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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](mailto: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  
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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 /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."

# ***DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY***



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Cherie Graham by her parents

### **Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:30+Jack Moran 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary by Mary-Louise and Tom Polo

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 For all the volunteers of the parish

### **Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 +Dr. Joseph Bardenheier

### **Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 St. Joseph's

### **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 +

### **Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 St. Joseph's

### **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 +Loretta Colburn by her family

### **Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 St. Joseph's

4:00 St. Joseph's

5:30 +Irene Heller by the choir

### **Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 +Irene Heller by the Women's guild

10:00 St. Joseph's

12:00 +



## **Candles**

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

## **From Fr. Peter**

***Belief goes beyond the realm of five senses. But, Thomas wanted to touch in order to believe. Ironically Jesus did not object.***

***When Jesus did appear to him, Thomas did not touch; but believed. Beatific vision is sufficient.***

***Faith is not against reason. Faith is beyond reason.***

## **Circle of Prayer**

*For the Divine Mercy of Jesus to surround our hearts whenever we pray, "Jesus, I trust in you."*

## **Weekly Offertory**

March 29-30 \$3,237.00

Online giving \$149.00

***Thank you for your generous support.***

## **Thank You**

*Thank you to the Our Lady of Sorrows Women's Guild for donating the money to purchase a red chasuble for Fr. Peter. Fr. Peter wore the chasuble for the first time to celebrate Mass on Palm Sunday.*

## **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.

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## Upcoming Events

- April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday
- April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Business Meeting
- April 26<sup>th</sup>, Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast after the 8:30 Mass

## Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast

The Our Lady of Sorrows Knights of Columbus will welcome Fr. O'Brien on Sunday **April 26<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.** Fr. O'Brien a retired priest from the Diocese of Hartford will be the guest speaker at the breakfast. The breakfast will include pancakes, sausages, ham, coffee, tea milk and cereal. Tickets are \$6.00 and will be available before and after all Masses on April 12. Join us for fun and fellowship.

## 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.

## Passion and Purpose Event St. George's Church in Guilford

On Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 –10:45 p.m. Matthew Kelly invites us all to identify God's voice in our lives and the specific purpose for which we've been created. Matthew inspires attendees to apply the genius of Catholicism to every aspect of our lives including prayer & spirituality, personal finances, health & well being, and community involvement.

Tickets are \$39.00 if you are interested contact Joyce Leach at 860-227-8778 by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Divine Mercy Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 2:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Joseph's celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on **April 12<sup>th</sup>** with a special service at 2:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows. **All parishioners from both parishes are invited to attend.** For those who do not know Divine Mercy Sunday is a special gift from God as it was revealed to Saint Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. All temporal and corporal punishment can be wiped away by following a few simple steps:

1. Go to confession 2 weeks before or after April 12<sup>th</sup>
2. You must be in the state of grace and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. The Eucharist will not be celebrated at the service.
3. You must state your intention.
4. You must pray for our Holy Father Pope Francis by reciting one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be.

The blessed day comes only once a year. We hope all parishioners and friends will avail themselves to this opportunity to have total punishment removed and to start anew.

The loving hand of God will touch all those who participate. But, we cannot overlook the love for us displayed by our priest, Fr. Peter. Who will be giving of his Sunday afternoon to avail this opportunity to us. Helpful flyers can be found in the back of the church.

## Women's Guild Scholarship

The Women's Guild will be awarding one college student a \$500 scholarship for the 2015/16 school year. All college students ( Freshman – Senior) are eligible to apply. Applicant or applicant's family must be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows. Scholarship applications are available in the office or by email office-olos@comcast.net. All applications are due by **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**



## Tweets from Pope Francis

*Life is a precious gift, but we realize this only when we give it to others.*

*APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015*

**Through the “Strength of the Holy Spirit,”  
we know that you will help us through.**

We gain strength through our faith. Strength to help us overcome struggles we may face in life.

During this Easter season, let us draw strength from Christ’s resurrection. As we overcome obstacles, let us reflect on the new beginning that Christ granted to us by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** helps the ministries and programs in the Diocese to reach out to many people, offering renewed strength to begin anew...to face life challenges and overcome hardships.

*If you haven’t made your pledge to the 2015 ACA “Strength through the Holy Spirit” campaign, please consider doing so by calling 860-886-1928 or visit [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org) to donate.*

**White Mass for Health Care Workers**

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick, will celebrate a White Mass on **Sunday, April 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.** Brunch will immediately follow in the Church Hall. The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote will be the Celebrant, Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD, will be the Homilist, and the featured speaker will be Seth Flagg, LCDR (MC) USN. The topic will be “*Keeping the Faith: Caring for Wounded Marines.*” The Chair of this event is Deacon Gerald Shaw, MD. The requested donation for breakfast is \$25.00. Health care workers of all faiths are invited. For further information call Msgr. Brown at 860-887-9294, ext. 232.

**Norwich Diocesan  
Council of Catholic Women**

The Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women presents the Annual Layette Program and Catholic Charities Sunday being held this year at St. Joseph Church, 18 Main Street, North Grosvenordale, CT, on Sunday April 19th at 1 PM. Guests will be Jim Maffuid, Executive Director, Catholic Charities, along with supervisors from Catholic Charities offices. All Ladies of Norwich Diocese Parishes are invited to attend. Please bring baby items, e.g., diapers, (0-3 years) clothes, blankets, etc., to donate to the Layette Program for distribution to the Catholic Charities offices in Norwich, New London, and Willimantic.

**APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**Parish Book Club**

On **Thursday, April 16**, at 7:00 p.m. in Murtha Hall, the Parish Book Club will be discussing *The Church of Mercy* by Pope Francis. The book contains a collection of the Pope's writings, including excerpts from speeches and homilies, about his vision for the Church and the need to share the light of Christ with the world. The book (ISBN 0829441700) is available from amazon.com in paperback for \$11.30 plus tax and shipping (Kindle: \$9.99). Contact Bill Collier at [wacollier@comcast.net](mailto:wacollier@comcast.net) or 767-2871 if you are interested in discussing books in an informal and friendly manner.

**Ministry to the Sick Workshop**

On Saturday, **April 18**, Diocesan Office of Worship will conduct a workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who bring Communion to the sick in hospitals or nursing homes, and to the homebound. Registration deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Place: St. Mary Czestochowa in Middletown. Cost: \$20.

For more information call 860-848-2237x203 or go to [www.norwichdiocese.org](http://www.norwichdiocese.org) for registration form.

**Looking Both Ways:  
Decisions of a Lifetime**

Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Joseph's are part of a group of several faith communities in the Lower Connecticut River Valley that will host a free event designed to educate, encourage and explore with participants medical, legal, spiritual, relational, and memorial issues confronting each of us as we (or those we love) approach the end of our lives. Members of the clergy, medical and legal professionals, funeral home and hospice care professionals will make presentations and allow time for questions. Participants will receive a workbook to use as a reminder and a guide for individual work on these areas of personal decisions. Join us and invite others to join you as we look both ways and consider the decisions of a lifetime.

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Essex Town Hall**

**Check in and coffee 8:30 a.m.**

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