



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Pastor

Rev. John P. Donovan

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm*

Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

*Mass is streamed live to our
YouTube Channel:
OLS Vestal NY

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:

8am-3pm

Due to current NYS
guidelines masks are
required for all,
ages 2 and above.



welcome
We're glad your here!

Pastor's Desk

Every year throughout the Holidays the schedule for submitting the bulletin is not just days but sometimes weeks earlier than when it will be published. Therefore, some things are not printed in a timely fashion. For example, Friday concluded the Hope Appeal campaign. Thus, when I am writing this, we have accomplished 105% of our goal, \$73,542.78 with 26 % participation. However, know the reality is we have done even better than that; thank you! Our Lady of Sorrows will receive back 100% of our overage.

Father Donovan

Pandemic Protocols

As a reminder, please maintain distancing, masks are required and use hand sanitizers. Those who wish to receive the Eucharist on the tongue, please be in the back of the center aisle line.

Weather Policy

We will continue our practice to observe closings and delays due to the weather. Thus, if **VESTAL SCHOOLS** have a delay or close there will be no 7:30 am Mass. If they close, the parish office will be closed as well, as staff will work remotely. Likewise, if after school activities are canceled, so are in-person evening meetings and programs. Our goal is to keep everyone safe.

Envelope Reminder

If you attend Mass anywhere in the Syracuse diocese you may place your giving envelope in the collection basket and your envelope will be sent on to your home church.

Parish News



Alpha

Alpha is coming back to OLS! We will be starting another Alpha course in February 2022. If you attended Alpha before, now is the time to invite and bring a friend to one of our most popular programs at OLS. If you have not participated in the Alpha program, you should come and check it out! Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share points of view. We share a meal, a video, and have small group discussions to help you have spiritual conversations with others that explore life's biggest questions in a safe and respectful way. Watch the bulletin for further information on times and dates.

Bible Study

Make a New Year Resolution Now! A New Bible Study Starting in January! Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it! This will be an eight-week course held at our regular Bible Study Tuesday evening hours. Watch the bulletin for further info on this course.

World Marriage Day

Come join this special Mass with special blessings to all married couples on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at The Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. If you are celebrating your 25th wedding anniversary or 50 years or more of marriage in 2022 and would like to be recognized, please contact the Family/Respect Life Office at familyrespectlife@syrдио.org for a certificate from Bishop Lucia recognizing your special anniversary. All married couples and their families are welcome. Couples celebrating 25, 50 or 50+ anniversaries in 2022, please contact your parish office to receive your special invitation to World Marriage Day Mass.

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

Stella Jae Parsons
Mina Rosali Nieto

*Let us pray that in the years to come,
the gift of faith may grow in these children.
Let us pray also for their families,
may they guide and help them know
and live the gift they have received.*

HOOP SHOOT

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2021 Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot. The competition will be held January 9, 2022 at 1pm in our gym. (Registration begins at 12:30pm.) Please note that participants are required to furnish proof of age. Entry forms will be available at the registration table.

Pastoral Care Corner

Happy New Year! Webster defines "resolution" as a firm decision to do or not do something. This time of year many of us set forth a good path for a New Year's Resolution with the hope that we make it beyond the first week. And yet, our Lord tells us to keep trying. Never give up and never get discouraged. We have the ability to start over every day. Maybe today I didn't quite toe the mark but I can affirm to try harder tomorrow. So don't let that broken resolution discourage you or disappoint you. Let us not get hung up this year on the things that could have been or used to be but on the way I can make today a better day. Just one day at a time. I pray for a blessed New Year for you. - Jackie

Our Lady of Sorrows in 2021

3,549
Parishioners



1,254
Families

2,739
Days since our first uploaded video. We have viewers in the USA, the UK & Canada.



11,362
Streamed Video Views
(including Masses, Stations of the Cross, Tenebrae, Lessons & Carols, Faith Formation, etc.)

67
Streamed Masses

139,400
Watch time minutes.

28
Baptisms

18
First Reconciliations

19
First Communion

134
Faith Formation Students

15
Faith Formation Catechists

28
Weekly Home Communion Visits



18
Confirmations

5
Marriages

32
Funerals

5
Adult Faith Formation Weekly Programs

134
Attendees for The Search, Beta, the Lenten & Advent Programs

4
RCIA Catechumen & Candidates

3
RCIA Team Members with occasional guest parishioners.

39
Hospitality Ministers

55
Eucharistic Ministers

33
Lectors

22
Altar Servers

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Our Lady of Sorrows Youth Ministry's Almost Annual Bake Sale

After all Masses January 15th & 16th

Can you help?

Please fill out and drop in the collection basket. Baked goods can be dropped off in the Parish Library/Gathering Space on Saturday, January 15th from 9am on ...

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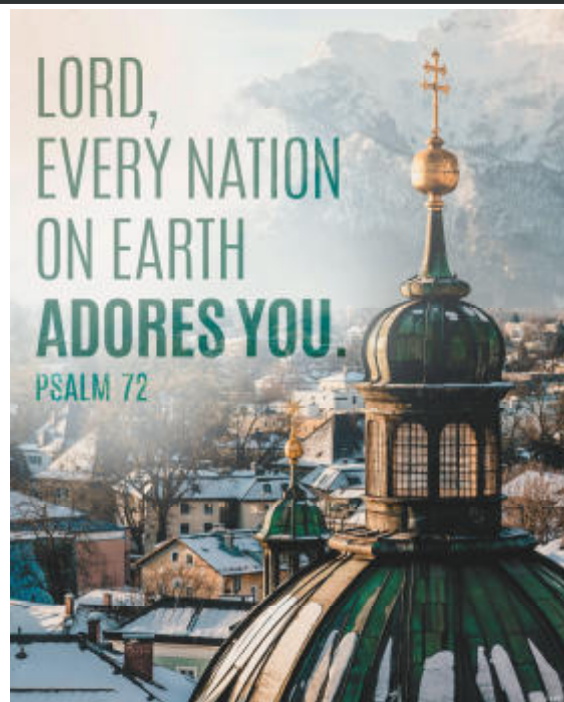
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Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Sun 01/02	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Mon 01/03	First Reading Gospel	1 John 3;22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues 01/04	First Reading Gospel	1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:45-52
Wed 01/05	First Reading Gospel	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Thurs 01/06	First Reading Gospel	1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22a
Fri 01/07	First Reading Gospel	1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16
Sat 01/08	First Reading Gospel	1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30
Sun 01/09	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Observances for the Week

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann
Thursday:	St. André Bessette
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

Please Remember in Prayer



... All those who have recently died & their families:

James Macchiano,
son of Angelo & Shirley.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 3

7:30am Tom Grasso – Dave & Linda Schmidt

Tuesday, January 4

7:30am Esther Disch – Eileen Stone

Wednesday, January 5

7:30am Special Intention for the Boyle Family – Ann & John Boyle

Saturday, January 8

9:00am John Galli – Tom & Laurie Bowen

5:15pm June Rice – Dave & Linda Schmidt

Sunday, January 9

8:30am Joe & Helen Makala – Dolly & Family

11:00am John Matthews – The Ferguson & Adams Family

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in memory of Tonina Best,
requested by Don & Tina.

Due to an inadvertent error on my part, the following Sanctuary Lamp intention was not printed in last weeks bulletin, I sincerely apologize to the Tokos family. - Kelley M.

The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of December 26, 2021 were burning in memory of Henry Tokos, requested by his family.

Ministry Schedule

Ministry Schedule	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Hospitality Ministers	
Saturday, January 8 5:15pm	P. Ziolkowski M. Sherwood A. Sherwood	R. Barney P. Pietrosanti	E. Annunziata S. Annunziata E. Fine	L. Baker T. Baker	P. Gursky N. Hargrave
Sunday, January 9, 8:30am	Children's Mass	R. Eddy E. Messina D. Waters	M. Allen P. Allen V. Kneller	M. Allen F. Czochara	A. Green G. Wagner
Sunday, January 9, 11:00am	B. Congdon G. Saitta B. Graves	S. Congdon L. Fiocco	T. Albert O. Goncalves Z. Smith	B. Brown E. Jarrold	J. Schlitz T. Schlitz

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

January 2, 2022 Parish Calendar

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

Sunday, January 2

8:30am	Mass
11:00am	Mass
12:00pm	Baptism of Mina Nieto

Monday, January 3

7:00am	Rosary
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Tuesday, January 4

7:00am	Rosary
8:30am	Parish Staff Meeting (Parish office closed)
12pm-2pm	Food Pantry Open
7:00pm	Preview of Sunday Scriptures (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 5

7:00am	Rosary
8:00am	Adoration & Divine Mercy

Thursday, January 6

9:30am	Women's Study Group (rm 11)
4pm-7pm	Food Pantry Open
6:15pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 7

7:00am	Men of St. Joseph
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Saturday, January 8

8:30am	Rosary
9am-12pm	Food Pantry Hours
4pm-4:45pm	Confessions
5:15pm	Mass
6:30pm	Retrouvaille

Sunday, January 9

8:30am	Children's Mass
9:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am	Faith Formation
9:30am	RCIA
11:00am	Mass
12:30pm	Knights of Columbus Hoop Shoot (gym)

Our Giving

**Regular Offering for
December 18 & 19, 2021**

Envelopes	160	\$8,788.50
Online Giving	80	\$3,626.34
Loose		\$616.05
TOTAL		\$13,030.89



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

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.

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