



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

June 18, 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.)

## PARISH STAFF

*Served by*

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## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8**

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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

June 18, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they possess me*.

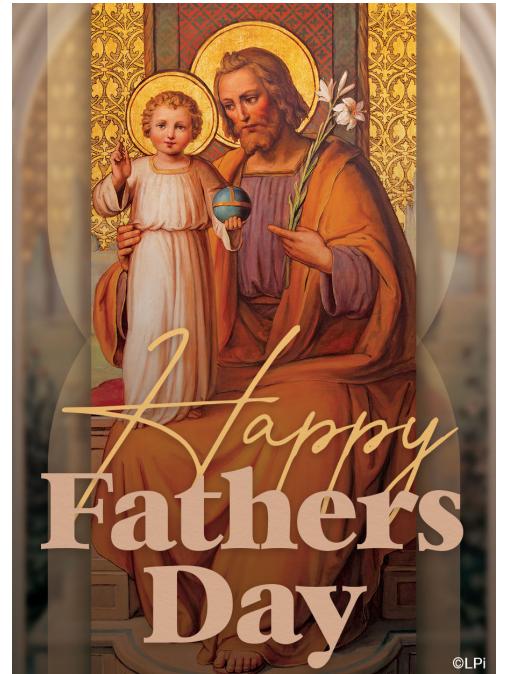
But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

*"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine."* — Exodus 19:5

—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPI



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#### Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,  
we come before you today with humble  
hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.  
When we fail and fall short of your  
expectations, you are always there at  
the end of the day with open arms,  
ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of  
the day and to encourage us to try  
again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst  
who act in the world  
as fathers to their children or models of  
fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt  
and frustration with their children. Give  
them warm and open hearts to forgive  
failures.

Provide them with the words needed  
for encouragement and perseverance.  
We ask all this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.

#### 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.



#### 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.

## Keep Christ in your Vacation

During the summer months, let us remember to keep the Lord in our lives! The opportunity to witness his message through Scripture and to be strengthened by the Holy Eucharist is a necessity in our relationship with God and with each other. As you travel on your vacation, take time to visit and worship the Lord in a nearby Catholic Church. For those remaining at home in our parish, and to all visitors, this invitation for continued worship at Our Lady of Sorrows is extended and will certainly serve to enrich your summer. Traveling? Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the location and schedule of Masses in Catholic Churches throughout the USA.

## 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 McGarry 201-223-7967 [mcgarrye@aol.com](mailto:mcgarrye@aol.com).

## Commitment to Transparency & Healing

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, regard the safety and protection of all God's people in any Church service, activity or event as a high priority. Any person who wishes to report an incident of sexual misconduct by a member of the clergy, religious or lay staff of the Archdiocese of Newark, should contact the Archdiocese by calling (201) 407-3256.

## 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.

## Give the Gift of a Mass

One of the greatest gifts a person can receive is the celebration of a Mass for their intentions. For this reason it is a custom for many people to give the gift of a Mass intention to relatives or friends, living or deceased. We have many open Masses for this year. Kindly call the Rectory office to reserve your Mass intentions.



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

### June 17

Dolores Walingavich

Req. Gen and Al Mazur

### June 18

Spiritual Bouquets

Living and Deceased Fathers

### June 19

Nanny Lunny and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### June 20

Fr. Paul Lehman and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### June 21

Deborah Clayton and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### June 22

People of the Parish

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### June 24

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### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### June 24

Sarah H. Moulton

Req. Muldoon Family

### June 25

Edmund Rokas 5th Anniversary

Req. Chris Danzi

### Memorials for the week of June 18, 2023



#### Altar Bread & Wine...

Alexander Mazur / Gen, your Loving Wife

#### Sanctuary Lamp...

Alexander Mazur / Gen, your Loving Wife

#### Altar Candles...

Alexander Mazur / Gen, your Loving Wife

## Weekly collections

1<sup>st</sup> collection 06/11/2023 \$820.00

2<sup>nd</sup> collection 06/11/2023 \$422.00

The second collection for the weekend of  
June 24/25 is for the Church's Higher Energy costs.

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

Without cost you have  
received;

without  
cost you are to give.