Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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November 22, 2020 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Pastor
Rev. John P. Donovan

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil 5:15pm
Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am

5:15pm Mass is streamed live on our YouTube Channel.

Per State guidelines, we are at 50% capacity. Due to our limited capacity & Health Department guidelines, please register on our website for weekend Masses at *@olsvestal.org* or call the Parish office at 748-8287.

Masks are required and social distancing guidelines shall be followed at all times inside and outside of the Church building.

Daily Mass (Church)
Mon. - Wed. 7:30am
Saturday 9am

Registration isn't required for Daily Mass but please sign-in when you enter the Church.

Reconciliation
Saturday 4pm-4:45pm

Rosary
Monday - Wednesday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:30am

Adoration
Wednesdays: 8am-9am

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions, ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

Being a spectator and observing all of the pageantry isn't enough. Jesus wants us to inherit the kingdom and live the kingdom. It is built on the blocks of love, mercy, compassion, hope, faith, and blessing. It engages those who want it, changes and informs minds, inspires and transforms hearts, converts and renews souls, and sets things right. There is such a great need around us. Are you ready and willing to do whatever you can to serve in God's kingdom?

Pastor's Desk

Winter Weather Policy 2020-2021

As with everything else, this year we will adapt from the past to the current. Therefore, if on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Vestal Schools announce a "Snow Day", or a "Full Remote Day" based on the weather there will be no 7:30 am Mass. However, expecting people to stay off the roads, we are now capable of livestreaming Mass. Go to our YouTube channel, ***https://www.youtube.com/c/OLSVestalNY.*** Mass will be at 9 am from the Chapel. Morning programs would thus be canceled. Many of our evening programs are virtual, they would continue, especially Faith Formation on Wednesdays as it is all virtual. Those activities that meet in person would be canceled if the schools announce practices are canceled.

Thanksgiving Day

Mass will be at 9 am, registration form is on our website. We will not be distributing home-bake bread this year, but if you wish to bring a food item that will be part of your celebration there will be a blessing. Also, we will send people home with a Thanksgiving Day prayer and gift. The Parish Office will be closed.

Angel Gifts

Our tree in the Gathering Space will be fully decorated, but without the angels this year. We ask instead for donations of gift cards to stores such as Walmart and Target, (in order to limit time people are in public), not to exceed $25. If you are not comfortable going to the store to get a card, cash or checks will be accepted, and we will obtain the gift cards. Donations need to be returned by December 14.

Father Donovan

Parish News

Please Welcome to Our Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Arabella Rae Zorici

Let us pray that in the years to come, the gift of faith may grow in this child, Let us pray also for her family, may they guide and help her know and live the gift she has received.

Liturgical ministers

Altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, Hospitality leaders and Readers – please submit dates you are *unavailable* to serve in December by this Sunday, November 22. Note that service for Thanksgiving & Christmas Masses is by sign-up. You can use the app or web terminal, email ***kathy@olsvestal.org,*** or call the office to submit dates Any ministers not currently serving who are ready to return – please let Kathy know.

Workbook for Lectors

Workbooks for Church's lectors are available for pickup in the library. There is no charge to the Lectors, the church pays for these, so no money needs to be collected.

Advent Wreath Workshop

Our Annual Advent Wreath Workshop has changed this year due to the Covid situation. We will still have Blessed Advent Kits/greens available for curbside pick-up only on Saturday, November 28th from 8am - 12pm. Registration online @olsvestal.org or call the Parish Office (748-8287) to reserve your wreath kits.
We look forward to seeing you!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

I believe that everyone, at some point in life, thinks oneself to be totally self-sufficient. Self-sufficiency is almost hardwired into our American DNA. We have seen that American independent streak in so many of our successful entrepreneurs of the past. And many of our "self-made" business men and women seem to have accomplished everything all by themselves.

However, upon closer inspection we see that their success has been a collaboration with other people and entities. We never succeed all by ourselves. It takes others to be truly successful. And those who are successful ultimately say they have so many people to thank for their success.

We too must look at our gifts and say thank you. As we gather around the table at Thanksgiving, let us thank God, who is the giver of all good gifts.
Let us pray...

Generous and merciful God,
we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.
As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast,
we ask you to send your Spirit,
to open our hearts to you and our neighbor,
that we may share the gifts you have given us
as your Son Jesus taught us to.

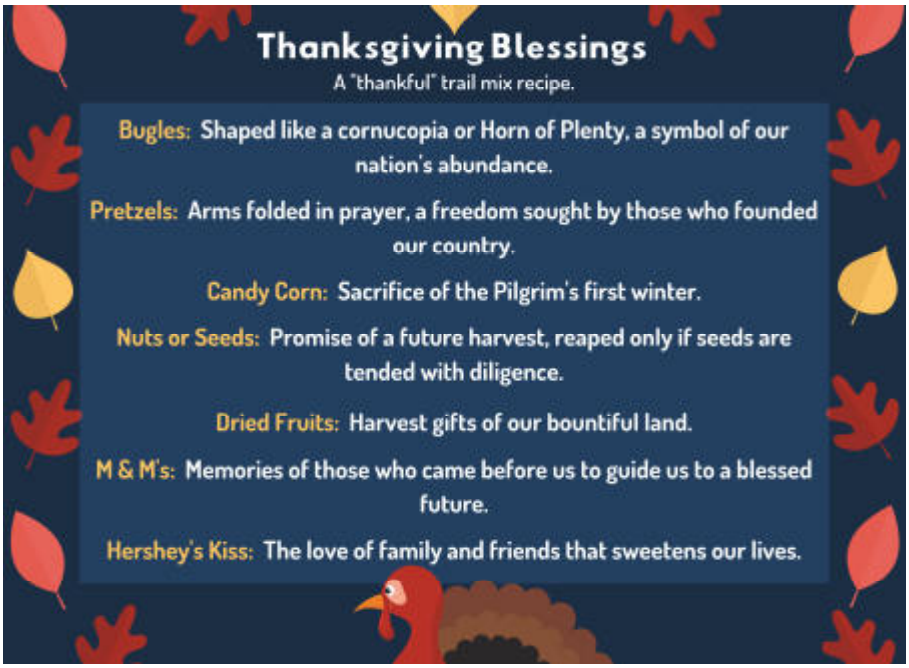
Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:
our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today,
and all your people throughout the world,
through Christ your Son.
Amen.

A Gratitude Examen

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of its power. The "examen" is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What **G**ifts have You given me?
How have I **R**eceived love from others?
How is grace at work in **A**spects of my life story?
Do I **T**rust You to continue to bless me?
Where have **I** missed Your movements?
Have I used my **T**alents at the service of other?
Do I see a purpose for my life **U**nderway?
How can I have the **D**iscipline to thank You daily?
Help me give **E**verything back to You!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass. In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our Eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.

Mercy House of the Southern Tier 2020 Holiday Ornaments

Ornaments are on ale at the following locations:
Church of the Holy Family, Mercy House, Conti's Jewelers, Holiday House and Park Manor Wine & Spirits.
Cost is $25 per ornament

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

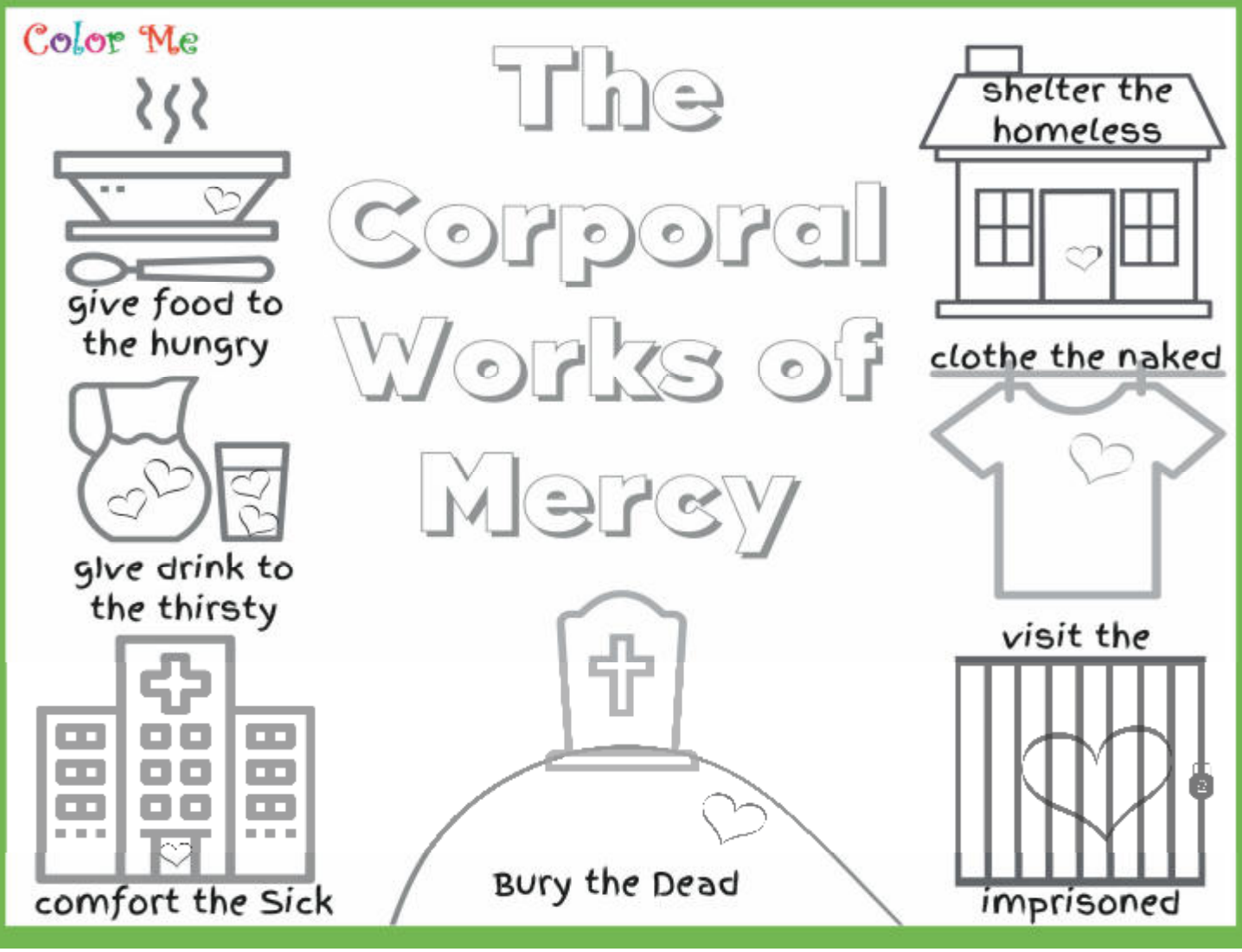
Kid's Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that we will be judged on only one thing: the acts of mercy we have shown to the least among us. Jesus identifies with the least ones; thus we serve Jesus whenever we serve one of the least ones. The Church calls the actions that Jesus described in today's Gospel the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works are to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to bury the dead, to shelter the homeless, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to give alms to the poor. In these actions we show God's compassion and mercy to those in need "

Pray together that your family will see and serve Jesus in the least ones among us.
Pray the Lord's Prayer or an Act of Love.

As you gather as a family, color the list of the Corporal Works of Mercy below. Talk about some examples of how your family might do these actions in your community and then discuss why it is important that we do these things.

Read Matthew 25:31-46. Ask: Why does Jesus say we ought to do these works of mercy? (Because whenever we show mercy to another person, we show mercy to Jesus himself.)Choose one Corporal Work of Mercy that your family will act upon this week.



Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of November 22, 2020

Sun 11/22	First Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
	Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46
Mon 11/23	First Reading	Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5
	Gospel	Luke 21:1-4
Tues 11/24	First Reading	Revelation 14:14-19
	Gospel	Luke 21:5-11
Wed 11/25	First Reading	Revelation 15:1-4
	Gospel	Luke 21:12-19
Thurs 11/26	First Reading	Revelations 18:1-2, 21-23
	Gospel	Luke 21:20-28
Fri 11/27	First Reading	Revelations 20:1-4, 11-21
	Gospel	Luke 21:29-33
Sat 11/28	First Reading	Revelations 22:1-7
	Gospel	Luke 21:34-36
Sun 11/29	First Reading	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
	Gospel	Mark 13:33-37

Observances for the Week of November 22, 2020

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	St. Clement I, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
Tuesday:	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday	First Sunday of Advent

Please Remember in Prayer

...all those who have recently
died and their families:
Sandra Crouse, sister of Debbie Cummings,
Philip Davis, husband of Fran,
Carol Scurry, wife of Joe.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 23
7:30am Kelly Lamphere – Laura & John Walker

Tuesday, November 24
7:30am David Brown - Family

Wednesday, November 25
7:30am Harry & Gladys Hill – Jim & Family

Thursday, November 26
9:00am Mary Beth Rostiser (Birthday) - Family

Saturday, November 28
9:00am Rev. Michael Greco (14th Anniversary)
5:15pm Rita Pietrosanti – OLS Greeters

Sunday, November 29
8:30am Thomas Brown (18th Anniversary) – Wife & Children
11:00am Richard Senger – Kristi Prince

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in memory of Uncle Jim Joseph Murphy, lovingly requested by Judy, Sandy, Pat, Deb & John.

Pope Francis' Twitter (@Pontifex)

"The ability to stretch forth our hand shows that we possess an innate capacity to act in ways that give meaning to life."

Eucharistic Minister Schedule for the First Sunday of Advent

Ministry Schedule	Reader	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Hospitality Leader	
Saturday, November 28, 5:15pm	G. Pedroza	H. Criscitello L. Pedroza	N. Van Donsel	E. Brennan R. Brown	M. Czhuanich D. Innarella
Sunday, November 29, 8:30am	P. Cartie	M. Danaher OPEN	M. Allen	M. Allen M. Allen	M. Annunziata T. Boslet
Sunday, November 29, 11:00am	D. Lorenzetti	G. Paradis H. Paradis	OPEN	L. Fiacco A. Miller	B. Walsh P. Walsh

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

Our Giving

Please note: This bulletin was sent to the publisher before any information about last weekend's offering was available.

Your generosity, charity and sacrifice are deeply appreciated. Thank you very much!

Online Giving

OLS Social Media

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Parish Contact List

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Food Pantry (Julie Slattery)	(607)785-3214
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Dennis Slattery	Parish Council
Tom Boslet (Grand Knight)	tboslet02@gmail.com

Sacraments

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. If this is your first child, a baptism prep online class is required. Any questions please call Diane Rigotti at 748-8287.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

First Sacraments & Confirmation

Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Jackie Adams ***Jackie@olsvestal.org***.

Ministry to the Sick

If a family member is hospitalized or homebound, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Privacy laws may prevent a hospital from telling us your loved one is there.

If you are moving ...

Please call or email the Parish Office with your new address and phone number, or let us know if you are leaving the parish.

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