



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.

Sunday, December 3, 2023



Saint Anthony Church

626 SOUTH OLDEN AVENUE

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

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM • Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Religious Education Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 9 AM-2:30 PM.

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OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio	Pastor
Rev. Pierre-Michel Alabré	Parochial Vicar
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Salvatore Petro	Deacons
Maria Ialacci & David Uhaze	Trustees
Maureen Tuohy	School Principal
Mariyam Francis	Religious Education Director
Susan Commini	Pastoral Outreach
Michael Amantia	Music Ministry
Doris Cordero	Parish Secretary
Clara Gioe	Financial Secretary
Denise Mikics	Administrative Assistant
Colleen DeBlois	Administrative Assistant
Walter Muñoz	Religious Education Assistant

WORSHIP & RECONCILIATION

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday.....	4:00 PM (SA), 5:00 PM (OLS)
Sunday.....	8:00 AM, 11:00 AM (OLS)
.....	9:30 AM (English) & 12:30 PM (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Weekday Masses (OLS)

Monday – Friday.....	7:00 & 9:00 AM
Thursday.....	6:15 PM (Creole)
Saturday.....	9:00 AM

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...Following 9:00 AM Mass & 3:45-4:30 PM (OLS)2:45-3:30 PM (SA)
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Also by Appointment

PROMISE TO PROTECT—PLEDGE TO HEAL

Our Diocese is committed to the norms of the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children & Youth regarding 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 the abuse: Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. Such allegations are reported to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

DEVOTIONS

THURSDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION—follows the 9:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows through 6:00 PM. Funerals may interrupt the time of adoration. Consult the office.

MORNING PRAYER (Lauds)—Monday–Friday at 6:30 AM; Saturdays at 8:35 AM; Sundays at 7:30 AM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK —Names of the sick may be placed on the bulletin's "Prayer List." Please obtain the person's permission.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM—Parents are encouraged to baptize their child within the first few weeks after birth. Contact the office a few months in advance. A pre-baptism instruction is required for first time parents.

MATRIMONY—Contact the office prior to reserving the reception venue. Marriage preparation should begin at least a year prior to the wedding date.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA) is offered year-round for those seeking to be received into the Church and those Catholics who wish to complete their sacramental initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation).

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND—The Anointing of the Sick should be arranged for the seriously ill. Regular visits for Holy Communion may also be arranged.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS (0.01%)—These are provided for those with Celiac Disease. Please inform the priest or deacon of your need prior to Mass. At Communion time, approach the priest celebrant, who will have this Host.

AT YOUR SERVICE

REGISTRATION—New parishioners are welcome. Registration can be made online or in person at the office. This enables the parish to verify your contributions and provide letters of recommendation.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

MARRIAGE ANNULMENT ASSISTANCE

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS—The usual offering is \$10.

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS—Altar flowers and/or weekly sanctuary lamp dedications can be arranged. The lamp offering is \$15. The flower donation is \$75.

ASKED TO BE A GODPARENT/SPONSOR?—Certificates of eligibility are provided to parishioners who meet the following qualifications:

- Reception of Eucharist and Confirmation
- Live a life in harmony with the Faith
- If married, union must be recognized by the Catholic Church



*In search of a time for peace,
quiet, and recollection?*

Make an appointment with the Lord.

Thursday Eucharistic Adoration

9:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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MESAJ KI SOTI NAN BIRO KIRÉ-A

Chè pawasyen,

Premye dimanch tan Lavan an se kòmansman yon lòt ane litijik ou eklezyastik. Pandan sezon sa a fè nou panse ak Nwèl, legliz la ekzòte nou, nan litiji premye jou sa yo pou nou vijilan e pou nou pa rete depouvi. Menm Granmèt la ki te fèt nan Betleyèm lan ap retounnen nan glwa li kòm jij. Lavan se yon tan kote legliz la ap gade nan 2 direksyon: li ap gade sa ki la déjà e sa ki poko la. Pandan nou ap rive pre 25 Desanm lan, nou ta kapab di nou sonje Granmèt nou an ki te vini yon premye fwa pou nou ka prepare pi byen retou li, se sa nou konsidere nan premye jou sa yo nan sezon Lavan an.



Anpil fwa renmen fè komès ki genyen nan kilti nou an sal bote tan Lavan an. Pran tan nou, pou nou fè yon ti kanpe, reflechi e lapriyè. Si ou pa ka vini Lamès lasèmèn, pran tan pou reflechi sou lekti jou a ki nan litiji a. Ou ap jwenn yo sou sit sa a: www.ewtn.com.

Pandan nou antame nouvèl ane eklezyastik la, an nou lapriyè:

Granmèt, se ou menm sèl ki ka wè kè m e konnen malgre tout preokipasyon ki genyen nan lavi-m mwen genyen yon gwo anvi pou fè tan Lavan sa a tounnen yon tan pou m resevwa w tout bon vre nan lavi m. Ede m viv sezon sa a nan fidelite—san distraksyon—konsa lè Nwèl la va rive, mwen ap kapab selebre lajwa prezans ou pote ak nouvèl lavi ou ofri mwen. Amèn

Avèk afeksyon,
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 angage 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.

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES

Unfortunately, the Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, which was announced in the bulletin of November 19, was postponed after the bulletin had been printed. It will now take place during Lent. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused you.

GET FORMED ON THE GO!

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

CHRISTMAS GIFT DROP-OFF

Please bring your wrapped gifts to the school cafeteria next Sunday between noon and 2:00 PM. Be sure to have the donation number and the child's name on each item.

Thank you so much for your generosity!



We are delighted to announce that our school received a most generous donation in the amount of \$10,000 from a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous. We are most grateful for this extraordinary gift that will go a long way in supporting the mission of our school. Please offer a prayer for this generous donor and for all the benefactors of our parish and school.

THE TRADITION OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Church is celebrating the season of Advent, a time to anticipate the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. Our parish has returned to 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.

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.



LITURGICAL LINES—ADVENT

Advent has a twofold character: a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas and a time to look forward to Christ's second coming at the end of time. It might well be described as a "period of devout and expectant delight." Liturgically, this is shown in various ways:

- The use of the organ and other musical instruments and the decorating of the altar with flowers should be done in a moderate manner, that is, without anticipating the full joy of Christmas.
- The liturgical color of the vestments is violet.
- The Advent wreath may be used. Each Sunday the candle of the wreath might be borne in procession behind the cross or just ahead of the Book of the Gospels.
- A communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged.



Today our parish celebrates the Church's "Rite of Welcome" for those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and/or Confirmation. We thank our O.C.I.A. team for helping to prepare the following candidates for the reception of the sacraments: **Suzanne Hartman, Michael Rodriguez, and Angelina Zoller.**

CARING HEARTS REPORT

During November, 185 hours of service were provided by 33 volunteers to 30 persons and also delivered Thanksgiving bags to a number of people. Caring Hearts volunteers provide non-medical services to our homebound elderly and disabled neighbors. If you would like more information on joining this satisfying ministry, either as a caregiver or a care receiver, please contact Anne (586-6596; ark257@gmail.com).

'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.



On behalf of the OLS school family, I extend our best wishes for a happy and holy Christmas.

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal

RESPECT LIFE

Pray the Rosary! The OLS-SA Respect Life Ministry hosts a Zoom Meeting at 6:45 PM every Wednesday* to pray the rosary for an end to both abortion and the coronavirus pandemic. Sign in to the meeting by 6:40 PM by clicking on <https://zoom.us/j/138600474?pwd=VHUrQVFUL3FGUEM0TUtsS1g4NnpTUT09>, then clicking on "join the meeting." Meeting ID: 138 600 474; password: 736053.

*5:45 PM on the last Wednesday of each month to allow for attendance at parish CARE sessions.

Resources and Help Lines

Choice One	800 497 8378
Good Counsel Homes	800 723 8331
Catholic Charities	609 394 5181
Legacy of Life	215 788 4051
NJ Safe Haven	877 558 0333
Lifeline National Suicide Prevention	800 273 8255

For more information contact Dominic Conte
flyingc84@gmail.com; 609-586-1438)

WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS

Courtney Foos

Lauren Maurer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rick Bernsee	Carol Peterson
Arthur R Bifulco	Tom Plantier
Thomas Bruder	Elizabeth Plumeri
Louise Dechan	Raymond Rock
Suzanne Figueroa	George Rusnak
Tony Golowski	Joan Russo
George Gushue	Denny Slavin
Scott Haldane	Nancy Sliva
James Hodge	Florence Smith
JoAnn Jasinski	Richard Smith
Evelyn Jordine	Liliane Springer
Judy Komlosi	Richard Springer
Christine Lawrence	Dave Starling
Joanne Leonne	Maryann Sullivan
Jonathan Logan	Jane Sweeney
Roseann Marcy	Susan Tafrow
Alice Matey	Barbara Tafrow-Gerrity
Frances McClelland	Florence Toboz
Larry Monte	Michael Tomko
Patricia Moscarello	Maureen Tretter
Gladys Nieto	Michael Wilno
Joseph O'Hara	Jenna Yaros
Michael Ouskin	

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Marie Myrtha Corrielus

Marke Dilks

BettyAnn Finneran

Joseph Gallagher Sr

SANCTUARY LAMPS

At St. Anthony

A lamp burns in loving memory of

Mary Lou Trotto

at the request of her loving daughters and family.

A lamp is lit in loving memory of

Gertrude Lawton

at the request of her daughter, Victoria Kent.

JUST A REMINDER

Please remember those who are hungry and place your nonperishable donations for Mount Carmel Guild and St Raphael's Food Pantry in the receptacles at the doors of our churches. St Raphael's Food Pantry currently needs "chilly weather foods" (e.g., hearty soups), and plastic and paper bags. 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 open at 9 AM on December 2 & 16 (Christmas Distribution). Those needing food should stay in their cars and pop their trunks; the pantry volunteers will load up the groceries. Cars start lining up at 7:30 AM. Pre-registration is **not** required.



Christmas wreaths will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 10, at OLS only, from 9:00 AM to Noon.



Cash Bingo at OLS

Our Lady Of Sorrows School
3800 E State Street Ext
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Friday, December 15th
Doors open at 6 pm
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Make check payable to "Annual Catholic Appeal" and mail to the Diocese of Trenton, PO Box 70170, Newark NJ 07101.

TIS THE SEASON (UNFORTUNATELY)

... for scammers to contact you for donations. Please be aware that any calls, texts, or emails you receive asking you to give food, toys, money, or gift cards to our priests, deacons, or any others representing OLS-SA are a scam, and should be reported to the Hamilton Township Police Department.
Remember, if you don't see it in the bulletin or on the parish or school website, it's a scam!

CHANGE IN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Effective January 6, 2024



Confessions (Reconciliation)

Morning: Our Lady of Sorrows
Following the 9:00 AM Mass

Afternoon: Saint Anthony
2:45 to 3:30 PM

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items for the 12/24/23 issue are due by 12/11/23.

Items for the 12/31/23 issue are due by 12/18/23.

Please email all bulletin information to both
dmikics@ols-sa.org and ddmikics@aol.com.

*Thank you for your cooperation—
and may you and your loved ones have a
Blessed Advent Journey and a Merry Christmas!*

The Eucharist is the ultimate superfood for the soul loaded with grace to keep you spiritually healthy, give you the wisdom and strength to choose the right path, and fight off diseases like selfishness, and other related vices and bad habits. And that is just a tiny fraction of the power the Eucharist holds. Isn't it time you allowed God to unleash the power of grace in your life?

Matthew Kelly



AROUND THE DIOCESE

HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

Villa Victoria Academy, located at 376 W. Upper Ferry Road in Ewing is hosting a showing of the original landmark 1973 movie, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, on Saturday, December 9, at 7 PM.

Four original cast members from the 1973 movie will be in attendance for this final 50th anniversary reunion. Merchandise will be available for sale, along with beverages and snacks.

General admission tickets are \$20 online, \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in the Villa Victoria Academy main office during school hours or at www.tedneeley.com.

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