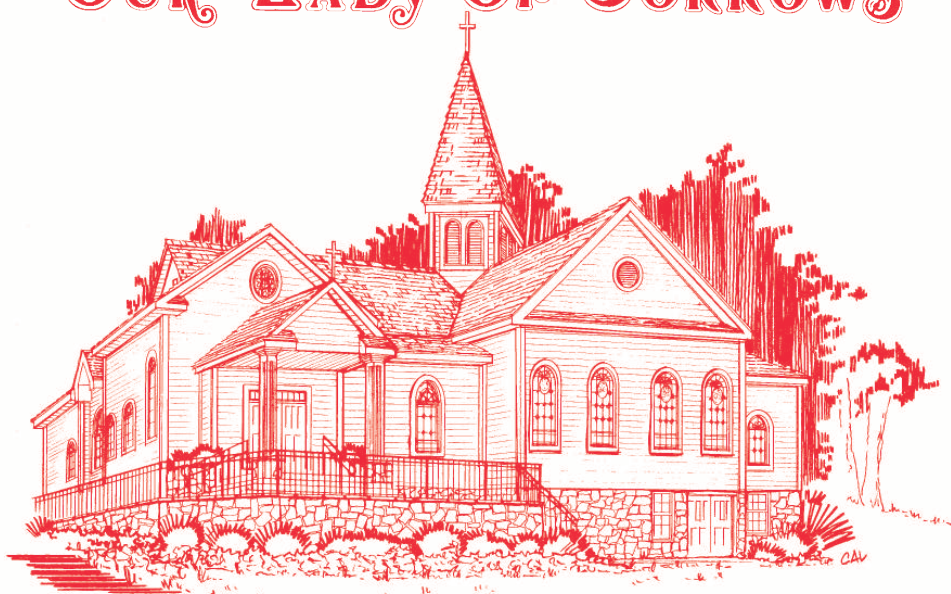


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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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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 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 /PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY: 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.

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

REMEMBER OUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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."

PALM SUNDAY



Mass Intentions

Saturday March 28th

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Brian Bauer by Ned and Sue Baker

Sunday March 29th Palm Sunday

8:30+For the Knights of Columbus

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +Kieran Danks

Monday March 30th

8:30 +Robert Colburn by family

Tuesday March 31st

8:30 St. Joseph's

Wednesday April 1st

8:30 +Mary Beth Stebbins by Rick Stebbins

Holy Thursday April 2nd

7:00 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows

Good Friday April 3rd

8:30 Morning Prayer St. Joseph's

3:00 Service

7:00 Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday April 4th

8:30 Morning Prayer St. Joseph's

8:00 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows

Easter Sunday April 5th

8:30 +Flo Chojnowski 3rd anniversary by her daughter

Mimi Rowley and family

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +Elton Deckelman by his wife Dorothy

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 March Tabernacle candle will burn in memory of **Irene Heller** by the Varsh Family. The April Tabernacle Candle will burn in memory of the beloved dead of the **Colburn and Carroll families** by the family. The April Sanctuary candle will burn in memory of **Theresa Stopa** by Anna Pollock.*

From Fr. Peter

On Palm Sunday we enter Jerusalem triumphantly with Jesus.

On Holy Thursday we partake of the Eucharist devoutly with Jesus.

On Good Friday we stand before the Cross sorrowfully with Mother Mary.

At Easter vigil we receive and share joyfully the light of Christ.

On Easter Sunday we celebrate gloriously the life of Christ.

Kindly join our parish family in all these indispensable liturgical celebrations.

Circle of Prayer

That the palms we bring home will always remind us to thank Jesus for His great sacrifice for us.

Weekly Offertory

March 21-22 \$3,435.00

Online \$204.00

The second collection Easter Sunday will be for the Diocese of Norwich sick and infirmed Priests.

Thank you for your generous support.

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, Ed Majokwski, 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.

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week

- **Holy Tuesday** 7:00 -8:00 p.m. confession Our Lady of Sorrows
- **Holy Thursday** 7:00 p.m. Mass Our Lady of Sorrows, confession after Mass
- **Good Friday** 8:30 a.m. morning prayer St. Joseph's confession after prayer
- **Good Friday** 3:00 p.m. Service Our Lady of Sorrows confession after service
- **Good Friday** 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross both churches
- **Holy Saturday** 8:30 a.m. morning prayer St. Joseph's confession after service
- **Holy Saturday** 12:00 Blessing of Easter Basket Our Lady of Sorrows
- **Holy Saturday** confession Our Lady of Sorrows 4:00 –5:00 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday** 8:00 p.m. Vigil Our Lady of Sorrows
- **Easter Sunday** Regular Mass Schedule

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Place your particular traditional Easter dinner foods in a basket and bring them to be blessed at Our Lady of Sorrows on **Saturday, April 4th at 12 noon**. This tradition stems from the desire of the Christian Community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast. At this time Fr. Peter will also bless the children and their Easter baskets.

The religious significance attached to some foods that may be included in an Easter basket are: **BREAD** is Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our true bread. **HAM/VEAL/LAMB** is a symbol of the great joy of the abundance at the Resurrection. **SALT** is the condiment necessary to flavor our foods and represents the Truth of the message of Jesus Christ. It reminds us to "flavor" our lives with the values of Christ. **PYSANKA** or **DYED HARD COOKED EGGS** are an ancient symbol indicative of new life and Resurrection. **BUTTER** in the form of the Paschal Lamb, represents the Lamb of God offered on the altar for the life of the world. A **CANDLE** lighted during Easter dinner, our Resurrection meal, symbolizes the "Light of the World, Our Lord, Jesus Christ." Wine may also be included.

Moving with the Spirit Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation students from Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Joseph's attended a retreat, at St. Catherine of Sienna Church in Trumbull. 400 kids attended the retreat with Sean Forest, who once again inspired and encouraged our young people to follow God and to place God first in their lives. Through the stories of his own journey of faith told with humor and a deep sincere love for our young people, he won them over unanimously.



MARCH 29TH, 2015

Message from the Bishop

My dear sisters and brothers in the Lord,

Each year, on Easter, we remember in prayer and with our financial contributions the ill and retired priests who are not covered by our insurance or by the Diocesan Retirement Fund for Priests. There is still a need for the appeal. The proceeds are spent for medical insurance for sick and retired priests, medical costs not covered by insurance, special housing needs, costs of necessary extended stays in nursing homes after surgery, convalescent home care, counseling, residential care, and monthly compensation for priests on sick leave.

By your generosity to this appeal, you help provide security and support to these devoted priests who have served our diocese so well for many years. In the course of their priestly ministry, they have brought scores of people to Christ and spiritually enriched them with the Sacraments and the Gospel. Now it is our turn to help them and to let them know that they are not forgotten. Their needs are more than our concern. They are our responsibility.

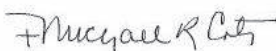
In the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014, the Easter Collection amounted to \$159,048.00. The Diocese of Norwich spent \$294,768.00, for sick and retired priests who are not covered by our insurance or by the Diocesan Retirement Fund for Priests.

Sharing in Christ's Priesthood, our priests continue Jesus' mission and ministry and nourish God's life in us. As we reflect on the events of Holy Week, we experience the depth of God's eternal love for us and we are strengthened by the sacramental life of the Church that pours forth from Jesus' side as He hangs on the Cross. The priesthood, while shared by men of faith with different personalities, gifts, ages, and abilities, always points to Christ. It is our time to show our gratitude for the gift of sacramental ministry which our retired and infirm priests have for so long and so well offered us.

Please be generous in prayer and in your financial sacrifices for these priests who need our assistance and deserve our help.

May God bless you and reward your generosity to this appeal and may you have a blessed observance of Holy Week as well as a holy and happy Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Bishop of Norwich

MARCH 29TH, 2015

Diaper Drive

The Confirmation Class will be sponsoring their class community service project. Once again this year they will be collecting diapers for the CT. Diaper Bank. Last year we collected over 4,000 diapers. The Diaper Bank supplies diapers to low income families throughout CT. Diapers can be dropped off at the rear of the church. We are looking for all sizes from, newborn to pull-ups. Thank you.

Men's Retreat
April 10th-12th, 2015

Every year in the spring, a group of men from Our Lady of Sorrows join with men from other shoreline parishes for a weekend retreat at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. This year's theme is "Know Greater Joy". Includes home-cooked meals, inspirational liturgies & workshops, original music, and free time to rest and enjoy a walk on their 48 wooded acres & labyrinth.

Further information and to register go to www.holyfamilyretreat.org or call 860-760- 9705 or contact Ed McCaffrey at 860-767-3521.

2015 Annual Catholic Appeal
"Strength through the Holy Spirit"

Thank you to everyone who has already answered the request to participate in the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Strength through the Holy Spirit". Your gift is received with great thanks and appreciation. If you have not made a gift, please reflect on what you can do to make a difference. Every gift is valued! It's not too late to offer your support...support that is utilized within our Diocesan communities through the vital work performed by our over 25 ministries and programs. Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal sustain a wide array of social service programs in providing comfort, support and aid to those suffering hardships. It provides direct services to those in need through the provision of food, oil, heat, shelter, prescriptions and much needed counseling. These works are made possible because of YOUR generosity! Please pray that our "Strength through the Holy Spirit," campaign is successful in reducing the needs of many in our parishes. Please visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to make your pledge.

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