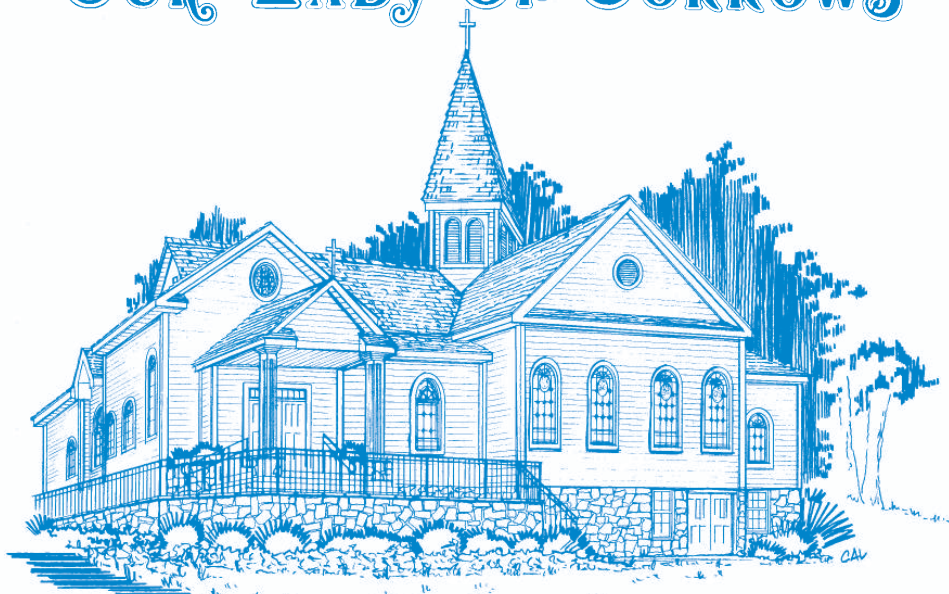


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MASS SCHEDULE

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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dre@olos-sx.org

PARISH COUNCIL: President, Walter Wiegert 860-767-3209
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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST: Irene Listorti 860-388-9884

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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."

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Mass Intentions

Saturday May 2nd

8:30 St. Joseph's
10:30 Our Lady of Sorrow's First Communion
4:00 St. Joseph's
5:30 +Irene Heller by Suzanne Deens

Sunday May 3rd

8:30 +John and Crezilda Read by the Read family
10:00 St. Joseph's
12:00 All confirmation candidates

Monday May 4th

8:30 +Henry Cichon by Rose Papuzynski

Tuesday May 5th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Wednesday May 6th

8:30 +Fr. Francis A. Liszewski

Thursday May 7th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Friday May 8th

8:30 +Jim Donahoe 2nd anniversary by Eileen Donahoe

Saturday May 9th

8:30 St. Joseph's
4:00 St. Joseph's
5:30 Parish family

Sunday May 10th

8:30 +Edward Bauer 7th anniversary by Kathy Bauer
10:00 St. Joseph's
12:00 +Jadwiga Lukaszewicz by family

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 Sanctuary candle will burn in memory of
Jim Donahoe by his wife Eileen.*

From Fr. Peter

*Vine sustains its branches.
Branches feed on the vine
and bear fruits. Jesus said,
'By the fruits, you know the tree.'*

*By remaining in Jesus,
we bear fruits of love, joy and peace.
By our love we bear witness
to the God of love.*

Without Him we can do nothing.

Circle of Prayer

*That the Holy Spirit may strengthen the newly
confirmed in their faith.*

Weekly Offertory

April 25-26	\$3,940.00
Online giving	\$179.00

The second collection this weekend is for the
Seminary Education Fund.

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 and click
on the link to *GIVING*.
Registration is quick and easy.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Upcoming Events

- May 4th Third Order of Mary Outdoor Crowning after 8:30 Mass
- May 12th, 6:30 p.m. Fr. Peter's Bible Study in Murtha Hall

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 officeolos@comcast.net. All applications are due by **May 15th, 2015**.

Third Order of Mary

Our May Meeting will be after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, May 4 where we will participate in the Outdoor Crowning of Our Lady's Statue, the Recitation of the Rosary and a Discussion of the 1st Chapter of 15 Days of Prayer. Discussion will be held two times, once at 9:30 a.m. in Murtha Hall and again at 6:30 p.m. in the church

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

On Friday September 25th 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 May 5th .

Xavier High School Summer Camp

Xavier High School is holding athletic summer camps for young men in grades 6-9. At the camps students will learn fundamental skills of sports, meet coaches, players and develop communication and leadership skills. For more information visit www.xavierhighschhol.org/summer2015 .



Sail into Summer

Our Lady of Sorrows Church is holding its first Annual "Sail into Summer" fund raising party on Sunday, June 14th, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Brewers Yacht Club, Essex Island.

Take off your winter coats, hats and gloves and join us for yummy food, beer, wine, non alcoholic beverages and dancing at the beautiful water front location. For information and tickets, contact the office at 860 767-1284 or by e-mail officeolos@comcast.net .

Pilgrimage to Lourdes, La Salette, and Fatima

Fr. Elson will be leading a tour for our parishioners and friends, to some holy sites in Europe. The trip will visit the shrines of Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of La Salette, three major apparitions of Our Blessed mother. The trip includes visits to sites in Portugal, Grenoble France, Burgos and Barcelona Spain and Geneva Switzerland. The trip is October 2-13, 2015. The cost is \$4,299 which includes air fare, accommodations, food and insurance. If you book before May 2nd you will save \$200 per person making the trip \$4099. Brochures are available in the vestibule of the church. For further info contact Fr. Elson at 860-208-0663 or by email at el-sonms2001@yahoo.co.in .



Tweets from Pope Francis

We Christians are called to go out of ourselves to bring the mercy and tenderness of God to all.

MAY 3RD, 2015

Altar Server's Needed

Dear Parents and Families,

Our parish is in need of more Altar Servers; any CCD student who has made his or her First Holy Communion may become an Altar Server once trained.

The goal of the training is to provide guidance to the child about their role and afford a reliable Altar Server schedule to cover Mass (one is usually scheduled once every 4 weeks).

Training will be scheduled after this years 2nd grade students receive the First Holy Communion so that they may have the opportunity to join if interested.

If your child is interested in joining this important ministry please contact one of us below and we will be sure to inform you of the dates/times of future trainings.

Always feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Cathy Jenkins 860-767-8407 cathandscott@yahoo.com

Jane Bodnar 860-767-2060 janebodnar@comcast.net

Seminarian Prayer Post Cards

Join in praying for our seminarians at your convenience. Let your future priests know you are supporting them and ask them to pray for you. May God continue to send us shepherds after his own heart! Take a post card from the holder in the back of the church for any or all of our seminarians. Pray for that seminarian, write a brief note if you choose and drop it in the mail.

Our Seminarians are:

Mr. Jeffrey Ellis—3rd year Theology

Mr. Peter Langevin—3rd year Theology

Mr. Thomas Griffin—3rd year Theology

Mr. Juan Aguirre—3rd year Theology

Deacon Ronald Blank—1st year Theology

Mr. Frank Gilbert—1st year Theology

Mr. Michael Bovino—1st year Philosophy

MAY 3RD, 2015

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your generous assistance again last year with our annual Seminarian Education Fund appeal which raised \$79,713.00, 26.8 percent of our total cost.

The weekend of May 2 and 3, I again ask your support of the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal. It is very possible that by the beginning of August the number of seminarians we will be educating will have grown to TWELVE! This is an answer to the many prayers we all have been offering during these past years which are now bearing fruit.

Of course as more men respond generously to the call to study for the priesthood, the cost of educating them also goes up. In 2014, our total cost for seminarians was \$297,228.28, which included tuition, room and board, testing, insurance, stipends, taxes, travel and other miscellaneous expenses incurred. The need is great and your help is needed more than ever.

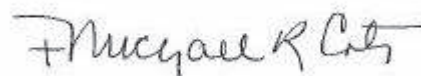
This June I will be ordaining three of our seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate and God willing a fourth sometime early next winter. We could be ordaining four men to the priesthood then in 2016! The vocation office is presently working with the Spanish ministry office to bring four men from Medellin, Colombia, who are willing to begin their studies of English and then finish their seminary studies here for the diocese as well. We have one other candidate who has sent in his application and may begin seminary this fall as well.

Therefore I ask you to please prayerfully consider what you are able to do by way of a gift to the Seminarian Education Fund this year. It is very possible that we will be looking at an education expense of \$300,000.00, for the coming year. This is both a burden and also a joy to know that more men are responding to the call of the Lord.

Our seminarians will be completing their seminary year early this May. Please keep them in your prayers as they come back to the diocese for a brief rest before heading to their various summer assignments around the diocese. Pray especially for Jeff Ellis, Peter Langevin and Tom Griffin as they prepare for their Transitional Diaconate Ordination on June 6, 2015 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich and for Juan Aguirre, Frank Gilbert, Deacon Ron Blank and Michael Bovino as they continue forward.

Thank you again for whatever you prayerfully decide to do to help defray the seminarian education expenses for the coming year. May God bless each of you throughout this Easter Season for your many sacrifices and kindnesses. May He continue to call young men to His priesthood and both men and women to serve His Church in consecrated life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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