

Welcome to

OUR LADY OF SORROWS – SAINT ANTHONY PARISH

HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
3816 East State Street Extension



Saint Anthony Church
626 South Olden Avenue

December 14, 2025

Parish Office & Mailing Address: *(located in lower level of Our Lady of Sorrows Church)*

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM • Friday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM • Closed Saturday & Sunday

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES & RECONCILIATION

Churches: Our Lady of Sorrows (OLS); St. Anthony (SA)

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM (SA), 5:00 PM (OLS)

Sunday: 8:00 AM; 11:00 AM (OLS)
9:30 AM (English) (SA)
12:30 PM (Creole) (SA)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 AM (OLS)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM (Creole) (SA)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (OLS)

Holy Days of Obligation As announced

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 9:30 AM (OLS) 2:45-3:30 PM (SA)

Also By appointment

OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor

Rev. Pierre-Michel Alabrè, Parochial Vicar

Deacons:

Nelson Abreu

Joseph Jaruszewski

Kevin O'Boyle

Salvatore Petro

Maureen Tuohy, School Principal

Mariyam Francis, Religious Ed. Director

Susan Commini, Pastoral Outreach

Michael Amantia, Music Ministry

Doris Cordero, Secretary

Clara Gioe, Financial Secretary

Colleen DeBlois, Administrative Assistant

Walter Muñoz, Religious Ed. Assistant

David Larkin, Trustee

Vincent Peroni, Trustee

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

Contact the parish office. The staff will be pleased to assist you in arranging the celebration of these sacraments.

Baptisms 1ST Sunday: 10:45 AM (SA) 2nd & 3rd Sundays: 12:15 pm (OLS)

Marriage Preparation should begin at least a year before the wedding & before reserving a reception venue

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

A process for those seeking to be received into the Church or complete the sacraments of initiation

Anointing of the Sick / Ministry to the Homebound

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday: 9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM Funerals may interrupt adoration. Contact the office

Morning Prayer Monday-Friday: 6:30 AM Saturday: 8:35 AM Sunday: 7:30 AM (OLS)

Wednesday Rosary Prayed via ZOOM: 6:45 PM. Contact Deacon Kevin at Oboyleke@gmail.com to join

AT YOUR SERVICE

Registration The parish can better serve you when we know you. Please register at the office or online.

Low Gluten Hosts (0.01%) Available to those who need them. Please inform the deacon prior to Mass.

Bereavement Support This assistance is offered in a group or one-on-one setting.

Marriage Annulment Process Assistance is provided to those desiring to petition the Diocesan Tribunal

Marriage Convalidation We are pleased to assist those desiring the validation ("blessing") of their civil marriage

Mass Intentions (Offering: \$10) Sanctuary Lamp (\$15) & Sanctuary Flowers (\$75)

These are arranged through the parish office.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



Today's Entrance Antiphon begins with the word, "Rejoice" a sentiment that has given this day its name—Gaudete (Latin for rejoice) The color of our liturgical vesture and the candle of the Advent wreath is changed from the violet of expectation and penance to rose...a rather subdued expression of joy before reaching our full display of joy at Christmas. Nonetheless, St. John the Baptist still accompanies our Advent journey. We see him in prison—undeservedly so. He bore witness to the truth without compromise, denouncing Herod for his adultery and as a result paid with his life.

Most likely the Lord will not ask for our bloody martyrdom as a witness to our faith. Our normal duty will be our fidelity and cheerfulness in confronting a secular, pagan culture in which sarcasm, scorn, and indifference come our way. I highly recommend a book by Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia: Strangers in a Strange Land. (It can be ordered through www.Ignatius.com.) Archbishop Chaput's reflections help us understand the forces besetting us and our country. He challenges us to creatively combat them and realistically suggests ways to do so. He offers us a hope-filled description of how to do our part to make America good again.

May the Baptist be our model for heroic fortitude to fulfill in our lives God's will joyfully no matter what the obstacles may be.

With affection
Msgr. Gervasio



Don't forget to take advantage of the
Sacrament of Penance this week:
Wednesday, December 17 at 6:00 pm
at Our Lady of Sorrows

**SORROW CAN BE RELIEVED
BY A GOOD SLEEP, A BATH,
AND A GLASS OF WINE**
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

All Masses are celebrated at OLS unless otherwise noted.

MON, DEC 15

- 7 AM Daniel Napoleon ~ M/M C Merluse & Sons
Jaime Ramirez ~ E Briseno
9 AM Bernie J McClain ~ Kenney & Allen Families
Mary Peroni ~ Peroni Family

TUE, DEC 16

- 7 AM Nick Polselli ~ N Baranowski
Anthony Pittaro ~ R Peissner
9 AM Anna Gioe ~ C & B Gioe
Daniel DeCore ~ D & S Conte

WED DEC 17

- 7 AM Filomena Zita ~ Daughter & Family
Robert & Matthew Okupski ~ Wife & Mother
9 AM Diane Sheffield ~ M Jannotti
Patricia O'Gorman ~ T & W Kmiec
6:00 PM Advent Confessions

THU, DEC 18

- 7 AM Joseph Coccia Jr ~ Topolosky Family
Kathleen Allen ~ Family
9 AM Lisa M Kmiec ~ S Communi
Patricia Bartram ~ D McNamara

FRI, DEC 19

- 7 AM Daniel DeCore ~ M Golszewski
Anthony Pittaro ~ Rosary Altar Society
9 AM Patricia Dolan ~ Horn Family
Fred Dorio ~ Rosary Altar Society

SAT DEC 20

- 9 AM Elizabeth Savino ~ S Grabowski
Frances Whitworth ~ W & M Miller
4 PM* John Mack ~ P Mack
Lucille Santitoro ~ Husband & Children
Donnio "Tony" Chiarello ~ Wife & Family
Kathleen Allen ~ M & A Vonderheyde
5 PM For the People of the Parish

SUN, DEC 21- 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8 AM Mary Muka ~ J Zimmerly
Irene Pennypacker ~ Petro Family
Michael Kmetz ~ T & K LaPlant
9:30 AM* Wayne Lecato ~ Wife & Family
Spirit of St Francis Fraternity ~ Members
Dorothy Frascella ~ Family
Thomas Burawski ~ Burawski Family
11 AM Richard Evanko ~ Family
L Donald DeBlois ~ Don & Colleen
Vincenzo & Vincenza Amantia ~ Maria & Michael
12:30 PM* Creole Mass

* ST. ANTHONY

**THE LIFE A TRUE CHRISTIAN
SHOULD BE A PERPETUAL JUBILEE,
A PRELUDE TO THE FESTIVALS OF HEAVEN.**
ST. THEOPHANE VENARD

MESAJ KI SOTI NAN BIWO KIRE-A

Pawasyen yo,



Antyèn pou antre a kòmanse ak mo sa « Se pou nou rejwi », yon santiman ki bay jounen sa a non li-Gaudete (mo laten ki vle di « rejwi » Koulè rad litiji ak bouji kouwòn Lavan an chanje koulè vyolet la, senbòl tann ak penitans lan, li woz...ekspresyon lajwa ki modere avan nou rantre nan lajwa tout bon vre a nan Nwèl la. Men, sen Jan-Batis toujou ap akonpanye nou nan mache nap mache nan tan Lavan an. Nou wè li nan prizon pou granmesi. Li sèvi laverite a temwen, pandan li denonse Ewòd pou adiltè li te fè e pou rezon sa a li pèdi lavi l.

Li pwobab Bondye pap mande nou pou nou kite san nou koule pou nou temwanyen lafwa nou. Devwa nòmal nou se fidelite nou ak bon jan nou devan yon kilti sekilye ak payen kote nou jwenn, pase moun nan tenten, meprize moun ak endiferans. Mwen rekòmande nou yon liv achevèk Chaput nan Filadelfi: Strangers in a Strange Land (nou ka kòmande li sou www.Ignatius.com Refleksyon achevèk Chaput ede nou konprann fòs ki ap atake noumen ak peyi nou. Li ba nou defi pou nou konbat yo ak anpil kreyativite e li sijere nou mwayen ki reyalis pou nou rive fè sa. Li ofri nou yon deskripsyon ki plen espwa sou fason pou bay Lamerik grandè li ankò.

Se pou Jan-Batis vini modèl fòs ewoyik nou dekwa pou nou ka fè ak anpil kè kontan volonte Bondye nan lavi nou, kelkeswa baryè ki genyen.

Avèk afeksyon,
Msgr. Gervasio

POPE LEO'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

**THE WORLD WOULD HAVE PEACE IF THE MEN
OF POLITICS WOULD ONLY FOLLOW THE
GOSPEL.**

ST. BRIGITTA OF SWEDEN

GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Michelle Kayla Atayi
Fernando Claudio Biondi, III
Djoughri Cupidon Jean Baptiste
Hugo Weihaan Rittenhouse

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marlene Barnhart	Joseph O'Hara
Louise Dechan	Eleanor Pacera
Connie Gaydos	Tom Plantier
Tony Golowski	Raymond Rock
Vincent Guerra	Connie Starling
George Gushue	Jane Sweeney
Joanne Jasinski	Susan Tafrow
Joanne Leone	Barbara Tafrow Gerrity
John Lestician	Christopher Wilbert
Alice Matey	Michael Wilno

SANCTUARY LAMPS

At Our Lady of Sorrows

A Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of

Patricia Bartram

At the request of Pat Agoes

A Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of

George Vitoritt

At the request of his wife Jean

At St. Anthony

A Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of

Stanley Brzezynski

At the request of his Wife & Sons

A Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of

David Loveless

At the request of his family

REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DECEASED

John "Jack" Arnone Catherine McKelvey

The Respect Life Group would like to thank you for your generous support of the recent Right to Life Raffle OLS-SA parishioners purchased 220 tickets thus contributing nearly \$2300 (including donations) to support NJRTL with their much needed, ongoing pro-life efforts here in New Jersey.

The winning tickets were as follows:

Volvo Winning number: 13516

ShopRite Gift card winners:

\$1000: 13455

\$750: 14289

\$500: 139403

A PROMISE TO PROTECT, A PLEDGE TO HEAL

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report it through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email: abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org The Diocese reports allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 6 -7 \$26,982.00

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Diocesan Goal: \$6,000,000.

OLS-SA Goal: \$95,00

As of Monday, December 8, 2025

Pledged: \$96,636.65 (102%)

Paid: \$94,573.30 (99%)

Total Donors: 335

Average Gift: \$227.38



The Christmas Collection is the most important appeal of the year and goes a very long way to helping us meet our financial obligations to the

Diocese and our vendors. Please remember the parish on your Christmas list. We are grateful for your generosity.

Too many people have been
'sacramentalized'
but not
'evangelized.'

Cardinal Basil Hume

DECEMBER'S JUBILEE FOCUS: THE POOR

The poor are not there by chance or by blind and cruel fate. Nor, for most of them, is poverty a choice. Yet, there are those who still presume to make this claim...revealing their own blindness and cruelty. [A]mong the poor there are also those who do not want to work, perhaps because their ancestors, who worked all their lives, died poor. However, there are so many others...who nonetheless work from dawn to dusk, perhaps collecting scraps or the like, even though they know that their hard work will only help them to scrape by, but never really improve their lives. Nor can it be said that most of the poor are such because they do not "deserve" otherwise, as maintained by that specious view of meritocracy that sees only the successful as "deserving."

Pope Leo XIV: Dilexi Te

CHRISTMASTIDE SCHEDULE 2025

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday, December 17: 6:00—7:00 pm (OLS)

Saturday, December 20:

9:30—10:30 am (OLS)

2:45—3:30 pm (SAC)

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Vigil Masses: Wednesday, December 24**

4:00 pm OLS (Church & Gym) 4:00 pm SAC

10:00 pm (English) OLS 10:00 pm (Creole) SAC

There will not be a 6:00 pm Mass

Masses of Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25

8:00 & 11:00 am OLS

9:30 am (English) SAC

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass: Wednesday, December 31

4:00 pm (English) OLS 12:00 am (Creole) SAC

Masses of the Day: Thursday, January 1

9:30 am SAC; 11:00 am OLS

If we are paralyzed by 'inner hurts'
we can turn in upon ourselves,
and then we are unable to help others;
or we are not free to be totally
at the disposal of Christ.
Yes, these inner wounds must be healed.

Cardinal Basil Hume

THE ADVENT WREATH

If your family is interested in carrying the Advent Candle in the Entrance Procession of the Mass next week, **please arrive at church 20 minutes before Mass time and inform the assisting deacon.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING at OLS

Tuesday December 23 at 7pm

Volunteers are needed to adorn Our Lady of Sorrows Church for the Christmas Feast. Volunteers: hanging wreaths, decorating the altar, and setting up the manger. This is a great opportunity for service hours for our high school students and Confirmation Candidates. Many hands make work light!

The Liturgy of the Word for Children will be offered at the 11:00 Mass on December 21 and January 4. All children in Grades K-4 are invited to participate. The Scriptures of the Sunday are presented in a relatable and age appropriate manner



SUPPORT OUR COHORT FOOD PANTRY

ITEMS ACCEPTED

Nonperishable food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, paper & plastic bags, and pantry staples.

You may bring these items to Our Lady of Sorrows and/or St. Anthony and place them in the bins at the church doors.

Location: St. Raphael Parish Center,
151 Gropp Avenue, Hamilton
Hours: 9 to 11 AM on December 20th

Your donations support the pantry at St. Raphael as well as Trenton's Mount Carmel Guild!

THE BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE AT HOME

LEADER:

Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.
R/. Amen

My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

The lights of the tree are then illuminated. The leader concludes the rite by saying:

May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever. R/. Amen.

The blessing concludes with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

2026 CASH CALENDAR

HAVING TROUBLE FINDING THAT PERFECT GIFT
FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE?
WHY NOY GIVE THEM THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

- *This 6-month cash calendar runs from Jan 2026 – June 2026.*
- *Each day has a different dollar amount associated with it.*
- *Every week, 7 lucky winners will be randomly selected to receive the dollar amount for that day as designated on the calendar.*
- *If your name is drawn, you win! BUT your entry goes right back in and is eligible to be drawn again for another day in that same week*
- *There are 181 chances to win and total prizes amount to \$4,840!*
- *Winners will be posted weekly on OLSPTA.COM and checks will be mailed to winners*

Calendars are \$25 each, Cash or Check (payable to OLS PTA).
If interested in purchasing a calendar,
please email OLSPTA@GMAIL.COM. Thank you



