



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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JULY 3, 2022 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor

Rev. Richard Prior

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday:

8:30 am & 11:30 am

Daily Mass (Chapel)

Tuesday - Thursday

8:00 am

Reconciliation

4:00 pm-4:45 pm

Rosary

Tuesday - Thursday:

7:30 am

Adoration

Wednesdays:

8:30 am-9:30 am

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

8:00 am-3:00 pm

welcome
We're glad you're here!



THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND FOR YOU.

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

Parish News

Welcome

Our Lady of Sorrows parish warmly welcomes our new pastor, Father Richard Prior!

Father Prior, we look forward to getting to know you and helping you get to know us as together we continue to further strengthen and celebrate our faith, and grow in the love of Christ. Please be assured of our support and prayers as you begin your ministry among us. Welcome and God bless you.



"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness. Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world who do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

**We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.
Amen.**

Neighborhood Meetings with Father Prior

"Meet and Greet with Fr. Prior" Neighborhood Meetings are scheduled for OLGC and OLS parishioner homes on July 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28. Registration is required so we can predict attendance; please call Patti Dalton at OLGC (748-7417, extension 1).



THANK YOU

Thank you again! Everything was so very nice last weekend. I appreciate the generosity of your kind words, gifts and well wishes. It has been overwhelming in the most delightful way. I leave saddened by what I will miss; yet, although with a bit of trepidation, ponder and anticipate what is next. Good-bye, you are an important piece of my faith journey!

Father Donovan

Mass Schedule

Please note our new Mass Schedule. The schedule is combined with Our Lady of Good Counsel as Father Prior has sole responsibility for both.

Sunday

5:15 pm, Saturday Vigil	OLS
7:00 am & 10:00 am	OLGC
8:30 am & 11:30 am	OLS

Weekdays

8:00 am	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday	OLS
8:00 am	Friday	OLGC
9:00 am	Saturday	OLGC

Confessions

8:00 am	Saturday	OLGC
4:00 pm	Saturday	OLS

Pastoral Care Corner

As we celebrate the Independence of our great nation, let us remember that it is the Eucharist that gives us independence from hatred and anger. Being compassionate and kind shows that we are thoughtful Christians. Thought filled Christians. And yet it is the reception of Eucharist that gives us the food for the journey. As we celebrate independence let us also celebrate Eucharist in a new and special way.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH PICNIC JULY 31, 2022, 12:30PM - 3PM



DJ, Games, Trivia, Prizes & Theme baskets!



\$9.00 per Brooks' Dinner

(which includes 1/2 chicken dinner, baked beans, pasta salad, chocolate chip cookie & bottled water). Limited tickets available and will be sold after all Masses, dates will be announced soon!

PARISH PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE

OLS Parish Picnic is
July 31, 2022.

Baskets
Needed!

Please drop off your baskets to the Parish Office by July 28. Thank you!



A great way to volunteer and support our church picnic is by donating a theme basket for the raffle. It's simple and fun. Let your creativity soar!

Nearly New Shop

The Ladies of Charity have reopened the Nearly New Shops and the hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. We are now located on 331 Main Street, Binghamton. As before we will be selling gently used Men's, Women's, and children's clothing at very reduced prices. We are looking forward to seeing you again and would appreciate your business as the money earned is returned to the community.

Concert

Come Join Us for a July Concert with "360 Band". All band members are Active Combat Veterans. July 13th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 701 West Main Street, Endicott. All ages welcome!!!! The band plays Country Rock, Folk, and Gospel Music. A free will offering will be taken in support of the Southern Tier Veterans Support Group (STVSG) serving the Southern Tier of NY and Northern Tier of PA.

Beach Time



Vestal Seniors has a trip to Ocean City, MD Sept 12-16. 5 days 4 nights \$599 PP Double Occupancy and \$808 Single Occupancy. Call Amy 607-217-7708 for more information or pick up a flyer at the Vestal Senior Center. It includes side trips to Ocean Downs Casino with bonus, Cruise on the bay, Nassau Valley Vineyard and a visit to Lewes and Rehoboth. Reservation Deadline July 17th.

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Totus Tuus

Sign-up for a week-long summer Catholic youth program for students from 1st through 12th grade. Grades 1-6 will be Monday July 11- Friday, July 15 9am-3pm. Grades 7-12 will be Sunday July 10 - Thursday July 14 7pm-9pm. Register online at olsvestal.org.

Peace Camp Counselors

Calling all Peace Camp counselors!
We have two planning meetings coming up:
Sunday, July 17th,
2 to 4 pm in the OLS café.
Set up, tie dying and planning meeting.

Monday, July 18th
4 pm in the OLS Café.

Final meeting before camp begins at 5:15
All counselors must attend Monday meeting.

Questions, please call Mrs. Dempsey
607-725-8057 or email dempseyterry@earthlink.net



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THE 30TH ANNUAL

PEACE CAMP!

Join us for four fun-filled days of learning about peace, conflict resolution, and caring about others and our world!

JULY 18-21, 5:30-8:00PM

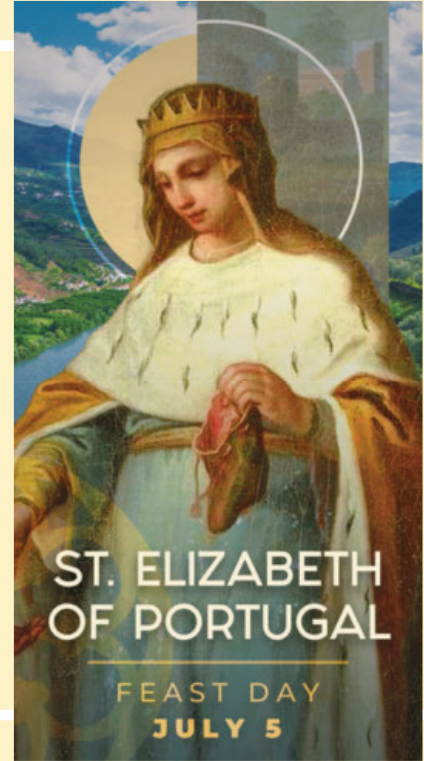
Cost: \$10 t-shirt fee

Campers - entering K-6th grade

Counselors - 7th grade and up

Questions? Contact Terry Dempsey at 607-748-3221
or dempseyterry@earthlink.net

Sign-up online olsvestal.org or grab a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.



St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to July 5th since July 4th is Independence Day, a national holiday.

St. Elizabeth of Portugal, pray for us!

Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of July 3, 2022

Sun 7/03	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Isaiah 66:10-14c Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
Mon 7/04	First Reading Gospel	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Matthew 9:18-26
Tues 7/05	First Reading Gospel	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:32-38
Wed 7/06	First Reading Gospel	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Matthew 10:1-7
Thurs 7/07	First Reading Gospel	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 Matthew 10:16-23
Fri 7/08	First Reading Gospel	Hosea 14:2-10 Matthew 10:16:23
Sat 7/09	First Readings Gospel	Isaiah 6:1-8 Matthew 10:7-15
Sun 7/10	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Deuteronomy 30:10-14 Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37



Observances for the Week

- Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas
Monday: Independence Day
Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti
Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Remember in Prayer



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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 5

8:00am Phil Davis – Jim & Rose Boehlert

Wednesday, July 6

8:00am Joan Anderson – Vestal Knights of Columbus Council #4746

Thursday, July 7

8:00am Margaret Harnan – Patricia & David Harnan

Saturday, July 9 at Our Lady of Good Council Church

9:00am Jean Matolka – Dr. Marianne Soden & Family

Saturday, July 9

5:15pm Thomas Wisniewski - Family

Sunday, July 10

8:30am James Macchiano – Your Alpha Family

11:30am Fran Mallery (Wedding Anniversary) – Mary Ann Mallery

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in the Church and the Chapel in memory of Ed Sledziona, requested by Dave & Linda Schmidt.

Pope Francis' Twitter (@Pontifex)



Dear families, be signs of the living Christ, do not be afraid of what the Lord asks of you, nor of being generous with Him. Be the seed of a more fraternal world! Be the welcoming face of the Church! And please pray, always pray!

Ministry Schedule

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Schedule	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Hospitality Ministers	
Saturday, July 9, 5:15pm	F. Frear P. O'Connor-Allen N. Hargrave	M. Restuccia 2-OPEN	3 - OPEN	M. Czuhanych 3-OPEN	
Sunday, July 10, 8:30am	A. Catalano P. Lo Galbo	D. Waters D. Fitzgerald	C. Autieri V. Autieri E. Fine	L. Carden F. Czochara	M. Danaher G. Wagner
Sunday, July 10, 11:30am	OPEN B. Brown	R. Brown E. Hotalen	N. Catarella Z. Smith OPEN	C. Austenfeld E. Jarrold	A. Miller OPEN

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

July 3, 2022 Parish Calendar

Daily Mass (Chapel) Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00am

Sunday, July 3

8:30am Mass
11:30am Mass

Independence Day Monday, July 4

Parish Office Closed for the Holiday

Tuesday, July 5

7:30am Rosary
9:00am Parish Staff Meeting (Office closed)
12pm-2pm Food Pantry Open

Wednesday, July 6

7:30am Rosary
8:30am Adoration & Divine Mercy

Thursday, July 7

7:30am Rosary
4pm-7pm Food Pantry Open

Friday, July 8

7:00am Men of St. Joseph

Saturday, July 9

9:am-12pm Food Pantry Open
10am-11am Calling hours for Arline Shea
11am Arline Shea Funeral Mass
4pm-4:45pm Confession
5:15pm Mass

Sunday, July 10

8:30am Mass
11:30am Mass
12:30pm Baptism of Claire Connors
7:00pm Totus Tuus

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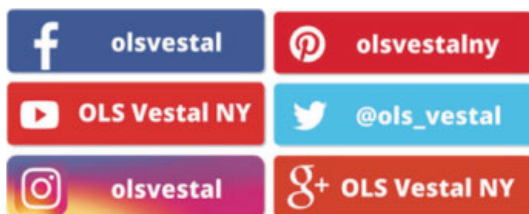
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Loose		\$580.05
TOTAL		\$9,612.05



Your generosity, charity & 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 (607) 748-8287.

Marriage

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

First Sacraments & Confirmation

Please contact the Parish Office at (607) 748-8287

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 so we can update contact information.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Richard Prior	rprior@syrdio.org
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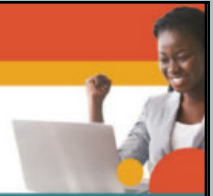
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