



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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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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## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” - Mt 10:31

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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

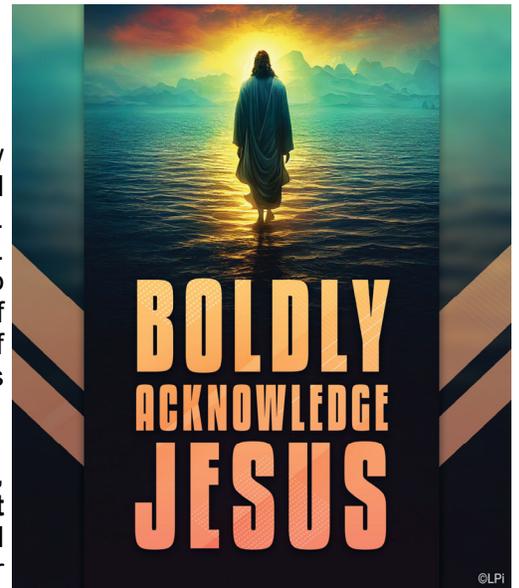
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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, **“Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.”** Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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

#### Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, “Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?” Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond “yes” are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, “Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?” Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### Kearny Food Pantry Network

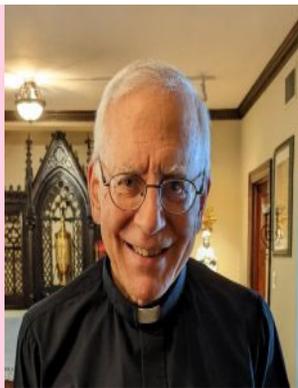
Please help support the Kearny Food Pantry Network by donating non-perishable food in the bins located in the back of the Church. The Kearny Food Pantry Network distributes bags of food to Kearny residents on the first and third Friday of every month from 10:15am-1pm. The Kearny Food Pantry is located in the First Presbyterian Church of Arlington, 663 Kearny Avenue, Kearny, NJ.



**Thank You & Farewell  
Fr. John!!!**

We are grateful to Almighty God that we had these last 9 1/2 years with Father John Wassell here at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. His work and ministry here have been a tremendous blessing and gift.

God bless you, Father John, as you move to the next phase of your priestly ministry.



*Psalm 110:4—“The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, you are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek”*



We congratulate and rejoice with

**Kevin Rodrigues Antunes & Elizabeth Ann Marflak**

of our Parish Community who united in marriage on June 17, 2023.

**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.

**New Members**

We notice new names in our collection baskets. You are most welcomed! It is a pleasure and honor to serve you. Please let us know if we can include you in our parish mailings or would you consider being a member of the parish. Parish membership forms are in the Rectory office. Please contact the office at (201) 998-4616 to have a form mailed to you.

**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.



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 Struziensi, 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

**June 24**

Sarah H. Moulton  
Req. Muldoon Family

**Sunday**

9:00 AM

**June 25**

Edmund Rokas 5th Anniversary  
Req. Chris Danzi

**Monday**

7:30 AM

**June 26**

Ray Waters and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Tuesday**

7:30 AM

**June 27**

John Lormand and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Wednesday**

7:30 AM

**June 28**

Allison Gaymor and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Thursday**

7:30 AM

**June 29**

John Clark and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Friday**

7:30 AM

**June 30**

Francis Riley and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

**Saturday**

7:30 AM

**July 1**

People of the Parish

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday**

5:00 PM

**July 1**

Dennis Troy  
Req. Philip and Darlene Lore

**Sunday**

9:00 AM

**July 2**

Purificacao and Aires Rodrigues  
Req. Miranda Family

**Memorials for the week of  
June 25, 2023**



**Altar Bread & Wine...**  
People of the Parish  
**Sanctuary Lamp...**  
People of the Parish  
**Altar Candles...**  
People of the Parish

**Weekly collections**

1 <sup>st</sup> collection	06/18/2023	\$931.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	06/18/2023	\$334.00

The second collection for the weekend of July 1/2 is for the Maintenance & Repairs.

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