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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
Office Administrator: Caitlin Riley, office@olos-sx.org

PASTOR HOURS: Wednesday and Friday 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. or by appt.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Joyce Leach 860-767-2705
dre@olos-sx.org

PARISH COUNCIL: President, Walter Wiegert 860-767-3209
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

ALTAR SOCIETY: Please contact the office

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: Please contact the office

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 OF LENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday February 28th

8:30 St. Joseph's
4:00 St. Joseph's
5:30 +Fr. Sylva LeCours

Sunday March 1st Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 +Anna Kim by Regina Heon Lee
10:00 St. Joseph's
12:00 +Danny Carter and Sally Yacavone by Mary Briganti and Ann Jameson

Monday March 2nd

8:30 +Fr. Sylva LeCours

Tuesday March 3rd

8:30 St. Joseph's

Wednesday March 4th

8:30 +Robert Walters Sr. by Mary Catharine Colburn

Thursday March 5th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Friday March 6th

8:30
7:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 7th

8:30 St. Joseph's
4:00 St. Joseph's
5:30 +Irene Heller by Regina and Walt Wiegert

Sunday March 8th Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 +Brian Bauer by Ned and Sue Baker
10:00 St. Joseph's
12:00 +Robert Walters Sr. by Ron and Mary Ellen Cozzolino

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
Irene Heller by the Varsh Family*

From Fr. Peter

*They beheld God's glory – a
glimpse of the beatific vision.*

*They were overwhelmed;
afraid; and did not understand
the meaning of resurrection.*

*Transfiguration shook them.
But, later Jesus strengthened them.
This glimpse would brace them
during the passion and death of Jesus.*

*We need this glimpse and strength
as we take our cross and follow Jesus.*

Circle of Prayer

*For those who are in prison, especially the
young: may they be able to re-build
lives of dignity.*

Weekly Offertory

Feb. 14-15	\$719.00
Feb. 21-22	\$2,759.00
Online giving	\$224.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Mass Intentions

If you have a specific date you would like for a Mass intention in 2015 please contact the parish office at 860-767-1284.

Please keep in your prayers...

Katherine and Noah Cifarelli, Linda Choser, Nancy Dalton, 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, Theresa Whaley and all those listed in our book of petitions.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Upcoming Events

- Knights Food Drive through the March 8th
- March 8,9,10 7:00 p.m. Parish Mission at St. Joseph's
- March 17th , Life in the Spirit Parish Mission follow-up program 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Parish Center
- March 21st after the 5:30 Mass Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The Knights will have a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday March 21st after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Murtha Hall. The menu will include a choice of corn beef and cabbage or homemade Irish stew made by chef Tony. There will be many great raffle prizes from the raffle table. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Come join us for great food and see if you have the luck of the Irish. You may walk away with one of the many great prizes.

The Knights Food Drive

The Knights will be holding their annual food drive for the Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantry. This is the Knights 3rd year running the food drive. The drive has been extended to run through March 8th 2015. The Shoreline Soup Kitchen is in desperate need of the following items, assorted cereals, assorted canned soups, Jell-O and puddings, peanut butter, jellies and pasta and sauces. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Third Order of Mary

Our first meeting in 2015 will be **Monday, March 2** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and again from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. in the Church. Discussion will start with Chapter 1, in the 15 Days of Prayers Book. Free copies of Chapter 1 will be available and Charles Valentino will be our Facilitator. This is a wonderful opportunity, for anyone, who has been contemplating joining a Third Order. Please come to either meeting. For further info. contact Lorraine 860-434-2629.

"COME AND BE REFRESHED!"

**Parish Mission of Renewal
Held at St. Joseph Church, Chester has
been rescheduled**

**Sponsored by St. Joseph's and
Our Lady of Sorrows, Essex**

March 8,9,10 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**Both Parishes are encouraged to come
and be "Blessed!"**

Sunday—Wonder of God's Love

Monday—Freedom from Burdens—

Sacrament of Reconciliation available

Tuesday— Miracles Do Happen

**Fr. Ray Introvigne and Mrs. Judith Hughes
Co-Directors, Spiritual Renewal Services,
Diocese of Norwich**

Life in The Spirit Seminar

follow up program

Saturday March 14th

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Parish Center

ST. JOSEPH'S LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS 4-7 PM



MARCH 6, 13, 20 AND 27

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BEVERAGE & DESSERT**



Tweets from Pope Francis

***There is no sin that God cannot pardon. All we
need to do is ask for forgiveness.***

MARCH 1ST, 2015

Parish Book Club

On **Thursday, March 19**, at 7:00 p.m. in Murtha Hall, the Book Club will be discussing *With God in Russia* by Walter J. Ciszek & Daniel L. Flaherty. Father Ciszek, a Pennsylvania-born Jesuit priest, spent 23 years as an alleged “spy of the Vatican” in Soviet prisons and labor camps, and in exile in Siberia, before being repatriated to the United States in a prisoner exchange. Despite his circumstances and the harsh treatment he received, Fr. Ciszek believed that the Soviet Union was where God wanted him to be, and he found ingenious ways to say Mass and to provide the Sacraments, discerning “God’s will in every circumstance in which I found myself, letting myself be ruled by it and borne along in perfect confidence and trust.” Now a “Servant of God,” his cause for canonization is currently before the Vatican. The book (ISBN 9780385039543) is available from amazon.com in paperback for \$17.10 plus tax and shipping (Kindle: \$7.99). Contact Bill Collier at wacollier@comcast.net or 767-2871 if you are interested in becoming part of the Book Club. All are welcome!

Lent 2015 Schedule

Stations of the Cross	Every Friday at both churches	7:00 P.M.
Spiritual Renewal	February 22, 23, 24	7 P.M. St. Joseph
	February 28 One Day Life in the Spirit Seminar	9:00 – 4:00 p.m. St. Joseph
Palm Sunday	March 28 th Vigil Mass	4 P.M. St. Joseph
	March 28 th Vigil Mass	5:30 P.M. OLOS
	March 29 th Mass	8:30 A.M. OLOS
	March 29 th Mass	10 A.M. St. Joseph
	March 29 th Mass	12:00 P.M. OLOS
Holy Thursday	April 2 nd Mass	7 P.M. OLOS
	Confession	After Mass
Good Friday	April 3 rd Morning Prayer	8:30 A.M. St. Joseph
	Service	3 P.M. OLOS
	Confession	After service
	Stations of the Cross	7 P.M. OLOS and St. Joseph
Holy Saturday	April 4 th Morning Prayer	8:30 A.M. St. Joseph
	Easter Vigil	8 P.M. OLOS
Easter Sunday	April 5 th Mass	8:30 A.M. OLOS, 10:00 A.M. St. Josephs, 12:00 OLOS

Coming to Mass in a Catholic Church

Christ's Living presence in the church building is what makes this sacred space different from anywhere else on earth! Our current age sees everything as an object of human production, and human relationships made effective by conversation. But praying to God is totally different because **God makes Himself known to me**. Appreciating the Mass as the activity of Christ, our prayer inserts us into its action and thereby into the Body of Christ (*Lumen Gentium*, Vat 2) thus building up our relationship both with Him and with one another.

Our parish family meets in the Church which, as a consecrated building, is *set aside exclusively for the worship of Almighty God* (Rite of Dedication of a Church). While the Church is made up of people, living stones, the place where we worship is important. We believe that the Lord is present in every Catholic Church in the **Blessed Sacrament**.

Our lives today tend to be stressful and noisy. The busyness of running a home, commuting to work and bringing up children means that we should value our Church building as a unique resource – providing a **sacred space** where individuals find opportunity to be with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Every Parishioner or Visitor to our Church should be able to experience it as an **oasis of peace** – which depends on each one of us ensuring prayerful silence and stillness.

Jesus loved the Temple in Jerusalem: He became visibly distressed when He saw its peace being upset (Matthew 21: 10-17) and He said those famous words: *My house shall be called a house of prayer*. We need to do all we can to respect our Parish Church as “**a house of prayer**”.

When you come into church try to be as quiet as you can. Genuflect when you enter, and whenever you pass the tabernacle (in the center of the Church). Restrict any conversation to outside the Church itself. Greet one another with a nod and a smile, be warm and welcoming, but **resist the urge to chat in Church**, especially before (and after) Mass! Give those around you the chance to be still. It may be the only opportunity in the week for them, and for you, to spend quality time with God.

Please be mindful that there are people who want to remain in prayer, so please respect their wish by leaving the Church as quietly as possible.

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