



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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JULY 17, 2022 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Pastor

Rev. Richard P. Prior, Jr.

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

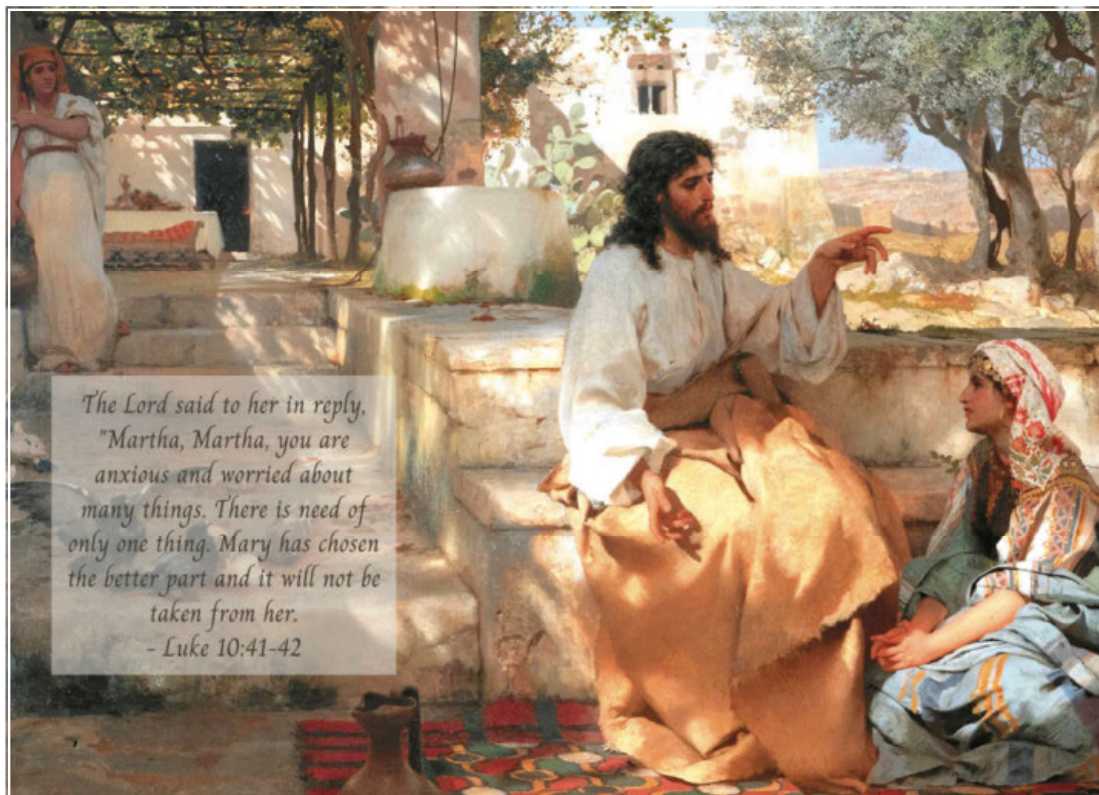
Wednesdays:

8:30 am-9:30 am

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

8:00 am-3:00 pm



The Lord said to her in reply,
"Martha, Martha, you are
anxious and worried about
many things. There is need of
only one thing. Mary has chosen
the better part and it will not be
taken from her."
- Luke 10:41-42

"Our families need to ask for the gift of the Spirit! Through prayer, even in the busiest times, we give time back to God, we find the peace that comes from appreciating the important things, and we encounter the joy of God's unexpected gifts. Through daily prayer may our homes become, like the house of Martha and Mary, places where Jesus always finds a warm welcome (Pope Francis)." While it is necessary to attend to the details of hospitality, learning how to be present to people, experiences, and God is sometimes more important. Creating homes that are welcoming environments requires not only organization and structure but members who truly enjoy being there and celebrating life with one another.

Details can often get the best of us. While attending to details is important to success, our obsession with them can be problematic. Whether wanting to make a good impression, fear of failure, insecurity, or emotional immaturity, throwing ourselves into the "details" of hospitality can distract us from being present to those we want to serve. Conversely, focusing exclusively on being present without any attention to detail also sets our attempts at hospitality up for disaster! We need a balance of both. But creating a truly welcoming space in our homes and within ourselves requires still more.

We have to be empty of ourselves. Becoming a welcoming, hospitable person is not possible in someone focused on their own needs and desires. If the one we serve is the one who looks back at us in the mirror, then there is no space for anyone else. While Martha and Mary had different ideas of what it means to serve, they both had the inner space and freedom to do so. They were detached from themselves. Detachment becomes the challenge to hospitality and creating a God-centered, open-hearted space in our lives. When we impulsively act out of our personal agendas, violence, abuse, pride, greed, lust, power, control, passion, and self-aggrandizement encroach upon the space needed to be present to another human being. Not only can others not find a home in us, but even God cannot find a home in us!

welcome
We're glad you're here!

Pastor's Desk

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the reading from Genesis, Abraham has some unusual guests. The story continues in the Bible for another five verses after today's passage. Those verses include



Abraham's wife, Sarah, who is well beyond child rearing years, overhearing and laughing at the announcement that she would have a son within the year. Only we, the readers, know from the opening verse that "the

Lord appeared to Abraham" in this sequence (although verse 13 makes this clear, stating, "But the Lord said to Abraham"). Three chapters later, in Genesis 21, Isaac is born to Sarah and Abraham.

The Gospel, as well as the First Reading, is about hospitality. The Gospel passage is both familiar and challenging. While the Gospel of St. John recounts two stories involving the sisters Martha and Mary (See John 11, "the raising of Lazarus," and John 12, "the anointing at Bethany"), only St. Luke tells of this particular incident. What Jesus is telling us is that there is a time to go and do, and there is a time to listen and reflect. Knowing which and when is a matter of spiritual discernment.

Fr. Prior

Parish News

Welcome Reception
for Fr. Prior
Saturday, July 23, 2022
Following the 5:15 pm Mass

Please stop by and meet
our new Pastor.
Refreshments will be served.

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Faith FORMATION

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We Are Hiring

Join our Staff!

Open Position

Director of Faith Formation

Our Lady of Sorrows is in need of a new Director of Faith Formation, responsible for grades K-9. The ideal candidate has a strong Catholic faith, enjoys working with children and adults, and has excellent interpersonal and organizational skills. Interested candidates can drop off their resumes at the Parish Office to the attention of Fr. Prior.



PARISH PICNIC Volunteers Needed!

- **Setting up and tearing down tables** – day of the picnic.
 - **Registration Table** – taking tickets the day of the picnic. One-hour shifts.
 - **Helping with children's activities** – day of the picnic.
 - **Setting up and selling tickets for the basket raffles** – set up before the picnic, taking care of basket raffle, day of the picnic.
 - **Help keeping tables clean and clear** – day of the picnic.
- Please sign up in the Gathering Space or call the office to find out how and when you can help. We need people!

SIGN UP TO SERVE!

Become part of our thriving community by sharing your talents! We're looking for:

- Hospitality Ministers
- Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Wedding Day Assistants

Please call (607-748-8287) or email
office@olsvestal.org or
kathy@olsvestal.org if you are
interested in joining a ministry.

Camp Hope for Kids

Camp Hope for Kids is a day camp for children who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives. Ages 6 -14 are welcome. The camp is free for all participants. The children are offered guidance and support and fun events at the camp.... swimming, games and more. The camp is held at Camp Sertoma on August 23, 24, 25. For more information call 798-5692.

Book Drive

The Library at All Saints School is trying to increase the number of books in its collection. If you have any books at home that have been gently used but are in good condition and looking for a new home, please consider donating them to the book drive. We will gladly accept all types of books including adult level books. Those not appropriate for the school library will be sold and the proceeds used to buy new books. Donated books can be dropped off at the school lobby. If you have a large collection of books that you would like to donate, pickup arrangements can be made. Please no encyclopedias, thesauruses, dictionaries, or magazines. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Reilly at treilly@syrdiocese.org or 607-341-0961. The purpose of the book drive is to help provide a good library for our student's intellectual nourishment and growth. Thanks for helping to make our library a welcoming and exciting place for our young readers.



Devotions to St. Ann

The Church of the Holy Trinity is once again offering our annual devotions to St. Ann, July 24-26. The schedule is **July 24:** 7pm-Vespers, **July 25:** 7pm-Exposition, Adoration & Benediction of the Holy Eucharist, **July 26:** 7pm Solemn Mass of St. Ann, followed by a reception in our hall. We will pray the Angelus to begin each evening and veneration of the relic of St. Ann will take place at the end. For more information call the parish office at 724-1372. The church is both handicapped accessible and air-conditioned.



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Raffles
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\$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 the
weekends of July 17th & July 24th.

PARISH PICNIC BASKET RAFFLE



**OLS Parish Picnic is
July 31, 2022.**

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!

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

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.

Peace Camp Counselor Meetings

Sunday, July 17th,
 2 - 4 pm in the OLS café.
 Set up, tie dying and
 planning meeting.

Monday, July 18th
 4 pm in the OLS Café,
 All counselors must attend
 Monday's meeting.

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

Would you prayerfully consider
 sharing your faith with our Children &
 Youth here at Our Lady of Sorrows?

We are in need of Catechists in all
 grade levels. If you are interested,
 please call the Parish Office.

607-748-8287.

**Catechists
 Needed**



Saint Bridget or Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of Birger Petersson, governor of Uppland and his wife Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. She was married to Ulf Gudmarsson, who became governor of the province of Nericia. They had eight children, all of whom survived past infancy which was rare for the 12th century. One of their daughters would become St. Catherine of Sweden.

Saint Bridget was hailed as a mystic and her visions, which began in her early childhood when she had visions of Christ Crucified, made her somewhat of a Middle Ages celebrity. Her vision of the Nativity of Jesus even influenced the art of the Nativity through the Baroque era! She is said to have predicted the Vatican State. Saint Bridget's Revelations, which she dictated to Peter Olafsson, the prior at the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra near which she retired after her husband's death in 1344, were published in 1492. They have since been published in many languages and can still be purchased today.

Some of her most profound visions regarded the founding of a new religious order which would be primarily for women, ruled by an abbess, but with a separate house for monks who would serve as order chaplains. Her visions detailed everything from the abbey church to the clothing that would be adopted as the nun's habit, and how the order would be ruled. King Magnus II of Sweden granted Bridget land and buildings. The order, called the Bridgettines or the Order of the Most Holy Savior was approved by Pope Urban V in 1370.

Saint Bridget was canonized in 1391 by Pope Boniface IX and in 1999 Pope John Paul II named her one of the Patron Saints of Europe.

Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2022

Sun 7/17	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42
Mon 7/18	First Reading Gospel	Micah 1-4, 6-8 Matthew 12:38-42
Tues 7/19	First Reading Gospel	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Matthew 12:46-50
Wed 7/20	First Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10 Matthew 13:1-9
Thurs 7/21	First Reading Gospel	Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Matthew 13:10-17
Fri 7/22	First Reading Gospel	Song of Songs 3:1-4b John 20:1-2, 11-18
Sat 7/23	First Readings Gospel	Jeremiah 7:1-11 Matthew 13:24-30
Sun 7/24	First Reading Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13



Observances for the Week

Sunday:	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Camillus de Lellis
Wednesday:	St. Apollinaris
Thursday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Friday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Saturday:	St. Bridget of Sweden
Next Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sharbel Makhluf

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 19

8:00am The People of Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday, July 20

8:00am Christine Bonczek – Jeff & Maureen Daws

Thursday, July 21

8:00am Jean Matolka – Dc. Ed & Rose Blaine

Saturday, July 23 at Our Lady of Good Council Church

9:00am Father Matthew Brown – John & Donna Jones

Saturday, July 23

5:15pm Elenor "Joan" Brutvan – Susan Petro

Sunday, July 24

8:30am Living Intentions for Ann Falletta - Family

11:30am Tim Myers – Sandy, Bob, Ryan & Victoria Mead

Please Remember in Prayer



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

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in the Church and the Chapel in memory of Gene & Fred Apker, requested by Family.

Pope Francis' Twitter (@Pontifex)



Taking on another person's history, taking the time to get to know them without labeling them, putting them on our shoulders when they are tired or wounded like the good Samaritan: this is known as fraternity.

Ministry Schedule

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Schedule	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Hospitality Ministers	
Saturday, July 23, 5:15pm	P. O'Connor-Allen F. Frear	L. Pedroza A. Sherwood	E. Fine 2-OPEN	L. Baker T. Baker	M. Czuhanych N. Hargrave
Sunday, July 24, 8:30am	S. Hrehor G. Kucharski	P. Lo Galbo J. Rohde	C. Autieri V. Autieri J. Yetsko	C. Austenfeld L. Carden	F. Czochara M. Danaher
Sunday, July 24, 11:30am	G. Saitta B. Graves	E. Jarrold K. O'Brien	O. Goncalves B. Powell Z. Smith	I. Goncalves L. Tran	2-OPEN

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

July 17, 2022 Parish Calendar

Daily Mass (Chapel) Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00am	
Sunday, July 17	
8:30am	Mass
11:30am	Mass
	Picnic BBQ Tickets available after all Masses
2:00pm	Peace Camp Counselor Meeting (Café)
Monday, July 18	
4:00pm	Peace Camp Counselor Meeting
5:30pm	Peace Camp (Gym)
Tuesday, July 19	
7:30am	Rosary
12pm-2pm	Food Pantry Open
5:30pm	Peace Camp (Gym)
Wednesday, July 20	
7:30am	Rosary
8:30am	Adoration & Divine Mercy
5:30pm	Peace Camp (Gym)
Thursday, July 21	
7:30am	Rosary
4pm-7pm	Food Pantry Open
5:30pm	Peace Camp
Friday, July 22	
7:00am	Men of St. Joseph
Saturday, July 23	
9:am-12pm	Food Pantry Open
4pm-4:45pm	Confession
5:15pm	Mass
	Welcome Fr. Prior Reception after Mass
	Picnic BBQ tickets available after Mass
Sunday, July 24	
8:30am	Mass
11:30am	Mass
	Picnic BBQ tickets available after Masses

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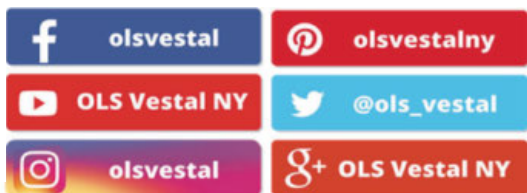
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TOTAL		\$10,116.00



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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
Steve Tilyou (Grand Knight)	stilyou@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 P. Prior, Jr.	office@olsvestal.org
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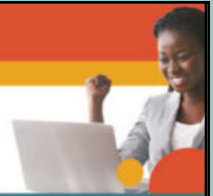
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