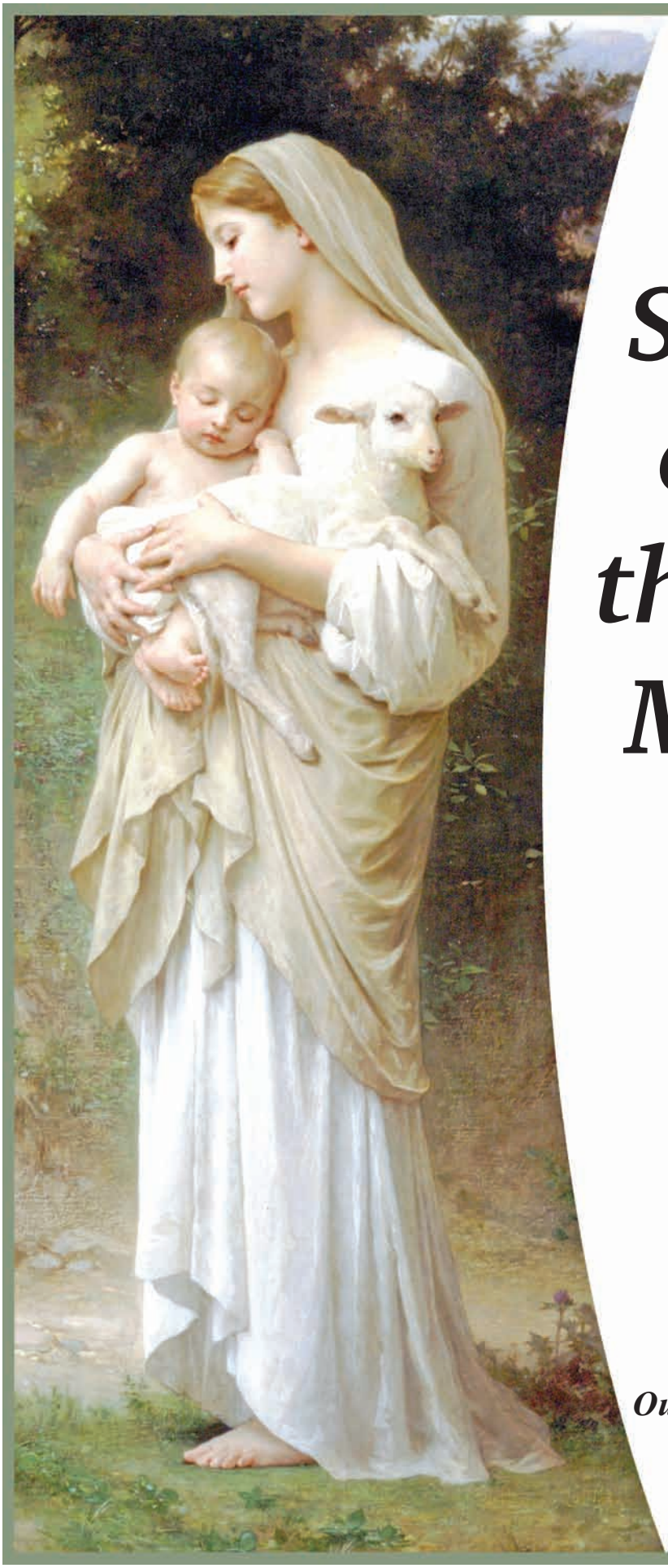

# Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*Our Lady of Sorrows-Saint Anthony*
*Hamilton, New Jersey*
*December 31, 2023*

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# Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows – Saint Anthony Parish

## Our Pastoral Staff

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio**.....Pastor
**Rev. Pierre-Michel Alabré**.....Parochial Vicar
**Kevin O'Boyle, Joseph Jaruszewski,**
**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**

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

**Reconciliation (Confessions)**

Saturday.....Following 9:00 AM Mass (**OLS**)
.....From 2:45 to 3:30 PM (**SA**)
*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

*Cover photos of churches courtesy of Vince Peroni.*

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

As 2023 recedes into history, let's look toward 2024 with confidence. On January 1, most of us say to ourselves: "Good, now we begin a new year and it will be different and better than last year" and yet, it never seems to turn out like that. No doubt, wars will rage on; we will hear of scandals, natural disasters, and violence of every kind. We are fallen people; we are not what we should be.

And yet, we also realize that God has blessed us in many ways. We realize that there are good people in world, many living heroic lives, people of integrity, care, and generosity! It's sad that we hear more about what is negative rather than what is positive. We are right to decry and lament the evil that exists but we must never forget to celebrate what is good. God is at work among and within us, prompting us to become different, more pleasing to him. May this be ever so in the new year!

A blessed 2024 to all! May the Lord accompany us and Our Lady ever intercede for us!

Happy New Year! Bonne année!
Msgr. Gervasio

## Stewardship Report

**December 16-17 $18,953**

Donations for Christmas are still being received. 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 total will be published in a few weeks.

**Not all offerings are equal, but all sacrifices are.**
Thank you for your generosity and for remembering our parish in your will.

To forgive….is a divine gift. That's why it's so important to make the Eucharist the heart and center of your life. It's there that you receive the love that empowers you to take the way that Jesus has taken before you: a narrow way, a painful way, but the way that gives you true joy and peace and enables you to make the love of God visible in this world. Fr. Henri Nouwen

## Change in Saturday Confession Schedule

**Effective January 6, 2024**

Confessions (Reconciliation)

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

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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

*All Masses are celebrated at OLS unless otherwise noted.*

**Mon, Jan 1— Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
**9 AM** **Antonio & Giuseppina Capuano** *~ Children & grandchildren*
**Gennaro Carannante** *~ Carmela*

**Tue, Jan 2—Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**
**7 AM** **Ernest J Moretti** *~ M & K Petrino*
**Joanne Steinburg** *~ E Gray*
**9 AM** **Gennaro Carannante** *~ Carmela*
**Julia Kurisko** *~ A Fajardo*

**Wed, Jan 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
**7 AM** **Robert John Welsh** *~ T & C Topolosky*
**9 AM** **Gennaro Carannante** *~ Carmela*
**Fatima Jenson** *~ Carmen & Jorge*

**Thu, Jan 4—St Elizabeth Ann Seton**
**7 AM** **Marcella Brophy** *~ Msgr Gervasio*
**9 AM** **Randy Ponticiello** *~ Luce Family*
**Sp Int/ Juan Carlos Medina** *~ M Medina*
**6:15 PM** **Creole Mass**

**Fri, Jan 5—St John Neumann**
**9 AM** **Joseph Ferraro** *~ K & M Petrino*
**Jeff Spaeth** *~ Dad*

**Sat, Jan 6—St André Bessette**
**9 AM** **Anna E Habercorn** *~ M M Anderson*
**Angela Rienzi** *~ Family*
**4 PM*** **Jerry Urbano** *~ R Avellino & family*
**William Challice** *~ Family*
**Thomas Phelan** *~ J Brogel*
**Bruce Toth** *~ Wife*
**5 PM** **Sp Int (Health) Michael Wilno** *~ J Wilno*
**Santa Fiorivanti** *~ Sister Ann*
**Ron Ungarini** *~ Uncle Mickey & Aunt Ag*

**Sun, Jan 7—The Epiphany of the Lord**
**8 AM** **For the People of the Parish**
**9:30 AM*** **John R Goyden** *~ Sister Frances*
**Patricia M Willever** *~ J & E Adams & family*
**Francisco Fajardo** *~ L Perez*
**Nancy Falconio** *~ L Perez*
**11 AM** **JoAnn Shurgala** *~ J Shurgala & family*
**Ackley & Linda Marino** *~ Daughter Delores*
**Vincenzo & Vincenza Amantia** *~ M & M Amantia*
**12:30 PM*** **Sp Int Elza Dauphin's Birthday**

*** St Anthony**

## Important Notice

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1, for New Year's Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, at 9:00 AM.

***We all wish you a blessed, happy, and healthy 2024!***

## WFJS 1260AM
## Catholic Radio

## Mesaj ki soti nan biro Kiré pawas la

Pwasyen yo,

Pandan 2023 a prale nan listwa, an nou gade 2024 la ak konfyans. 1er Janvye, anpil nan nou di: «Se byen, nou kòmanse yon lòt ane e li ap diferan e pi bon pase sa ki pase a» e poutan li sanble se pa janm sa vre. Pa genyen dout lagè prale fè ravaj, nou prale tande pale de eskandal, katastwof natirèl ak tout kalite vyolans. Nou se moun ki dechi, nou pa sa nou ta dwe ye a.

Epoutan nou rann nou kont ke Bondye beni nou nan plizyè fason. Nou dekouvri ke genyen anpil bon moun nan mond lan, e anpil nan yo se ewo yo ye, moun ki entèg, atansyone e jenere. Li tris paske nou tande pale de sa ki negatif plis pase sa ki pozitif. Nou gen rezon pou nou dekriye e deplore mal ki ekziste, men nou pa dwe janm bliye selebre sa ki bon. Bondye ap travay nan mitan nou e nan nou, li ap ensite nou pou nou vini difireran, pi bèl nan je li. Se konsa pou sa ye nan nouvèl ane.

Yon ane 2024 beni pou tout moun! Se pou Granmè la akonpanye nou e se pou la Sainte Vyèj toujou entèsede pou nou!

Bonne année!
Msgr. Gervasio

## Liturgical Notice

**Weekday Masses**
**Friday, January 5**
**Monday-Friday, January 8-12**

Since the priests of the parish will be on pilgrimage to Rome with Bishop O'Connell, a Communion Service will be conducted by Deacon Sal at 7:00 AM. **The only Mass of the day will be the 9:00 AM.**

The Weekend Mass Schedule is not changed.

## Coming Next Weekend

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered for children in Grades K-4 on January 7, the Feast of the Epiphany, at the 11:00 AM Mass. All are invited to attend!

## Christmastide Schedule 2023-2024

**Weekend, December 30-31**
*Regular schedule will be followed*

**Monday, January 1**
**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
*NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year*
*Our Lady of Sorrows*
11:00 AM **only**
*Saint Anthony*
12:30 PM *(Creole)*

## Rosary Altar Society News

**Corporate Sunday** is January 7 at St. Anthony Church. All parishioners are invited to join us at 9:00 AM when we recite the rosary for world peace, an end to terrorism, an end to abortion, for the intentions of the Pope, the personal intentions of all those present, and for the intentions of all Rosarians throughout the world. We then attend the 9:30 AM Mass as a group.

**Please note that the monthly Rosary Altar meeting will not be held in January, 2024; however, there will be a. Prayer Shawl meeting on January 8.**

## Rosary Altar Christmas Luncheon

All Rosarians are invited to attend our Christmas Luncheon on January 28, 2024, at Villa Maria on Quakerbridge Road. The luncheon will begin at 1:00 PM. The cost is $32.

Lunch includes a salad, pasta, and entrée with vegetables. Soda, water, coffee, and tea will be provided, and you may bring your own wine.

Please complete the form below and submit it with your payment in an envelope clearly marked "Rosary Altar Luncheon." Please place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office no later than January 19, 2024.

We're looking forward to seeing you there.

**Rosary Altar Christmas Luncheon**
**January 28 Villa Maria**

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Enclosed is check # _____ in the amount of _____

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## OLS-SA Rosary Altar Society

2024 Annual Membership Dues Notice

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Address: _____

_____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

Annual Membership Dues – $15

Please check the following:

_____ Cash Enclosed; _____ Check Number

_____ Donation

Please complete this form and return it with your check made payable to **Rosary Altar Society** in an envelope marked **Rosary Altar Annual Membership Dues.** Put it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. If paying in person at a meeting, make sure you bring the completed form. Thanks for your continued support.

## Respect Life

The Respect Life Ministry thanks parishioners for their generous support of the recent sale of New Jersey Right to Life raffle tickets. OLS-SA parishioners purchased 189 tickets, thus contributing over $1,900 to support NJRTL with their much needed on going Pro Life efforts here in New Jersey. The winners were:

| Ticket # | County | Prize |
|---|---|---|
| 179466 | Bergen | Volvo |
| 056476 | Hunterdon | $1,000 Shop Rite GC |
| 180746 | Ocean | $750 Shop Rite GC |
| 23535 | Burlington | $500 Shop Rite GC |

**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

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| 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)**

## *Thanks!*

*Fr. Alabré and I, along with our parish staff, sincerely thank all those who remembered us in this holy season. Your cards, spiritual bouquets, homemade treats, and gifts were most thoughtful. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindnesses.* *Msgr. Gervasio*

## Please Pray for the Sick

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

## Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

Thomas Bruder
Margaret Marshall

## Just a Reminder

Feeding the hungry never ceases to be important. Food pantries always need staples such as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, and canned vegetables, but any nonperishables you can donate to Mt Carmel Guild or St Raphael's Food Pantry are greatly appreciated. Just place them in the receptacles at the doors of our churches.
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 on January 6 & 20. Those needing food must stay in their cars and pop their trunks; the pantry volunteers will load up the groceries. Cars start lining up early. Pre-registration is ***not*** required.

## Holy Father's January Prayer Intention

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

# STANDING TOGETHER FOR *Life*

## FRIDAY
## JANUARY 19, 2024

**Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold**

### *Mass for Life*

**11:00 a.m.**

CELEBRATED BY

**Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.**

*All are Welcome*

### *Lunch & Seminar*

**12:30-3:30 p.m.**

FEATURING

**5 Expert Panelists**

*Advanced Registration Required*

For full information about the day's events, visit:
**dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life**

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# Happy New Year to All!

**May God bless you with a safe, healthy, and joyous 2024.**

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# St. Valentine's Mass & Dinner Dance

## Saturday, February 10, 2024

## Our Lady of Sorrows Church Hall

## $75/Couple

## A Celebration of Love on World Marriage Day Weekend!

*Sponsored by OLS-SA Marriage Ministry*

*The celebration begins with Mass at 5:00 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church and follows with dinner and dancing in the Church Hall.*

*Dinner catered by Chiarello's*

*Live Music by Meg Hanson Group*

***Menu:*** *appetizers, salad, chicken with spinach, roast beef, pasta with asparagus, peppers and sun-dried tomatoes, vegetable medley and dessert.*

*Wine, soda and hot beverages will be served. Any special alcohol is BYOB.*

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***RESERVATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 5TH ***

**Valentine Dinner & Dance**

**OLS-SA Marriage Ministry**

**February 10, 2024 – Cost: $75/couple**

**Names of Couple:** _____

**E-mail:** _____ **Phone:** _____ Check#:_____

**Payment**: *Cash* or *check* made payable to OLS-SA with completed form in an envelope marked, **Valentine Dinner & Dance** and drop it off at the parish office ***or*** *Venmo@LJPrendergast* and include names, email, and phone # in Note.

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