS

*Join us to pray together as a pro-life community!*

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 7:00 PM  
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, NUTLEY  
*Reception to follow*

Presented by the Archdiocese of Newark  
Respect Life Office and Pro-Life Commission

*In gratitude to the Knights of Columbus and  
the Order of Malta for their support.*



### 2022-2023 Religious Education

May 21

Last Class

We wish our students a safe and happy summer!!

### Religious Education News

Registrations for the new school year 2023-2024, grades 1 through 8, are being accepted. Registration forms are available in the Rectory office during office hours. A copy of the child's Baptism certificate is required for new students. Contact the Rectory office at (201) 998-4616 for more information.

### Weekly collections

Collection    05/14/2023    \$ 1892.00

There is no second collection for the weekend of  
May 27/28.

**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 20**  
Joseph Fericola  
Req. Irene Potts

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM

**May 21**  
Priscilla Zarco  
Req. Family

**Monday**  
7:30 AM  
**Tuesday**  
7:30 AM

**May 22**  
People of the Parish

**May 23**  
Janette Lisa Faulk and  
Living Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Wednesday**  
7:30 AM

**May 24**  
People of the Parish

**Thursday**  
7:30 AM

**May 25**  
Thomas Kennedy  
Req. Irene Potts

**Friday**  
7:30 AM

**May 26**  
Nick Paganelli  
Req. Maria Silva

**Saturday**  
7:30 AM

**May 27**  
Harry Charles Faulk  
Req. Elaine Faulk

### Pentecost Sunday

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM

**May 27**  
Lino Abrantes  
Req. Miranda Family

**Sunday**  
9:00 AM

**May 28**  
Julio and Adriane Esteves  
Req. Esteves Family

### Memorials for the week of May 21, 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.

### Just a reminder While on Vacation...

Please remember the needs of our parish before you go away. We understand it has been a difficult time for many. But we still count on your continued support. We thank you for your generosity and may God bless you with a happy, healthy and safe vacation! For those parishioners going on vacation, please visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find Mass times at your vacation destination.