



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor

Rev. John P. Donovan

Mass Times

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

Please note:

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

OLS Vestal NY

[https://www.youtube.com/c/
olsvestalny](https://www.youtube.com/c/olsvestalny)

You may appear on camera.

If you are vaccinated, masks
and social distancing are
optional. Masks and social
distancing are required for all
those who are not vaccinated
and strongly encouraged for
those who accompany them.

Daily Mass (Church)

Mon. - Wed. 7:30am
Saturday 9am

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4pm-4:45pm

Rosary

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

Adoration

Wednesdays: 8am-9am

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00am - 3:00pm



We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

Pastor's Desk

Trivia Night

Our first Saturday of Hospitality Weekend, September 18, will be followed with Team Trivia for adults over 21 only. Cost is \$5.00 per person, team capacity 8-10. Register as a team, with team name and individuals., **in the Gathering Space, call the office or online.** There will be prizes, snacks with light beverages. BYOB! Prizes for first and second place team (Father Donovan can and will win, but is ineligible for a prize). **Registration deadline is Monday, September 13.**

COVID Protocols

With the rise of the Delta variant, the CDC is encouraging all people vaccinated and unvaccinated to wear masks indoors. There has been a clear rise in return to wearing mask on weekends, and we have continued to request that those who are not vaccinated wear a mask. Pope Francis and six bishops of the America's have encouraged people to be vaccinated and all people to wear masks indoors, not limiting personal freedoms but reminding us that as Christians we have the responsibility to be attentive of the common good as we are all created in God's image. So please, for your health and those around you, be attentive and considerate.

Hope Appeal

This weekend we kick off the annual Diocesan **Hope Appeal**. A change induced by the pandemic was to run the Hope Appeal from September – December rather than May – December. There are many ministries of the Diocese funded by Hope Appeal, several of them locally such as Catholic Charities Pantries, Spanish, Vietnamese and Deaf Apostolates, the Southern Region Resource Center, and the Family Life programs such as Pre-Cana. Our assessment this year is **\$69,710.39** which is a decrease from previous years. As in past years, what we do not receive in pledges and donations comes from our parish funds. Anything over our assessment we receive 50% back.

Parish News

Preview of the Sunday Scriptures

Are you interested in learning more about each Sunday's Mass readings? Every Tuesday evening at 7pm, we break open the Word by spending an hour and a half reviewing the two readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Using the Living Liturgy book as a study guide, we will read through commentary and share our thoughts on the readings as they relate to one another, to prior Sundays, and to our current times. Moderated by Peg Logalbo, we now meet in an online format, safe from the comfort of your own home. It is easy to join in, there is no weekly commitment, attend any week you are available, and comment as often or as little as you want. Come gain an appreciation of the readings in their biblical context and greater insight into the Sunday Mass. For sign up information about the parish Zoom meeting room, call Diane at the OLS office at 607-748-8287 or contact Stephen Hrehor at sjhrehor@gmail.com for login details.

Thursday Morning Women's Study Group

The Thursday Morning Women's Group will begin meeting September 30, in Room 11, from 9:30am-11:00am. This group covers a variety of interesting topics from academic study, prayer, faith sharing and more! It is an interesting and vibrant group guaranteed to provide not only information on different topics to a feeling of belonging and community. Come and check them out! You can contact Joanne Rhode at joannrhode@gmail.com for more information.

Safe Environment Training

We have completed our Fall training sessions at OLS. If you are in need of initial training or a recertification, check the Syracuse Diocese website-look under the Safe Environment tab to see what is available. Protecting our young people is a task that should never be overlooked.

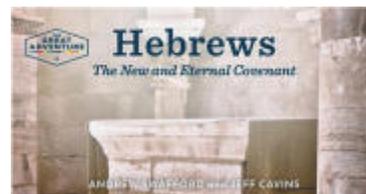
The Search

The seven-week series, The Search, will begin on Wednesday, September 22, from 6-8pm in our café. This series is hosted by Chris Stefanick. It is an interesting and thought-provoking series looking at some of the questions people have about the church in today's world. Signups are online at olsvestal.org or in our gathering space. Dinner will be provided. Sign up today!

New Bible Study Course

Starting Tuesday, September 28, 7-8pm, in Room 11

Come and join us for a new Bible Study as we begin a journey into Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant from Ascension Press We will meet weekly for 8 weeks finishing this study before Thanksgiving. If you are interested, please email me at diane@olsvestal.org to sign up for the course.



Pastoral Care Corner

It is that time of year again and as all our teachers, students and those that keep our schools safe and clean get back into their routine, we can offer a prayer for them. For all those that transport and guide our young people their jobs are certainly different than they were just a few short years ago. As the buses and buildings come to life for the new school year, we pray that those who interact with our young people do so with kindness and compassion and make this academic year one of prosperity and success.





Join the Music Ministry

We are looking for new members to be a part of our team!

- *Adult Choir, sings Sunday at 11 am*
- *Youth Choir, sings Sunday at 8:30 am*
- *Contemporary Ensemble, sings 2 Saturdays a month at 5:15*
- *Cantors, typically serve 1-2 times a month*

Contact our parish office today

Our Lady of Sorrows Prayer
Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.



We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!

Craft Sale Vendors Wanted

OLS Craft Sale Saturday November 13, 2021, Sale hours 8 - 1 pm. Set up available Friday November 12 2 - 6 pm. We are trying to not duplicate vendors so please contact Jackie Adams at jackie@olsvestal.org or call 607-743-0494. \$20 per table - limited electricity provided on a first come first serve basis.

Funeral Luncheon Meeting Information

Since a number of people could not attend the Funeral Luncheon Meeting, here is some information from that meeting as well as our plan going forward:

Our Funeral ministry supports parish families who have lost a loved one. The Funeral Luncheon is a celebration of life and provides families and friends an opportunity to gather for a meal, share their stories and care for one another during a difficult time. The Luncheon offers a meal, fellowship and an outpouring of support by:

- Helping grieving families ease their sense of sadness without the worry of having to feed guests.
- Providing families with a sense of community, knowing others care for them, which can at times, be even more nourishing than the meal itself.
- Allowing parishioners the opportunity to serve God through one another in ministry.



Our Funeral Luncheon Ministry is almost up and running after being suspended due to the pandemic. The following is our plan on how we will proceed with the luncheons. The main & side dishes of the luncheon meal will be provided by a choice of two caterers. The caterer will deliver the meal in trays at least an hour before the funeral luncheon is to begin. The parish will provide beverages. Desserts will be provided by volunteers. We will have three teams of parish volunteers (8-10 people) that will set-up, serve and clean-up for each meal.

The communication chain starts with Father Donovan receiving a call about a funeral. The family will make their choice from the caterer and approximate how many they are expecting at the meal. Father will then let Kelley Marconi (parish secretary) know and she will call the caterer and arrange delivery on the funeral luncheon date and then call one of the team captains (we have three teams so far) to make the calls to their team members for set-up, service, clean-up and desserts.

All ministry members will receive a packet of information with the teams, contact information and day of Funeral Luncheon checklist. This checklist will also be posted in the kitchen for your convenience.

We are looking for additional volunteers, either with service or desserts, so if you are interested in joining this ministry, call or email the parish office. 748-8287 or office@olsvestal.org.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Faith

★ *Classes begin this Sunday!* ★

Formation



The Pumpkins will be here soon!

Volunteers are needed to help unload the pumpkins & to staff our Pumpkin Patch! Please sign-up in the Gathering Space or contact the parish office. Thank you so much for helping to make the Pumpkin Patch a successful fundraiser year after year!

Pumpkin Delivery: Saturday, September 25

Delivery Time: Coming Soon!

Pumpkin Patch Hours

(September 25 - October 31)

Monday - Friday: 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am - 6:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

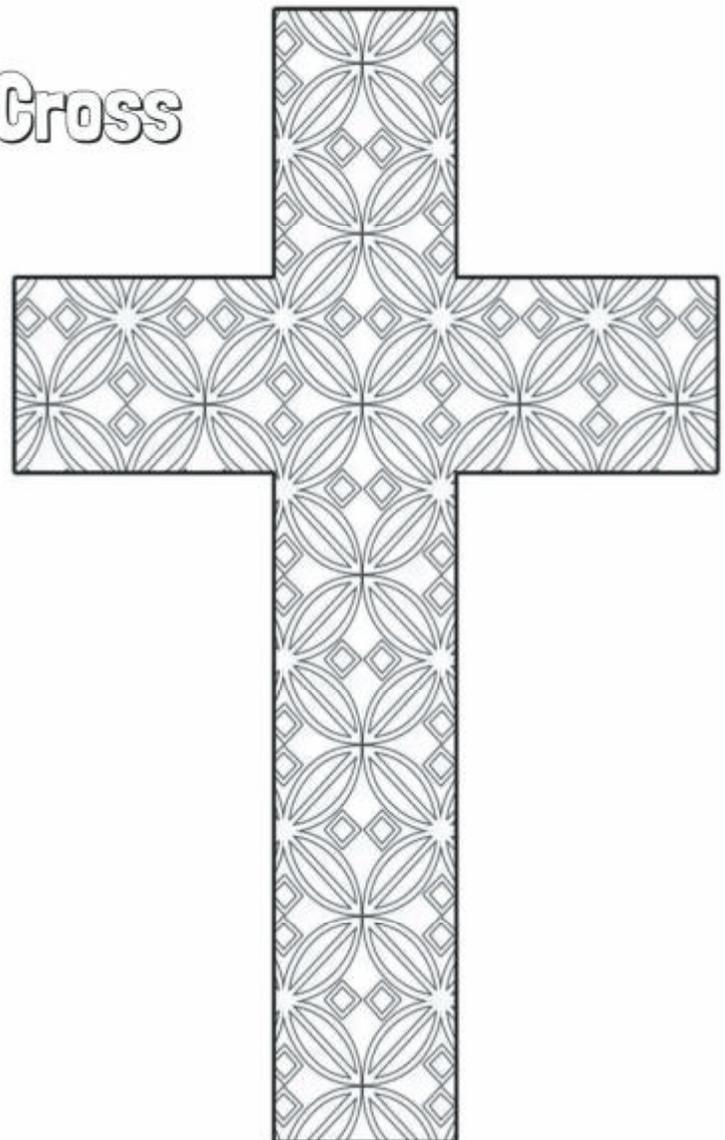


Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ways to Celebrate the

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on September 14:

- Pray the sign of the Cross.*
- Display a cross prominently in your home. Have a cross in every room.*
- Make a recipe with basil... legend says the true cross was found by St. Helena under a large growth of basil.*
- Pray the St. Francis cross prayer: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."*



Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

Sun 9/12	First Reading	Isaiah 50:5-9a
	Second Reading	James 2:14-18
	Gospel	Mark 8:27-35
Mon 9/13	First Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-8
	Gospel	Luke 7:1-10
Tues 9/14	First Reading	Numbers 21:4b-9
	Second Reading	Philippians 2:6-11
	Gospel	John 3:13-17
Wed 9/15	First Reading	1 Timothy 3:14-16
	Gospel	John 19:25-27
Thurs 9/16	First Reading	1 Timothy 4:12-16
	Gospel	Luke 7:36-50
Fri 9/17	First Reading	1 Timothy 6:2c-12
	Gospel	Luke 8:1-3
Sat 9/18	First Reading	1 Timothy 6:13-16
	Gospel	Luke 8:4-15
Sun 9/19	First Reading	Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
	Second Reading	James 3:16-4:3
	Gospel	Mark 9:30-37



Observances for the Week

Sunday:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. John Chrysostom
Tuesday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday:	St.s. Cornelius & Martyrs
Friday:	St. Robert Bellarmine
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Please Remember in Prayer



... All those who have recently died & their families:
David Adams, father of Micheal,
Josephine Kintner,
mother of Sue Brogdale.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 13

7:30am Rev. Robert Donovan (47th Anniversary) – Former Pastor

Tuesday, September 14

7:30am Barbara Zara (2nd Anniversary) – John Zara

Wednesday, September 15

7:30am Rita Pietrosanti (2nd Anniversary) – Husband & Children

Saturday, September 18

9:00am John Monaco – Helen & Ed Golebiewski

5:15pm Tony Cianfichi - Family

Sunday, September 19

8:30am Kathleen M. Quinn – The Quinn Family

11:00am Gertrude & Arnold Borer – The Mallery Family

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in memory of Joan Brutvan,
requested by Susan Petro.

Pope Francis' Twitter (@Pontifex)



Education is one of the most effective ways of making our world and history more human. Education is above all a matter of love and responsibility handed down from one generation to another.

Ministry Schedule

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Schedule	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Hospitality Ministers	
Saturday, September 18, 5:15pm	N. Hargrave R. Porter B. Graves	E. Hotalen E. Messina	3 - OPEN	R. Brown D. Innarella	L. Webster M. Webster
Sunday, September 19, 8:30am	G. Kucharski S. Hrehor D. Waters	R. Boehlert P. Lo Galbo J. Rohde	A. Kneller L. Kneller V. Kneller	B. Albert A. Green	P. Gursky G. Wagner
Sunday, September 19, 11:00am	G. Saitta G. Catarella F. Frear	C. Catarella H. Gates	L. Catarella N. Catarella	J. Frear A. Miller	C. Sales L. Tran

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

Our Giving

Regular Offering

Envelopes (137)	\$7,949.50
On-Line Giving (111)	\$7,727.00
Loose	\$616.00
TOTAL	\$16,292.50



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

September 12, 2021 Parish Calendar

Daily Mass (Church) Monday-Wednesday 7:30am
Saturday 9:00am

Sunday, September 12

8:30am	Mass
9:30am-10:45am	Faith Formation Classes
9:30am	Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00am	Mass

Monday, September 13

7:00am	Rosary
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting (Café)

Tuesday, September 14

7:00am	Rosary
9:15am-10am	Staff Meeting (Parish Office closed)
12pm-2pm	Food Pantry Hours
5:30pm	Mary's Meal
6:00pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting (Zoom)
7:00pm	Preview of the Sunday Scriptures (Zoom)

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows Wednesday, September 15

7:00am	Rosary
8am-9am	Holy Hour
8:00am	Divine Mercy (chapel)
10:30am	Communion Service at Willow Point
6:00pm	Confirmation Class (Café)

Thursday, September 16

4pm-7pm	Food Pantry Hours
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Friday, September 17

7:00am	Men of St. Joseph (Remote)
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Saturday, September 18

8:30am	Rosary
9am-12pm	Food Pantry Hours
4pm-4:45pm	Reconciliation
5:15pm	Mass
	Hospitality after Mass
7:00pm	Team Trivia (café)

Sunday, September 19

Hospitality after all Masses	
8:30am	Mass
9:30am	Faith Formation Classes
9:30am	RCIA (Room 11)
9:30 am	Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)
11:00am	Mass
12:00pm	Baptism of Benjamin Stavola
2:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry (room 11)

Parish Contact List

Parish Office	(607)748-8287
Parish Email	office@olsvestal.org
Faith Formation	(607)748-8287
Food Pantry (Julie Slattery)	(607)785-3214
	pantry@olsvestal.org
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, ksoprano@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.

Parish Staff

Pastor	Rev. John P. Donovan	jpdonovan@syrdio.org
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