



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

January 4, 2026

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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:00 AM | 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

Rev. Cesar J. Quiñones

Pastor

(201) 991-1116

Rev. Octavio Gonzalez Carballo

Parochial Vicar

(201) 991-1116

Rev. Richard J. Mroz

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Deacon John Sarnas

Mrs. Gina Sgalia-Ball

Director of Music

Ms. Donna Calcado

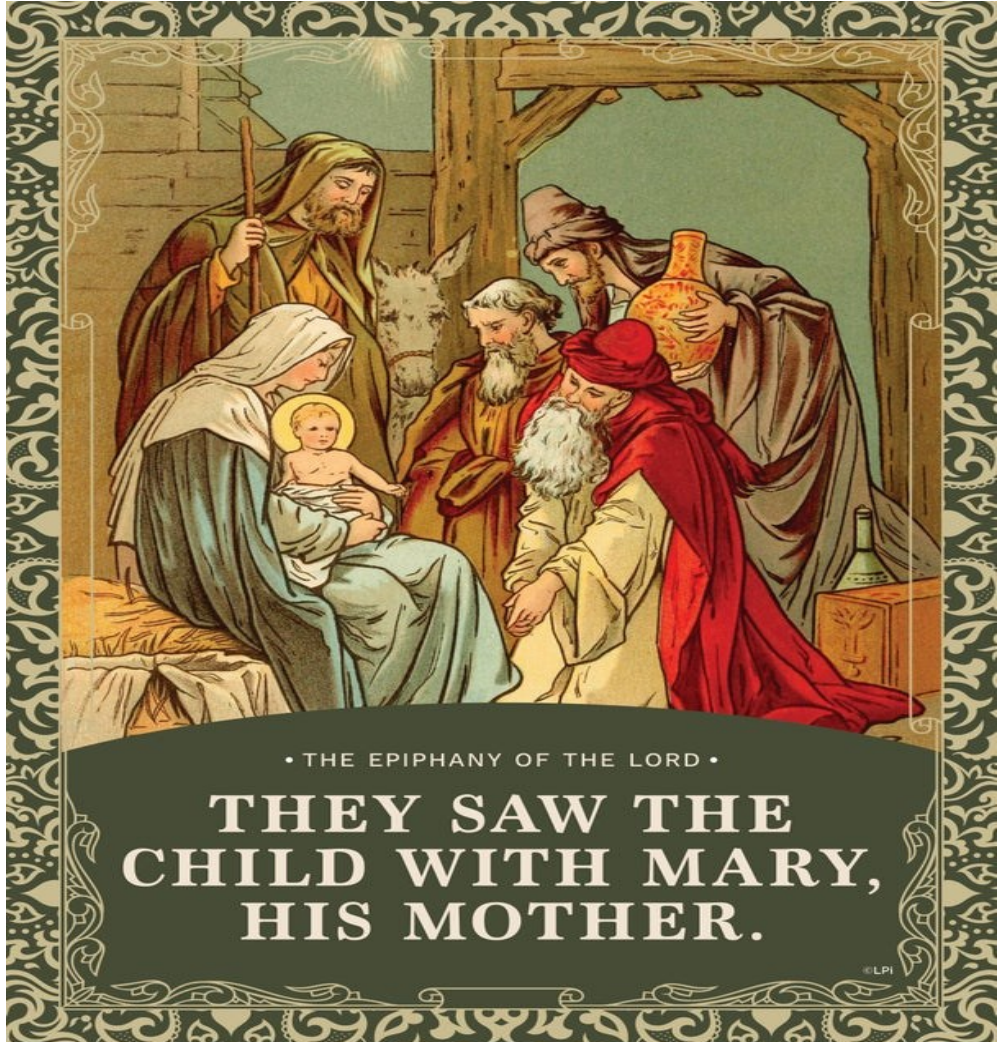
Office Manager/

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Mr. Andrew Clapps, Trustee

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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 Jesus and put them into practice in our daily lives as we answer His call to evangelization.

Devotions, Explained! Epiphany Blessing

Mini Explanation

The Epiphany household blessing is an ancient practice in the Church. This tradition is a beautiful way to observe the coming of the magi while invoking God's blessing on your home and all who enter it. All that is needed is chalk and a prayerful heart!

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."



The Priests and Deacon of the Parish sincerely thank all who have helped make the celebration of Christmas, Christ's birth, a joyous one.

A big "Thank You" to all our volunteers who gave up their time and talents to arrange the Christmas decorations in our Church and help set up our Nativity sets; our Choir under the direction of Mrs. Gina Sgalia-Ball; our Ministry of Lectors and Altar Servers.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Poinsettias Memorial which beautifully decorated our Church.

The Parish Priests also thank all who so generously contributed to this year's Christmas collection. Your generosity at Christmas and throughout this year is a true testament to your faith and witness of God's blessings.

We wish all parishioners and friends of the Parish a fulfilling and prosperous New Year 2026.
May God continue blessing you!

Fr. Cesar, Fr. Octavio, Fr. Richard & Deacon John



The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. I am no Boy Scout, so I am not sure how well I would do following a star like that. But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by. In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear. This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.

2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2026 Mass Intention Book is open. Please note that there are changes with the Mass book for 2026. **Only 2 Sunday Masses** will be permitted **per ONE family**. Holy days of obligation will be available but limited to **ONE Mass per family**. You may mail in your requests, include a telephone number so the office staff can reach you in the event the date you requested has been taken. The Masses will be put into the book in the order they are received. All Mass stipends are \$10. There will be no individual intentions for Easter, Christmas, Mother's or Father's Day, and All Souls Day. If you want to receive confirmation of your Mass requests, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Reminder: Help us keep our records up to date. If you plan on moving, no longer need donation envelopes, or have a change of address etc., please contact the Rectory office. Thank you for your cooperation.



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:
Ted Hirschi, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Rev. Patrick R.C. Wilhelm, Cesar Chacon, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.

Safe Environment Corner: How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with Our Lady of Sorrows Church, take very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **(201) 407-3256**.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Those who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and/or the Sacrament of Eucharist in their homes may call the Rectory office Monday thru Friday from 9AM to 12PM to make the necessary arrangements.
(201) 998-4616.

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use EthicsPoint, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF January 4, 2026

<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 PM	<u>January 03</u> Linda Mackalonis Req. OLS Rosarians
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 AM	<u>January 04</u> People of the Parish Req. Dorothy Songile
<u>Monday</u> 7:00 AM	<u>January 05</u> Stan & Linda Guziejewski, & Lori Grant (Living) Req. Theresa Tiberi
<u>Tuesday</u> 7:00 AM	<u>January 06</u> Philip Lore Req. Anthony J. Lore
<u>Wednesday</u> 7:00 AM	<u>January 07</u> Philip Lore Req. Darlene and Philip Lore
<u>Thursday</u> 7:00 AM	<u>January 08</u> Linda Mackalonis Req. Linda Reina
<u>Friday</u> 7:00 AM	<u>January 09</u> Vincent Ciampitti and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS

**NEW MASS SCHEDULE
No Saturday 7:00 a.m. Mass**

<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 PM	<u>January 10</u> Philip Lore Req. Lucille and Mark Muldoon
<u>Sunday</u> 9:00 AM	<u>January 11</u> Linda Mackalonis Req. Irene Potts

Memorials for the week of January 04, 2026



Altar Bread & Wine...
Linda Mackalonis
Sanctuary Lamp...
Linda Mackalonis
Altar Candles...
Linda Mackalonis

Weekly collections

1st. Collection	12/21/25	\$1,190.00
2nd. Collection	12/21/25	\$358.00

There is no second collection for 01/04/26

Thank you for your continues support and generosity!

HAVE A BLESSED
new year