

Welcome to

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – SAINT ANTHONY

HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, *Pastor*



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

3816 EAST STATE STREET EXT.



Saint Anthony Church

626 SOUTH OLDEN AVENUE

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Parish Office (*located in the Hall*) & **Mailing Address:** 3816 East State Street Ext., Hamilton, NJ 08619-2450

Parish Office Hours (*Closed Sundays and as announced in the bulletin*)

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm • Friday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm • Saturday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

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Our Lady of Sorrows School (Pre-K - 8): 3800 East State Street Ext.

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WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS – SAINT ANTHONY

Hamilton, New Jersey

Two Churches — One Family

OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio.....	Pastor
Rev. Pierre Joseph.....	Parochial Vicar
Luders Desiré.....	Deacon
Joseph Jaruszewski.....	Deacon
Kevin O'Boyle.....	Deacon
Maria Ialacci and David Uhaze.....	Trustees
Maureen Tuohy.....	School Principal
Mariyam Francis.....	Religious Education Director
Susan Communi.....	Pastoral Outreach
Michael Amantia.....	Music Ministry
Doris Cordero.....	Parish Secretary
Clara Gioe.....	Financial Secretary
Denise Mikics.....	Bulletin & Calendar

PROMISE TO PROTECT—PLEDGE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the norms of the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. Such allegations are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTAL LIFE

(OLS) Our Lady of Sorrows Church (SA) St. Anthony Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....	4:00 PM (SA), 5:00 PM (OLS)
Sunday.....	8:00 & 11:00 AM (OLS)
	9:30 AM (English), 6:30 PM (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil of the Holy Day.....	7:00 PM (SA)
Holy Day.....	7:00 AM & 7:00 PM (OLS)
12:15 PM (English), 6:30 PM (Creole) (SA)

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday.....	7:00 AM (OLS)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.....	8:00 AM (SA)
Wednesday.....	7:00 PM (Creole) (SA)
Saturday.....	9:00 AM (OLS)

Baptisms

1 st Sunday.....	10:45 AM (SA)
2 nd & 3 rd Sundays.....	12:15 PM (OLS)
3 rd Saturday.....	10:00 AM (Creole) (SA)

Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturday.....	9:30 AM (OLS); 2:45 – 3:30 PM (SA); 3:45 – 4:30 PM (OLS)
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Also by appointment

OUR SACRAMENTAL LIFE

BAPTISM — Schedule by contacting the office at least four months in advance. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism conference; godparents also are welcome to attend.

MATRIMONY — At least a year prior to your anticipated date, contact the office for information on the preparatory process.

RCIA — The Rite of Christian Initiation is offered year round for adults who seek to join the Catholic Church or for those Catholics who wish to complete their sacramental initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation). Weekly classes begin each September.

MINISTRIES TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND — In case of serious illness, contact the office to arrange for the anointing of the sick. Contact the office also to arrange for regular visits to the homebound for the reception of Holy Communion.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN — The Religious Education Office can arrange the preparation for older children or teens who wish to receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS — We provide low-gluten (0.01%) hosts for those with Celiac Disease. Please inform the priest or deacon of your need prior to the celebration of Mass; at communion time, approach the priest celebrant who will have this sacred host.

DEVOTIONS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION — Thursdays are Days of Solemn Adoration following the 7:00 AM Mass through 6:00 PM (OLS) (Funerals may interrupt the period of adoration.) Visits to the Blessed Sacrament can be made through the week during office hours. Use the elevator/office entrance at OLS.

THE ROSARY — Monday-Friday 7:30 AM (SA)

1st Sunday of Month at 9:00 AM: Jan-Jun (SA), Jul-Dec (OLS)

NOVENAE — (following 8:00 AM Mass)

Mon: Miraculous Medal; Tue: St. Anthony

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK — Names of the sick may be placed on the bulletin's "Prayer List" for a 12-week period unless otherwise arranged. Permission of the sick person is required.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Please contact the parish office for:

REGISTRATION — We welcome new members. Registration can be made on line or in person at the parish office. It enables us verify participation in parish life and for the issuance of contribution statements for tax purposes

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

ANNULMENT PROCESS INFORMATION

MASS INTENTIONS — The usual offering is \$10.

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS — Altar flowers and/or weekly sanctuary lamp dedications in memory of loved ones or a special occasion can be arranged. The lamp offering is \$15. Donation toward the flower arrangement is \$75.

ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT/SPONSOR? — Certificates of eligibility are provided to registered parishioners who meet the qualifications established in Canon Law. A Godparent/Sponsor is a Catholic who has received the Eucharist and Confirmation; lives a life in harmony with the Catholic Faith; (if married) is in a marriage recognized as valid by the Church; and is not the parent of the one to be baptized or confirmed.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

Today a new liturgical year begins with the Season of Advent. This nearly four-week season has a two-fold character: It helps us prepare for the Lord's second coming at the end of time but also for the liturgical celebration of the Lord's first coming in Bethlehem. While excessive commercialism typifies this season, let us keep its spiritual character and purpose before us. The character and purpose of Lent is easier to understand and the ways to observe it clearer to us, so we might ask ourselves, "What must we do then for Advent?" My friend, Cardinal Hume, to whom I turn so often, suggests "two small but practical possibilities" to ensure that our time of preparation for Christmas is well spent. He writes:

- Begin your day as you open your eyes with the words, "Praised be Jesus Christ!" These four words focus your waking thoughts on God's presence, on his love for you. If even for a fleeting moment, you turn to him with love right at the beginning of the day, you will have begun it in the very best possible way. Do the same thing at night. Try to make an awareness of his presence your last waking thought. If you do that then you will have put your day into context. From start to finish it is lived in God's presence.
- Seek an opportunity...to show forgiveness. Christmas is a time of reconciliation. God became man so that the rift between him and us caused by sin should be healed. Christmas is...a time for family and friends, but we know too well how even the closest family suffers from tension and sometimes from grudges. Sometimes friends misunderstand each other; offense is taken. Your peace of mind might be spoiled by a refusal to forgive someone who has injured you. Be forgiving. The first step may be hard. It requires humility.

A blessed Advent!
Msgr. Gervasio

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to an early bulletin deadline, the amount of the November 24 collection will be reported next week.

LITURGICAL NOTICE

In accord with directives of the US Bishops Conference: Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does *not* transfer. In any event, Catholics are encouraged to attend Mass to honor Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States.

WFJS 1260AM CATHOLIC RADIO

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OUR LADY OF SORROWS

MON, DEC 2

7 AM **Marla Pennypacker** ~ *S & J Petro*
Juan Carlos Elizabeth Medina Wedding Anniversary ~ *J & M Medina*

TUE, DEC 3—ST FRANCIS XAVIER

7 AM **Walter Janukowicz** ~ *B A Zola*
Special Intention for Vanessa Medina
~ *J & M Medina*

WED, DEC 4—ST JOHN DAMASCENE

7 AM **Charles J Czerna** ~ *T & B Semler*
Special Intention for Vanessa Medina
~ *J & M Medina*

THU, DEC 5

9 AM **Erma Zarrilli** ~ *M LiMato*
Special Intention for Vanessa Medina
~ *J & M Medina*

FRI, DEC 6—ST NICHOLAS

7 AM **Hazel Pierfy** ~ *K & D Pierfy*
Special Intention for Vanessa Medina
~ *J & M Medina*

SAT, DEC 7—ST AMBROSE

9 AM **School Mass**
9 AM **Eileen Evans** ~ *J Berryman*
John Mansure ~ *M Salvatini*
5 PM **Peter Gambino** ~ *S Gambino*
Leon J Fornal ~ *T & J Sweeney*
Rosie Cruz ~ *T & J Sweeney*

SUN, DEC 8—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 AM **Mary & Anthony Garofalo** ~ *Daughter*
Eileen White ~ *D Hawrylo*
Kathleen Bongiovanni ~
W & M Williams & family
11 AM **Helen Michaels** ~ *J & F Michaels*
Russell & Elma Amica ~ *Daughter*
Michael Walsh ~ *C Solimando*

ST. ANTHONY

MON, DEC 2

8 AM **Marc David McKenna** ~ *B & B Fiorello*
Michele Robak ~ *W & T Kmiec*

TUE, DEC 3—ST FRANCIS XAVIER

8 AM **Rev John (Jay) Bowden** ~ *C & B Gioe*
Vincenza Brophy ~ *J & J Pierfy*

WED, DEC 4—ST JOHN DAMASCENE

7 PM **Creole Mass**

THU, DEC 5

8 AM **Msgr Michael P McCorristin** ~ *Parish*
Ann Pankovics ~ *Niece Patricia*

FRI, DEC 6—ST NICHOLAS

8 AM **Dorothy Bresnen** ~ *Family*
Helen Baker ~ *A & S Bryce*

SAT, DEC 7—ST AMBROSE

7 PM **Creole Mass**
4 PM **For the People of the Parish**

SUN, DEC 8—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30 AM **Mary Lou Trotto** ~ *Family*
Barry Loda ~ *D Mikics*
James Cleary ~ *Wife Doris*
6:30 PM **Creole Mass**

GET FORMED ON THE GO!

Learn more at app.formed.org. (Access code: WYJPPB)

MESAJ KI SOTI NAN BIWO KIRE-A

Frè-m ak Sè-m yo,

Jodia, yon lane litijik tou nèf komanse avèk sa nou rele "sezon Lavan-an". Sezon sa, ki dire a pe prè 4 semèn, gen gro enpòtans nan 2 sans: Li ede nou prepare kè nou pou Sovè-a kap vini lè tan yo rive bout. Epi tou, li pèmèt nou sonje epi selebre premye fwa Sovè-a te vini sou tè-a nan peyi Bethleèm. Malgre enfluyans kòmèsyal sezon sa vin genyen depi kèk tan, nou dwe sitou konsève epi reflechi sou karaktè espirityèl sezon sa an premye. Karaktè ak enpòtans tan Karèm nan pi fasil pou nou konprann. Mwayen yo pou nou obsève tan karèm nan pi klè pou nou tou. Konsa, nou ka mande tèt nou: «Kisa pou nou fè nan tan Lavan-an»? Mwen gen yon zanmi ki rele Kadinal Hume (Youm), mwen abitye mande-l konsèy. Li fè nou 2 pwopozisyon nan sans sa; de pwopozisyon ki pa difisil epi ki byen pratik. Men sa Kadinal sa ekri:

- Komanse jounen-w lè maten, lè-w louvri je-w, ak pawòl sa yo: Kompliman pou-w Jezu-Kri! Kat (4) mo sa yo ap ede-w konsantre atansyon-w sou prezans Bondye ak renmen Bondye pou ou. Men-m si se ta pou yon moman tou kout ou eksprime renmen-w pou Bondye, nan komansman jounen-an, wap komanse jounen sa yon bèl fason. Fè menm bagay tou lè swa. Eseye sonje prezans Bondye tankou dènye lide ki nan tèt ou anvan jounen-an fini. Si-w fè sa, wap viv yon bon tan Lavan, depi premye jou jis nan dènye jou.
- Chèche yon lokazyon pou nou padonen lòt yo. Nwèl se tan rekonsilyasyon. Pa bliye, Bondye vin tounen moun pou li te kapab repare blesi ke peche-a te kreye nan mitan Bondye ak lezòm. Nwèl se yon tan pou la fanmi ak zanmi yo. Men nou konnen sa trè byen. Menm fanmi ki pi byen viv yo, konn gen ti pwoblèm nan mitan yo. Pafwa yon zanmi pa konprann yon lòt zanmi. Youn ofanse lòt san rezon. Nou ka pèdi lapè enteryè nou paske nou refize padone yon moun ki te blese nou. Se pou nou fè efò pou nou padone lòt yo. Premye pa yo pa fasil. Nou bezwen imilite pou nou rive fè sa.

Bon tan Lavan pou nou tout!
Msgr Gervasio

NOU PWOMET POU NOU PWOTEJE— ANGAJMAN POU YO GUERI

Dyosèz Trenton nan pran angajman pou l prezante bon jan inisyativ nan sa ki gen pou we ak konstitisyon legliz Etazini pou pwoteksyon timoun ak jenn moun. Diocèz la angaje l pou l sipòte tout ankèt kap fèt sou bagay ki gen rapò pou wè ak abi seksyèl oubyen si w implike nan youn akizasyon menn lè li poko majè. Si ou te abize seksyèlman pa youn nan manb Klèje a oubyen ankò pa youn moun ki reprezante legliz katolik la se pou ou pote plent pou sa. Menn lè se pa ou menn sa te rive, si ou genyen youn zanmi ou konnen ki te abize ou ka toujou rapòte sa nan biwo Diocèz la ki an chaj pou sa. Ou ka rele nan lign sa. Assistans abi: 1-888-296-2965 oubyen ou ka voye youn kourye elektwonik nan adress sa-a: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org.



Prayerful Best Wishes to His Excellency
The Most Rev. David M. O'Connell
Who celebrates today his 9th anniversary
as Bishop of Trenton!

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you ordered one or more **wreaths** from the Rosary Altar Society, please remember to **pick them up** after one of the Saturday evening or Sunday morning masses next weekend at the pick-up site you specified on your order form. The wreaths will be in the OLS Church Meeting Room and the St. Anthony Church Hall. (The wreaths also will be available for pickup at **OLS only** between 11 AM and 1 PM next Friday, December 6.)

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

- Advent begins with Evening Prayer on November 30 and ends at the conclusion of Mid-afternoon Prayer on December 24.
- The use of the organ and other instruments and decoration of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, that is, without anticipating the full joy of Christmas. The same moderation should be observed in the celebration of Matrimony.
- The liturgical color for the season is Violet.
- A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is recommended. [This year, we shall join with St. Gregory the Great Parish for services: December 17 at St. Gregory's and December 19 at Our Lady of Sorrows. Both services will begin at 7:00 PM.]
- The Advent Wreath may be placed in the Church narthex or near the ambo. Each Sunday a candle of the wreath may be borne in procession, following the cross.

LITURGICAL LINES....

During the liturgical year beginning with the First Sunday of Advent 2019, we shall be following the "A" cycle of Sunday readings and Cycle II for Weekday Masses. On Sundays we shall be reading mostly from the Gospel of St. Matthew.

WELCOME CANDIDATES!

At our 11 AM Mass today, our parish will formally and prayerfully welcome into the RCIA process those who wish to fully embrace the Catholic faith.

This year's candidates to be received into the church at the Easter Vigil are: Cory R. McNallan, Juan Andres Martinez and Daniel Dascoli. Let us remember them in our prayers as they continue their journey to that sacred encounter.

Please also pray for the RCIA candidates who are preparing for their Holy Communion and Confirmation on Pentecost: Jason L. Schafer, Cologero Messina, and Yanderi Reyes.

THE IMAGE OF OUR LADY

During the Season of Advent, the venerable image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be displayed in Our Lady's Alcove at OLS and at the side altar at St. Anthony. It is an appropriate image during this season because in the image on the tilma, Our Lady desired to be depicted as an expectant Mother. Her head is bowed in homage, indicating that she is the one who bears and worships her Divine Son. We know that Mary was with child in this image because she wears a black belt which was used in the Aztec culture as a "maternity belt." Under this title, Mary is Queen of the Americas and Patroness of the Pro-Life Movement.

PROCESSION & MASS

IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Join in our diocesan celebration honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn. A great procession will take place on Saturday, December 7. It will set out from Immaculate Conception Church at 8:30 AM (coffee and traditional bread offered). Stops will be made at St. Anthony's Church, St. Joseph's Church before arriving at the Cathedral. Shuttle buses will be going to and from the Cathedral from 7:00 AM through 4:30 PM. You may like to walk the entire route or you may join the procession at the St. Anthony Church or St. Joseph Church.

A Festive Mass will be offered at the Cathedral of St. Mary at noon by His Excellency, Bishop David O'Connell.



IN MEMORIAM

Let us prayerfully and gratefully remember Msgr. Michael P. McCorristin for his witness and priestly ministry at Saint Anthony Parish. Let us commend him to the love and mercy of the Lord who called Msgr. McCorristin to himself on December 5, 1990...29 years ago.

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Our parish relies very much on the annual Christmas Collection to meet its financial obligations. Your generosity in this annual appeal is very much appreciated.



THE TRADITION OF THE ADVENT WREATH



This weekend, the Church begins celebrating the season of Advent, a time to anticipate the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. Our parish will continue its tradition of inviting families to carry the

lighted Advent candle in procession at the beginning of each weekend Mass.

If your family is interested in participating in this special tradition, please arrive at church 20 minutes before Mass starts and let the deacon know that you are interested in carrying in the Advent candle.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Corporate Sunday is December 1 at the 8 AM Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. All parishioners are invited to join us *after* the Mass when we recite the rosary.

Monthly Meeting is Monday, December 2. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM with an Advent Prayer Service in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. All parishioners are invited to join us. Following the prayer service, our general meeting will be held in the Church Meeting Room. Hospitality will be provided by Gerri Hoffman and her committee.

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet at 1:30 PM on **Monday, December 9** in the Church Meeting Room. Prayer shawls are made for patients in area hospital, assisted living facilities and nursing homes. If you or anyone you know is interested in making prayer shawls, please contact Joyce Farina at 609-888-0437. If you have any completed prayer shawls or if you wish to donate yarn, call Joyce and she will make arrangements to meet with you. We also ask that you refrain from dropping off any completed prayer shawls or yarn at the parish office, and instead, call Joyce.

ROSARY ALTAR FUNDRAISERS

Christmas Wreaths—All prepaid orders will be available for pickup on Friday, December 6, **at OLS only**, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM or after at all masses at both churches on December 7 and 8, 2019 at the location selected. Thank you for your support of this successful fundraiser!



Gift Wrapping —The Rosary Altar Society will wrap Christmas Gifts on December 8 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the OLS Church Meeting Room. Prices are: \$2/small; \$2.50/medium; \$3/large; \$4/extra-large.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS BLESSING

*"Most blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

A special blessing will be given to all expectant mothers in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 8. This blessing will take place at the 9:30 AM Mass and 6:30 PM Mass (Creole Liturgy) at St. Anthony and at the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. If you are expecting and would like to receive this special blessing, please call the rectory office (587-4372) by Dec. 2, and leave your name. Please arrive 15 to 20 minutes before Mass on Dec. 8 and tell the deacon you're there for the blessing.

2019—CHRISTMASTIDE—2020

COHORT ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 17

7:00 PM: St. Gregory the Great

Thursday, December 19

7:00 PM: Our Lady of Sorrows

No Confessions on Saturday, December 21

SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Vigil: Tuesday, December 24

Our Lady of Sorrows

4:00 PM (Church & Gym) & 6:00 PM (Church)

Solemn Mass: 10:00 PM (Church)

St. Anthony

4:00 PM (English)

Solemn Mass: 10:00 PM (Creole)

Wednesday, December 25

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 & 11:00 AM

St. Anthony

9:30 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Vigil: Tuesday, December 31

Our Lady of Sorrows

4:00 PM

St. Anthony

4:00 PM (English) & 10:00 PM (Creole)

Wednesday, January 1

Our Lady of Sorrows

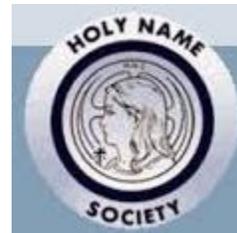
11:00 AM

St. Anthony

9:30 AM (English) & 5:00 PM (Creole)

AN INVITATION TO THE MEN OF THE PARISH

Please gather with us in our celebration of this holy season of Christmas by sharing gospel readings, songs, and fellowship. We are the Holy Name Society, and we will meet on Wednesday, December 11, at 1 p.m. in the Church Library. If you cannot attend, we wish you all a Merry *Christmas* and a Happy New Year!



TRULY A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER!

Friday, November 22, was a grand evening of fun and fellowship as more than two hundred people gathered at Stone Terrace to support the mission of our school. Congratulations to all our honorees and to the very enthusiastic and dedicated committee who made it all possible. The success of this major fundraiser was the fruit of many hours of hard work and our parish is indeed beholden to everyone—committee, honoree, sponsors, raffle promoters, and all who came together to salute the great work of our school and to strengthen its future! In a future bulletin we shall be pleased to present a financial report on the Gala.

Our Dedicated Committee

Vince Peroni, Chairman

Danielle Gill and Cyndi Primerano, Co-Chairs

Maria Ali, Heather Haggerty, Maria Ialacci, Tricia Kerins, Martha Larkin, Michael McGuinness, Nina Melker, Barbara Miele, Jennifer Rhodes, Nydia Santiago, Joey Scharibone, Nicole Scharibone, and Jo Ann Schrader

Our Honorees

Peter Inverso

David & Martha Larkin

John O'Donovan

David and Cheryl Uhaze

'TIS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE . . .

As you are planning your Christmas giving, please consider being a **Tuition Angel**. Your gift of support of a Catholic education is one that will be alive for generations. Many families are challenged to meet the tuition needs that accompany their commitment to a Catholic education for their children. Your tax-deductible donation supports students in their daily walk in faith. I personally thank you for your consideration and support of this spiritually rewarding gift of love and faith.





Join Santa

for breakfast, pictures, and crafts
Saturday, December 14
9 – 11 AM
OLS Cafeteria

Buffet Style Breakfast
Hot cocoa, coffee, and juice
\$6 per person

So that we can plan for catering, pre-registration with payment is required.

Please complete the form below and return to the school or parish office in an envelope marked "Breakfast with Santa."

Yes! We would like to join Santa for breakfast!

Family Name _____

Attending _____ Amt Enclosed _____

RESPECT LIFE



In the face of the U.S. Senate failure to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Archbishop Joseph Naumann, head of the U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life

Activities Committee, said "There should be no bill easier for the Senate to pass than one that makes clear that killing newborn babies is wrong and should not be tolerated. That even one senator, let alone 44, voted against the Act, is an injustice that should horrify and anger all Americans. The vast majority of American people support this bill demand justice for innocent children." Gallup polling indicates that 76% of Americans support laws that protect babies who survive an abortion, 81% oppose abortions in the third trimester, and 65% oppose abortions in the second trimester. A Rasmussen poll showed that 70% of Americans agree that doctors should be required to provide medical care to a child who survives an abortion. And a Basswood Research survey found that 54% of Americans oppose 97%- 100% of all abortions. [Priests for Life, 9/13/19

Resources & Help Lines

Choice One	800-497-8378
Good Counsel Homes	800-723-8331
Catholic Charities	609-394-5181
Legacy of Life	215-788-4051
Lifeline National Suicide Prevention	800-273-8255

For more information contact: Nelson Abreu
(609-890-8964; nabreu@optonline.net)

SEARCHING FOR SANTA

There are still children hoping that an OLS-SA parishioner will be their Santa Claus. If you haven't already "adopted" a



child (or a family of children), please consider sharing the joy of the season by participating in our Adopt a Child, Adopt a Family Program (see next page). Don't delay, because this is the final week to shop for your gift/s for the program.

Please bring your wrapped gifts to the school cafeteria next Sunday between noon and 2:30 p.m. Be sure to have the donation number and the child's name on each item.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

JUST A REMINDER

The Food Pantry Partnership will happily accept all types of nonperishable food and can always use staples such as soup, cereal, tuna, pasta, and spaghetti sauce, as well as basic cleaning supplies. If you know of anyone in need please let them know that the pantry (located at St Raphael's Parish Center (151 Gropp Ave, Hamilton) will be open from 9 to 11 AM on December 7 & 21 (Christmas Distribution). Pre-registration is **not** required.



Remember, we also continue to provide food donations to Trenton's Mount Carmel Guild. Please place your donations in the receptacles at the doors of our churches.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

SAVE THE DATE; SAVE A LIFE

The Joe-Bob Gruca Memorial Blood Drive will be held in the Church Hall at St John the Baptist (Allentown) from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, December 14. To schedule a donation, visit www.redcross.org/blood or call 609-902-1972.

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Due to space constraints, meetings and events will be listed on our Website.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL GIFT CARD SALE

www.shopwithscrip.com



'Tis the Season—to help provide food for the hungry; to "play Santa" for children in need; to grocery shop for holiday dinners (or skip the cooking and visit your favorite restaurant); and to tackle your Christmas gift list. If you could use some help with gift ideas for Christmas, looking for affordable stocking stuffers and surprises for under the tree, or just one-stop-shopping for gift cards, let us help you. Our Lady of Sorrows School is offering more than 725 retail store and restaurant gift cards for sale through the Great Lakes Scrip Company to the parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony.

Quick and Easy Ordering and Payment

Ways to Order

Order online at www.shopwithscrip.com.
Order in writing.
In many cases, traditional gift cards can be "re-loaded," and paper gift cards you can print at home can be purchased online in addition to traditional gift cards.

Ways to Pay

Pay online from your bank account.
Pay online using a credit card.
Pay at the school using cash or a check.

Please visit <https://olsschool.us/financial-facts-scrip-aid> for details. **Questions?** Please call Linda Campisi, OLS School bookkeeper, at 609-587-4140, ext. 128. *The students of Our Lady of Sorrows School thank you for your support!*



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE 2019

OLS-SA ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society is holding its Annual Christmas Wreath Sale, which proceeds benefit OLS School. The 12" balsam wreath is decorated with pine cones and red decorative balls and a ribbon. Wreaths are available with or without a stand. The former makes a suitable adornment for the cemetery while the latter is ideal for decorating a door, window, or porch.

The wreaths cost \$18 with a stand and \$17 without one. To place an order, please complete the form below, place it and a check made payable to the Rosary Altar Society in an envelope marked **Christmas Wreath Order** and return it in the collection basket or to the Parish Office **no later than Sunday, December 1**.

Wreaths will be available for pickup between 11 AM and 1 PM on Friday, December 6, **only at OLS**, and after all masses at both churches on December 7 and 8 at the location selected below.

Questions? Call Betty Adamczyk (609-586-6771), Carolyn Hawkes (609-587-4938), or Sharon Conte (609-586-1438).

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS WREATH ADVANCE ORDER FORM—NO "AT DOOR" PURCHASES

PRICE: \$18 WITH STAND; \$17 WITHOUT STAND

Name (Please Print): _____ Telephone: _____

Number of Wreaths: _____ with Stand _____ without Stand Amt. Encl: _____

Pick up at: _____ OLS _____ SA (You **must** indicate the pickup location.)



ADOPT-A-FAMILY, ADOPT-A-CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

The **Social Justice/Social Concerns Committee** once again invites you to share your love and your treasures this Christmas with children in need and in so doing, keep alive the memory of Deacon Joe Malloy.

EASY STEPS TO ADOPTING A FAMILY/CHILD FOR CHRISTMAS

1. **Sign Up Online** at the parish website, www.ols-sa.org. (on the website go to Ministries – Outreach – Social Justice – Adopt-a-Family to access form) **or** fill out the form below, including the number of children to whom you can give. Please **PRINT** all information legibly. Place the paper form in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.
2. We will send you your “adopted” family information, including the name, age, size, and gift wish of each child. Requests made online will be answered as soon as possible (1-2 days), whereas, requests made by paper may take up to 1 week to arrive in the US Mail. Please be patient.
3. Please buy (1) toy and (1) item of clothing for each child. Shop for the child as you would for a child in your own family. **You do not have to buy the gift that is listed.**
4. Please wrap the gifts and label them with the child’s name and the assigned donation number.
5. Bring the gifts to the OLS School cafeteria on **Sunday, December 8, from noon to 2:30 p.m.**

THOUGHTS TO KEEP IN MIND

- Gift wishes are just that – *the wishes of children* who watch the same commercials and want the same things your children and grandchildren want. Some may be too expensive for your budget. **DO NOT** feel obligated to buy anything that is above your means. You may substitute any suitable, age appropriate gift in place of the “Gift Wish.” Follow your head...and your heart. There are many sites on the Internet that list age-appropriate toys.
- **We ask that you do not ask for children of a particular age or sex.** Please open your heart to all the children in need.
- **Don’t have time to shop or wrap** but still want to share with a child this Christmas? Consider donating a gift card to Walmart or Target to give as a gift to a needy teenager. Gift cards can be dropped in the collection basket or at the rectory in an envelope marked “Adopt-a-Family Gift Card Donation.”
- **For additional information, contact Kathy McGlinchy at 890-8244 or klm76@optonline.net.**

ADOPT-A-FAMILY PROGRAM (Please print all information clearly.)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Size of family you would like to share with:

_____ Small Family (2-3 children)

_____ Medium Family (4-5 children)

_____ Large Family (6-8 children)

_____ Single Child

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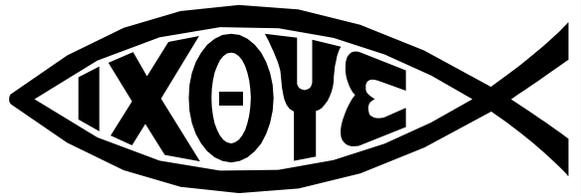
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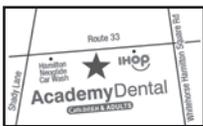
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