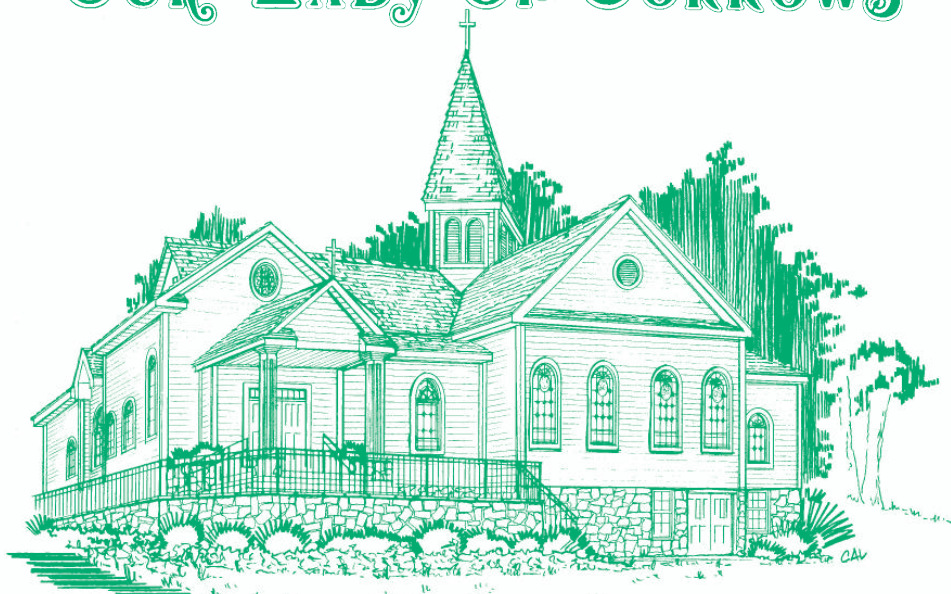


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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:30 P.M.  
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.  
Weekdays: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 A.M.  
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 P.M.  
Holy Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Sunday: 11:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.  
W&F 8:00 A.M. – 8:25 A.M. Also by appointment contact the office

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Sunday: 1:00 P.M. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Visit our website for information and contact the parish office to make arrangements.

**SICK CALLS:** Please notify the Pastor when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined at home and wishes to receive the sacraments.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jane Bodnar 860-767-2060 and Cathy Jenkins 860-767-8497.

**ADORATION / HOLY HOUR:** Saturday: 4:00-5:15 P.M. and Wednesday: 9:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

**NOVENA:** Miraculous Medal Wednesday: 9:00 A.M.

**PRAYER CENACLE:** Friday: 9:00 A.M.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Michael Berdensey, Grand Knight  
860-304-6839

**OFFICE HOURS:** M-T-W-F 8:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. closed Thursday  
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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Joyce Leach 860-767-2705  
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**PARISH COUNCIL:** President, Walter Wiegert 860-767-3209  
[parishcouncil@olos-sx.org](mailto:parishcouncil@olos-sx.org) Council meets the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in Murtha Hall.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST:** Irene Listorti 860-388-9884

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Adults Thursday: 7:30 P.M.

**BULLETIN:** copy deadline is noon on Monday [bulletin@olos-sx.org](mailto:bulletin@olos-sx.org)

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Irene Heller 860-767-8662

**OLOS WOMEN'S GUILD:** Co-Presidents Jackie Beck 860-304-3643 and Angela Johnson 860-395-5603.  
The Guild meets the third Tuesday of the month.

**PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY:** Irene Heller 860-767-8662

**LITURGY COMMITTEE:** Irene Listorti 860-388-9884  
Meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Welcome new parishioners. We want to know and serve you.  
Please introduce yourselves after Mass. We hope you become  
an active part of our Parish family.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

“As parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, we commit to provide a community for all, based on the faith of our Catholic values, traditions, and beliefs, that fosters a spirit of love, education, and a sense of family.”

# SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Charlotte Crawford by Bette and Terry Lomme

### Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 +Amelia Hurlburt by the Osborne family

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +Pauline Boren by the Junkmann family

### Monday January 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 +G.W. Junkmann by the Junkmann family

### Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 St. Joseph's

### Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 + Robert Hogan by Frances Hogan

### Thursday January 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 St. Joseph's

### Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 +Ed Cummings by Al and Angie Johnson

### Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Charlotte Waterman 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary by her sons Mike and Larry Berdensey

### Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Parish family

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00

*If the members of the family for whom a Mass is being celebrated would like to bring up the gifts, please notify one of the ushers before Mass.*



## Candles

*The Tabernacle candle will burn in memory of **Joseph J. Carter** by Ann Jameson and the Sanctuary candle is in memory of **Ernie Cook and Cheryl Keltings** by Virginia Cook.*

## From Fr. Peter

*“Speak Lord,  
your servant is listening”  
Samuel's inclination pleased God.*

*Listening with soul requires  
inner silence. To attain internal silence  
we must remove all inner noises –  
worries, fears, desires, drives etc.  
Entire trust in God makes this possible.*

*Listen, let God speak. Taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.*

## Circle of Prayer

*For Christian unity, that all Christians may  
be one in faith, hope, and charity*

## Weekly Offertory

Jan. 10-12	\$2,347.00
Monthly	\$ 2,442.00
Online giving	\$314.00

*Thank you for your generous support.*

## Online Giving

If you would prefer to make your contributions online please visit our website at [www.olos-sx.org](http://www.olos-sx.org) and click on the link to *GIVING*.

Registration is quick and easy.

## Please keep in your prayers...

Katherine and Noah Cifarelli, Linda Choser, Barbara Dee, Richard Dibble, Frank Downey, Laura Downey, Amelia Hulburt, Ann Kay, Shane Leach, Kiara Lopez, Fr. Joseph Marshall, Alberta Miceli, The Malloy family, Doug Netsch, Joann North, Judy and Barry Peterson, The Remlin family, Fr. Tom Simon, Patricia Theodore, and Theresa Whaley.

## *SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

### **Upcoming Events**

- January 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Women's Guild Party
- January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting in Murtha Hall
- January 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 p.m. CCD Parent's Dinner

### **Women's Guild Dinner**

The Women's Guild dinner will be on Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Joyce Leach. In the event of inclement weather the dinner will be held the following day on Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please RSVP to Joyce at [jaleach2@comcast.net](mailto:jaleach2@comcast.net).

### **Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life**

On **Sunday, February 8, 2015**, the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Consecrated Life will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., in the Cathedral of Saint Patrick, Norwich. All are invited to join Bishop Cote in thanking God for the gift of consecrated life and for the sisters, brothers, and religious priests who enrich the Church and build up God's Kingdom with the witness of their religious commitment. The theme is *Wake up the World*, with their testimony of faith, holiness, and hope. The homilist will be Father Raymond Borkowski, O.F.M. Conv., the former pastor of Saint John Parish in Cromwell and currently Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul Church in Kensington, Connecticut.

All are invited to participate in the Mass.

### **Openings on Parish Council**

The Parish Council (PC) is being expanded from 9 to 12 members beginning in March of 2015. In addition, there will be one opening on the PC beginning in January of 2015. The PC meets monthly, on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. from September through June, and it assists our Pastor with the running of the Parish. Members have the option of serving for two or three year terms, which are renewable for up to a total of six years. If you are interested in getting to know your Parish from the inside out, or if you have any questions, please contact either Father Peter at 767-1284 or [www.olos-sx.org](http://www.olos-sx.org), or PC President Walter Wiegert at 767-3209 or [parishcouncil@olos-sx.org](mailto:parishcouncil@olos-sx.org).

### **Fine Arts Summer Craft Fair**

We are happy to announce the return of the summer craft fair on the green in downtown Essex. The weekend of July 18 and 19 we will be hosting a Fine Art Craft Fair. We are looking for volunteers to work on the publicity, layout and food committee. We are looking for parishioners to lend a hand to make the fundraiser a success. If you are interested in lending your talents to the fair please contact Joyce Leach at 860-227-8778. Thank you.

### **Mass Intentions**

The 2015 Mass book is now open. If you have a specific date you would like for a Mass intention please contact the parish office at 860-767-1284.



### **Tweets from Pope Francis**

***Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let us find time to be with him.***

*JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2015*

### **Spiritual Adoption at OLOS**

Our last group of spiritually adopted babies was born recently. *It is now time to adopt new babies*, give them names, pray for them for 9 months. Won't you please help all unborn babies and save them with your prayers?

**Last year we spiritually adopted 65 unborn children!** Please help us increase that number for the next 9 month period. We look to all parishioners for help.

To spiritually adopt a child, place a tag on the gold tree located at the back of the church, choosing a boy or a girl. Say this simple prayer daily to save this child from death:

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted and is in danger of abortion.”*

Prayer is the best weapon to save these babies and the most effective! God bless those who spiritually adopt these babies. May you one day meet this child in Heaven and be able to hold them as they thank you and love you.

With much appreciation, we thank everyone who has found it in their hearts to share in their spiritually adopted baby's birth by bringing in gifts which will be used to help babies and their moms. Your gifts may be placed in the basket near the table. They will be donated to one of the many crisis centers in CT.

Thank you to all who continue to support this ministry of life and love. God bless you.

### **Thank you from the Seminarians**

We have received several thank you notes from the Seminarians for the Christmas gift card donations. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer of the church to read the thank you notes.

### **Message from Bishop Cote**

“Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. “ (CCC #2258) This quote from *Donum Vitae* underlines what has been the consistent teaching of the Catholic Church—the fifth commandment: You shall not kill. (Ex 20:13, Deut 5:17). With ever increasing threats to human life it is important to clarify this simple truth. This January 22, 2015 marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Since that date 54, 559, 615 abortions have been performed according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and the Guttmacher Institute.

The Catholic Church has always been a prophetic witness to what Saint John Paul II called the “culture of life.” Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*—The Joy of the Gospel, highlights one of the world’s greatest problems: individualism. He states: “The individualism of our postmodern and globalized era favors a lifestyle which weakens the development and stability of personal relationships and distorts family bonds. Pastoral activity needs to bring out more clearly the fact that our relationship with the Father demands and encourages a communion which heals, promotes and reinforces personal bonds.” Those words echo the opening sentence of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which states: “God, infinitely perfect and blessed in himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in his own blessed life.” (CCC 1) With the popularity of words like “choice” we have distorted the reality of what takes place in abortion: an unborn child is killed.

The use of language to distort meaning and intent has also crept into another of the world’s problems: relativism. In a poignant passage of *Evangelii Gaudium* Pope Francis notes: “while the church insists on objective moral norms which are valid for everyone, ‘there are those in our culture who portray this teaching as unjust, that is, opposed to basic human rights. Such claims usually follow from a form of moral relativism that is joined, not without inconsistency, to a belief in the absolute rights of individuals. In this view the church is perceived as promoting a particular prejudice and as interfering with individual freedom.’” As Catholics we have the right and moral obligation to live our lives in the public square.


Just as there have been threats to human life at its beginning, so too here in Connecticut there have been attempts to introduce Physician Assisted Suicide. National groups such as Compassion & Choices and death with Dignity have been lobbying hard to pass an Aid in Dying bill. The slogan my life, my death, my choice is a popular rallying cry. Individualism and relativism have led to a culture that believes this is acceptable. In an address to the Association of Italian Catholic Doctors this past November, Pope Francis stated: “in ancient thought and modern thought the word ‘kill’ means the same thing. The same evaluation applies to euthanasia: we all know that with so many old people, in this culture of waste, there is this hidden euthanasia... A sin against God the Creator! Think hard about this.”

With joy and conviction I encourage each of you to be bold witnesses to the Gospel of Life!

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