



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

February 22, 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

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Mrs. Gina Sgalia-Ball

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Ms. Donna Calcado

Office Manager

Mr. Andrew Clapps, Trustee

Mr. Gregory Cierpial, Trustee



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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent
Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith. Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation. **Lenten Challenge:** This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir

Easter Flowers

Our Lady of Sorrows is decorated beautifully each year for Easter by the generous donations of our parish community. If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers, envelopes for the Easter flowers can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Easter 2025 Spiritual Bouquets

All Masses on Easter Day, including the Easter evening Vigil Mass at 7:00 PM, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, as stated on the Spiritual Bouquet Mass Remembrance envelopes. Spiritual Bouquet Easter cards are available at the Rectory office during office hours. The donation for the Mass Remembrance is \$5.00. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during all Easter Masses.

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.



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2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

*On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and **two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.** Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. *On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2) **The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.**

3) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

****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.

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

There are no Baptisms during Lent.

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. AMEN.

You are invited to join our Parish Choir as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Masses. Rehearsals will begin starting on Tuesday, Feb. 24th at 7:15 PM in the Choir Loft. Please come and join us. Help us raise our voices to the Lord.

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.



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.

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK **OF February 22, 2026**

Saturday 5:00 PM	February 21 Anthony Lore Req. Barbara & Bill Shugrue
Sunday 9:00 AM	February 22 Linda Mackalonis Req. Dennis & Dolores Gonzalez
Monday 7:00 AM	February 23 Michael Ambrosio and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Tuesday 7:00 AM	February 23 Martin Demphsey and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Wednesday 7:00 AM	February 25 Frank Calabria and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Thursday 7:00 AM	February 26 Laura Newberry and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Friday 7:00 AM	February 27 Harold G. Faulk (Living) For Conversion & God's Blessings and Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
6:30 PM	Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 5:00 PM	February 28 Anthony Lore Req. Donna Calcado
Sunday 9:00 AM	March 01 Bertha M. de Chacon and Ines B. Rojas Req. Maria E. Gillespie

Memorials for the week of February 22, 2026



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

Weekly collections

The collection for 02/15/26 will be in a future bulletin.

There is no second collection for 03/01/26.

Thank you for your continues support and generosity!