Our Lady of Sorrows

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MASSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:30 am*
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Palma Anton

Hello, Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Palma Anton, and I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to serve as your new Lay Ministry Associate. I will begin on Monday, August 3, and I am excited to become part of this parish community and a staff member of Our Lady of Sorrows.

My husband, Joe, and I have been married for nearly 31 years and are the parents of two young adult daughters, Annamarie and Catherine. Our family also includes Lacey, our beautiful nine-year-old German Shepherd, whom we adopted almost a year ago.

The seeds of my ministry journey were planted in 2009 when I joined a MOMs (Ministry of Motherhood) group to share my faith with other women. Before long, I was invited to serve as the group's Spiritual Life Coordinator, where I developed and led faith-sharing groups and organized retreats. Looking back, I can clearly see the Holy Spirit at work, gently guiding and preparing me each step of the way. In 2013, that call to ministry deepened.

I began formation as a spiritual director and have now been accompanying others in that ministry for more than ten years. In 2024, I earned a Certificate in Catholic Evangelization from Seton Hall University / Saint Paul Inside the Wall and a master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hall / Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. Just before graduating, I joined RENEW International, first serving in parish outreach and later writing training materials to help parishes establish and lead small faith-sharing groups. Although RENEW concluded its 50-year mission on June 30, I remain deeply grateful for my two years there. That experience connected me with hundreds of parishes and countless people seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ.

Each step of my journey has shaped my ministry, but one experience stands out in particular. During my time at Seton Hall, I was inspired by professors who clearly understood both the gifts God had given them and the limits they embraced with humility. Their example deepened my own interest in how God uniquely gifts each of us to participate in His mission.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples, "Give them some food yourselves." He takes their simple offering of five loaves and two fish and performs a miracle. Isn't He asking the same of us? As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we continue His mission by offering the gifts He has entrusted to us, trusting that He can multiply even our smallest acts of love and service.

As I begin this new ministry, I know how deeply this parish has been blessed by Stephanie Sonnick's faithful service, and I recognize that so many of you will miss her. I do not see myself as filling Stephanie's shoes. Rather, I hope to respond faithfully to God's call by serving this community with the particular gifts and experiences He has entrusted to me.

From the moment Father Brian invited me to join the staff at Our Lady of Sorrows, I began praying for all of you. I humbly ask for your prayers as well. I am grateful to be part of this parish family and look forward to getting to know each of you as, together, we continue the mission of our Church as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mother Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

Peace and blessings,
Palma Anton

THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF OUR PARISHIONERS

July 26	Week 4	YTD
Collection	$9,974	$49,392

2nd Collection – Repairs and Maintenance
$232

One of our significant expenses this month:
Altar hosts (yearly cost) $1,463

Needed every week: $16,946

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Upcoming Missionary Visit and Appeal

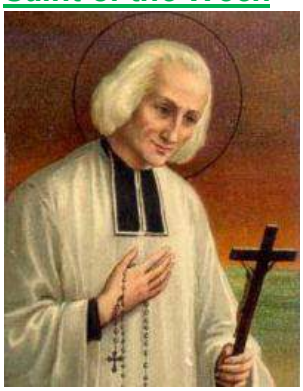
This weekend, August 1st & 2nd, Fr. Paschal Agor, a priest of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Fathers www.schoenstatt-fathers.us is visiting us and preaching at all Masses and requesting our assistance for the apostolic work in which the Fathers are engaged.

The Schoenstatt Fathers were founded in 1965 in Germany and currently number more than 400 priests serving in more than 20 countries.
They serve in schools, universities, parishes, social projects and other initiatives to promote integral human, spiritual and social development.

Fr. Paschal's visit was assigned to OLS by the Archdiocesan Pontifical Mission Society. We are honored to welcome Fr. Paschal and support the work they do for the Church.

The Schoenstatt Movement was founded by Fr. Joseph Kentenich out of a covenant of love with Mary. Fr. Kentenich died after celebrating Mass at The Adoration Church in Schoenstatt, Germany on ***Sunday, September 15, 1968 – The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows****.*

Saint of the Week



August 4th is the feast day of St. John Vianney, also known by the appellation *Curé d'Ars* (parish priest of Ars, France).

St. John Vianney spent almost forty-two years of his life, devoting himself to prayer, mortification, and pastoral works.

His success in directing souls made him known throughout the Christian world. Men of all ranks and conditions of life sought his guidance and advice.

June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010 was declared the "Year for Priests" by Pope Benedict XVI.
St. John Vianney was given prominence as he was proclaimed the universal patron of all priests worldwide.

- Adapted from www.catholicculture.org

Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love You until the last breath of my life.

I love You, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving You, than live without loving You.

I love You, Lord and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally.

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love You, I want my heart to repeat it to You as often as I draw breath.

Let us pray for our parish priests, that they remain steadfast in their vows, devoted to Christ and imbued with the Holy Spirit.

Meet Our Staff

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Support St. Vincent de Paul Society

Giving is abundant during the holiday season but during the summer months funds run low though need is still high.

However much you can provide will help to shore up our financial reserves.

One quick and easy way to donate is to scan the QR Code and choose either a one-time or recurring donation to The Society. You can also contribute through your ParishSoft Giving account.

2027 Mass Book

Our 2027 Mass book is now open! You have several options to request Mass Intentions:

1. **Call** the parish office at (973) 763-5454.

2. **Visit** the parish office in person. In the summer, the office is open Monday-Thursday from 9:30am to 4:00pm. The office reopens on Fridays after Labor Day.

3. **Scan** the QR code.

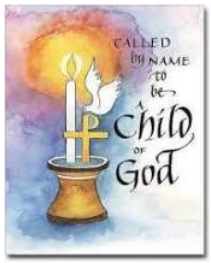
4. **Complete the online Mass Request Form** on our website: www.olschurch.com

Welcome to the Church!

Four new members were initiated into our Christian Community on Sunday, July 26th. They are:

Thomas Michael Musso
Kieran Thomas Phelps
Nailah Rosemarie Philippe
Cora Claire Rawson

Congratulations to their parents, godparents, and families!



If you feel a movement in your soul to learn more about the Catholic faith or have not received all your sacraments and desire to return "home" to the Church, please reach out to Sr. Mary Selina at (973) 763-5454.

A Friendly Reminder…

that to receive a **Sponsor Certificate** for Baptism or Confirmation, you must be registered in the parish for a minimum of six months. Sponsor Certificates indicate that the individual is a registered member of our parish and a practicing Catholic who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026
5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026
8:00 AM Deceased members of the DePaola, Deehan and Salvante Families
10:00 AM Sarah Westra
11:30 AM Agnes Agusta Marshall

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026
7:00 AM Steven and Suzanne Greydanus – Special Int. – 35th Wedding Anniv.
12:00 PM Kevin McDonnell

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
7:00 AM Bernadette Ezuduemoih & Family – Special Intention and All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Mary Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026
7:00 AM Christine Oshogwe, Fred Uzzi & All Souls in Purgatory
12:00 PM Robert Budzyn – Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026
7:00 AM Marilynn Cucciniello
12:00 PM Vernon Pascual

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026
7:00 AM Suzanne Fuller Doherr
12:00 PM Cathy Craig

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026
8:30 AM Geraldine Fernand
12:00 PM Fernando Guerrero

VIGIL SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026
5:30 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026
8:00 AM Agnes and George Blair
10:00 AM Matthew Greydanus – Special Intention
11:30 AM All Rosarians, living and deceased

Pray for the Departed

Let us remember our deceased loved ones in our prayers.

St. Paul of the Cross wrote, *"If, during life, we have been kind to the suffering souls in purgatory, God will see that help be not denied us after death."*

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please call the Parish office for more information.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers:
Bill Aber, Logan Francis Amon and Tyler Joseph Amon, Rita Arena, Diana Baseman, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Ellen Bowden, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Michael Elliot, Nicholas Elliott, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Carmen "Guy" Juliano, Elizabeth Mary, Patricia McDonnell, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Kathleen Roche Muscle, Ludgarda Rosa, Anne Sanchez, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Donna T., Kathi Thiemer, Quentin Tiemeyer, Stephanie Windsor

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Last week in September

Classes End
Mid-May

Homeschooling Option
Available

Timing

Monday Classes
Grades K - 8
4:00 - 5:20 pm

Tuesday Classes
Grades 1 - 8
4:00 - 5:20 pm

Cost

Register By July 15th
1 Child - $160
2 Children - $250
3 Children - $335

Register After July 15th
1 Child - $190
2 Children - $280
3 Children - $365

Register on the OLS website

olschurch.com

Jen Noll
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1. **Call** the parish office (973) 763-5454

2. **Visit** us in person Monday through Friday from 9:30am – 4:00pm

3. **Scan** the QR code

4. **Complete Mass request form online**: www.olschurch.com ***OR*** use the form below to submit requests by mail or place this form in the Sunday collection basket

When we receive your request, we will call you to let you know if the date and time you indicated is available. If you would like a Mass card, please check the box and we will mail one to you.

Requested by: _____

Address: _____

Phone # and Email: _____

Name of Deceased or Special Intention (please specify): _____

Is a Mass card required? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date (Weekday) _____	☐7:00 am	☐ 12:00 Noon
Date (Saturday) _____	☐8:30 am	☐ 12:00 Noon
Date (Saturday Vigil/Sunday) _____	☐5:30 pm ☐8:00 am	☐10:00 am ☐11:30 am
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Is there a check enclosed (made payable to Our Lady of Sorrows Church)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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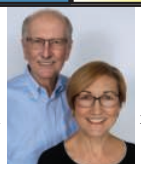

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