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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.
Also by appointment. Please contact the parish office.

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Please 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 Berdenseny, Grand Knight 860-304-6839.

PARISH OFFICE: Monday- Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Secretary: Caitlin Riley, office@olos-sx.org
Bookkeeper: Joanne Civitillo

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 Wednesday 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: Please call or e-mail information to bulletin@olos-sx.org
Copy deadline is Monday: 12:00 P.M.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Irene Heller

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."

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions

Saturday December 14th

8:30 St. Joseph's
4:00 St. Joseph's
5:30 Father Paul

Sunday December 15th

8:30 Edward Bogden by daughter Maryann and Michael Dean and family
10:00 St. Joseph's
12:00 Mary and Frank Racioppi by the family

Monday December 16th

8:30 Father Santan Pinto by DJM

Tuesday December 17^h

8:30 St. Joseph's

Wednesday December 18th

8:30 Peter Fernando by Fr. Peter

Thursday December 19th

8:30 St. Joseph's

Friday December 20th

8:30 Cherie Lynn Graham 3rd anniversary by Michael and Diane Graham

Saturday December 21st

8:30 St. Joseph's
4:00 St. Joseph's
5:30 Father Paul 1st anniversary by The Knights of Columbus

Sunday December 22nd

8:30 Father Paul by Jenkins family
10:00 St. Joseph's
12:00 Donald Agostini by MaryAnn Agostini



Candles for December

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of **James Santarsiere** by the family, **James Donahoe** by his wife and the **Beaudette, Lanoue** families. The Tabernacle Candle will burn in memory of the living and deceased members of the **Durigan, Walsh and Conboy families** by Anita Durigan.

From Fr. Peter

"Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me" says Jesus.

John the Baptist was in the desert; fed on wild honey and locusts; preached about God's wrath and lived an ascetic and secluded life.

Jesus ate and drank with people; in company with the common and sinners; cured the sick and the lepers; and preached God's love and kingdom.

John was pitched in the OLD; he could not come into the NEW.

We are in the NEW. We should live in accordance with the NEW.

Circle of Prayer

For those who experience any kind of hardship or sorrow during this season, that the tenderness of God the Father's love will provide for them in every way.

Weekly Offertory

Dec. 7-8	\$3,594.00
Immaculate Conception	\$634.00
Online Giving	\$210.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Please keep in your prayers...

Richard Berdensem, Katherine and Noah Cifarelli, Barbara Dee, Richard Dibble, Frank Downey, Amelia Hulburt, Ann Kay, Shane Leach, Kiara Lopez, Fr. Joseph Marshall, Alberta Miceli, The Malloy family, Doug Netsch, Joanne North, Theresa Whaley, Judy and Barry Peterson, The Remlin family, Patrick Tedesco, and Patricia Theodore.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Upcoming Events

- December 17th, 7:00 p.m. Parish **Book Club** in Murtha Hall
- December 18th, 6:00 p.m. **Knights of Columbus Holiday supper** followed by the monthly meeting
- December 29th, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **Fr. Paul's Memorial Dedication**
- January 1st, Solemnity of Octave of Christmas **Holy Day of Obligation** 8:30 a.m. Mass at OLOS and 10:00 a.m. Mass at **St. Joseph's**
- January 3rd, 12:00 p.m. **Third Order of Mary Meeting**. Enthronement of the Sacred Heart
- January 8th, 6:30 p.m. Parish Council meeting in Murtha Hall
- January 14th, 6:30 p.m. Bible Study with Fr. Peter at **St. Joseph's**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday December 24th, 2013

4:00 p.m. St. Joseph's

5:30 p.m. Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 p.m. St. Joseph's

(10:00 p.m. in place of midnight Mass)

Wednesday December 25th, 2013

8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph's

11:00 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows

Christmas Flower Memorials

We are now taking donations for Christmas flowers. These may be in remembrance of your deceased loved ones, a living loved one or simply a donation to help defray the cost of altar decorations. Please use the envelopes in the back of the church and when completed, place in the weekly collection basket.

Fr. Paul's Memorial Dedication

Our Lady of Sorrows would like to invite all parishioners to the dedication of a memorial for Fr. Paul outside the church on **Sunday December 29th, 2013 immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass**. There will be the dedication and a coffee reception in Murtha Hall. Please join us to celebrate our appreciation for Fr. Paul's years of dedication to Our Lady of Sorrows.

12 Days of Christmas Raffle

It's that time of year again the **Women's Guild** has made up some lovely baskets to raffle off to all of you lucky parishioners. The baskets will be on display **this weekend**. Tickets will be sold that weekend. Tickets are \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for 6, \$10.00 for 12 and \$20.00 for 24. This is a great fundraiser for the parish and you could be the lucky winner of one of these baskets. Stop by after Mass a purchase a few tickets.

Our Lady of Sorrows Giving Tree

Please join us once again this year in our Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is located in the back of the church, and will be decorated with ornaments with requests for gift cards. All gift cards to grocery stores will go to local families in need. All other gift cards will be sent to the Seminarians in the Diocese of Norwich. Please drop the gift cards in the collection basket or to the parish office **by December 16th**. Thank you for your support of The Giving Tree, your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Nativity Pageant

We will have a Nativity Pageant during the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass if you would like to participate contact Cathy Poulin at cathy.poulin@mybobs.com.

DECEMBER 15TH, 2013

OLOS Fall Fundraiser Raffle

Thanks to all our Parishioners and Friends who supported our Church Fundraiser. We sold 223 tickets for the event and, after expenses, provided a little over \$2,300 towards a new sound system for the Church. The winning tickets drawn at the Pizza Party are as follows:

1st Prize, \$1,000 - Al Klicka, Essex

2nd Prize, \$500 - Doris Pierce, Ivoryton

3rd Prize, \$250 - Toni Frese, Essex

4th Prize, \$150 - Sarah Perini, Essex

5th Prize, \$100 - Mary Ellen Cozzolino, Essex

Congratulations to the prize winners, and yourselves, for making the Fundraiser a success!



Mary Ellen Cozzolino, Fr. Peter and Ed Lonergan

Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting breakfast with Santa.



All of the children had a wonderful time!

DECEMBER 15TH, 2013

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Sign-up sheets for masses scheduled on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th are located in the sacristy. Please take a moment to add your name to serve as a lector or extraordinary minister during these masses.

Thank you.

Parish Book Club

On **Tuesday, December 17**, at 7:00 p.m. in Murtha Hall, the Parish Book Club at Our Lady of Sorrows will be discussing *Lumen Fidei* (“The Light of Faith”), the first encyclical issued by Pope Francis. In announcing that the encyclical was the work of “four hands,” Pope Francis recognized the contributions that Pope Benedict had made to the initial draft of the document. The encyclical explores the many dimensions of faith, particularly the need to develop a personal relationship with God: “The beginning of salvation is openness to something prior to ourselves, to a primordial gift that affirms life and sustains it in being.”

The encyclical is available for free at the Vatican’s website:

[http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/encyclicals/documents/papa-](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20130629_enciclica-lumen-fidei_en.html)

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Contact Bill Collier at wacollier@comcast.net or at 767-2871 or if you are interested in becoming part of the book club. Everyone is welcome!

Sacred Heart Academy Honor Roll

Congratulations to Our Lady of Sorrows parishioner **Carmen Clarkin** for attaining High Honors for the first quarter of her sophomore year at Sacred Heart Academy.

Eucharistic Adorers Needed

Each Wed., Eucharistic Adoration is held at OLOS after the morning Mass until 4 PM. Many people come into the church to adore Jesus, to petition Him with requests, and to thank Him for favors received. Adoration is very important to the life of our parish. Can you volunteer to spend an hour with Jesus? **Please contact Sarah Perini at 860-395-8567**

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