

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS – ST. ANTHONY



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626 S. Olden Ave.

Worship & Sacramental Life

OLS: Our Lady of Sorrows Church
SA: St. Anthony Church

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (SA)
5:00 p.m. (OLS)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 a.m. (OLS)
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. (SA)
6:30 p.m. (Creole) (SA)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil: 7:00 p.m. (SA)
Daytime: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. (OLS)
12:15 p.m. (SA)

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. (OLS)
8:00 a.m. (SA)

Holidays as announced

Sacrament of Baptism

11:15 a.m.: 1st Sunday (SA)
12:15 p.m.: 2nd & 3rd Sundays (OLS)
11:00 a.m.: 4th Sunday (Mass) (OLS)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and by appointment
3:15-4:00 p.m. (SA), 3:45-4:30 p.m. (OLS)

Rectory Office Hours

Mon – Thu: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fri & Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday

Parish Staff

Rev. Msgr. Thomas N. Gervasio, Pastor
Rev. Eugene K. Savarimuthu, Adjunct
Rev. Pierre M. Alabré, Haitian Ministry
Rev. Oscar Sumanga, In Residence

Deacons

James Buchanan
James Challender
Joseph Jaruszewski
Timothy Moore
Kevin O'Boyle
Dennis Slavin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2009

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11-18

Mass Intentions for the Week OUR LADY OF SORROWS

SATURDAY, MAY 2

5:00 p.m. Anselmo Arellano *Ronald & Barbara Carver
John W. Hooker *Dick & Jackie Tompkins

SUNDAY, MAY 3

7:30 a.m. Juanita Pichay *Ed & Rose Lorenzo
Blanche Golowski *Son

9:00 a.m. Jack Pacera *Wife, Eleanor
Antoinette Narcini *Sister, Eleanor

11:00 a.m. Fr. Garrett Fitzgerald *Woodcock Family
John W. Hooker *M/M Robert Bennett

MONDAY, MAY 4

7:00 a.m. Mary Jane Seiler *Bud & Maureen Pfeffer
Joseph Conte *The Bruce Family

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7:00 a.m. Joseph Gais *Daughter, Rosemarie
Nora Gallagher *Lois Doyle

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

7:00 a.m. John Conte
*Isidore Di Iorio & Catherine Russo
Michael Sollazzo *Doris Rockel

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:00 a.m. Deacon Joseph Malloy *The Peissner Family
Robert D'Auria *M/M Grice

FRIDAY, MAY 8

7:00 a.m. Lucia Vizzoni *Carl & Maria Vizzoni
Augustus T. Stewart *Peggy

SATURDAY, MAY 9

5:00 p.m. Peter & Rose Nicoletti *Daughter, Patricia
Mary Delozier *Parents

SUNDAY, MAY 10

7:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
9:00 a.m. Phyllis Scarna
*Husband, Charles, and daughter, Charlotte
Mary Garofalo *Daughter
11:00 a.m. Marguerite Brennan *John Petrino & family
Thomas McKay Moffat
*Mark Severino & Shelly Marchetti

Weekly Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The lamps that burn before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Anthony Church this week are offered in loving memory of John Britton at the request of his wife and children.

Mass Intentions for the Week SAINT ANTHONY

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 a.m. Fr. Garrett Fitzgerald *Griggs Family
William Gore *Family

4:30 p.m. Tina Ridgeway *Susan Hightower
Bernice Kaszimer *Helen & Jack Garrity

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:00 a.m. Esther Bayce *Family
John Britton *Wife & family

10:00 a.m. Msgr. Linus Schwartz *Parish
Jean C. Lanigan Pippa *Coleen & Mel Ruhl

MONDAY, MAY 4

8:00 a.m. Mary Y. Stephen *Jill & Ted
Elizabeth Hart *Kathy & Zack

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:00 a.m. Alvin Rosetti *Family
Richard Trapp, Sr. *Dennis Pitunyak

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8:00 a.m. Lynn Tritremmel *Weds. Morning Bible Study
Maryann P. Scalia *Earl Babbitt & Mary Saia

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:00 a.m. Stephen Plumeri *Lee Petitto
W. Alan Volk *Wife

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:00 a.m. Kasu Miller *D. Miller & family
Anne Casale *Casale & Graziano Family

SATURDAY, MAY 9

8:00 a.m. Gary Palka *G. & J. Beres
Anesta, Louis, & Louise Cortina

4:30 p.m. Georgina & John Tiberi *Cortina Family
Ceil Witkowski *Daughter

*Norma & Linda

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8:00 a.m. Rose Marchetti *Daughter
Sarah Lindsay Merritt *Grandparents

10:00 a.m. David & Patricia Johnson *Mom & Dad
Luigi Maldera *Mary, Olympia, & Angie

Liturgical Celebrations This Week

Sun., May 3

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Please Pray for Our Beloved

Deceased

Margaret Gennello

Rita Gervasio

William Tanalski

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners:

The month of May is filled with special celebrations! How appropriate that it also be the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is our great companion on our journey of faith.

Last Saturday and next we rejoice with our young parishioners who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. What Catholic does not remember the joy of his or her first Communion day? On behalf of all, I offer congratulations to the children who anxiously awaited the arrival of this day! I also offer words of thanks and praise to their parents and catechists who have prepared them for this sacred encounter.

I hope your calendars are marked to participate in our annual tribute to the Blessed Mother. On Sunday, May 17, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we shall process to the shrine of Our Lady in front of our school for a brief crowning rite. Please join us in this act of love and filial devotion for the Mother of God. Thanks to our Alumni Association, our Religious Education and School Offices for preparing this event.

Mary's month is also the time chosen by many bishops for the ordination of priests and deacons. Please remember to keep those to be ordained this month in your prayers. I especially thank the Serra Club for their efforts and prayers on behalf of vocations.

Let us turn with confidence to the Mother of the Lord in the words of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict:

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Mother,
Teach us how to believe, hope and love.*

Show us the way toward the Kingdom.

Star of the Sea, shine upon us and guide us on the journey.

With affection
Msgr. Gervasio



*"And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak
in different tongues...."*

To commemorate this religious experience on Pentecost, the second reading at each Mass will be recited in a foreign tongue. We are seeking volunteers experienced in speaking a foreign language to recite the reading for Pentecost, May 30 and 31.

If you are interested, please call the parish secretary at 587-4372.

Stewardship Report

Weekly Collection, April 26 \$18,262

Bishop's Annual Appeal (as of 4/27)

Pledged: \$63,643 Paid \$42,799 Donors: 347

Update on Capital Campaign Projects Roof and AC at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

We are pleased that work is progressing well. The new roof over the principal nave of the church is nearly complete. This includes not only the new tiles but the addition of insulation that had been lacking, as well as new downspouts and gutters. Work will begin on the greatly deteriorated roofs of the transepts or "wings." Included in this work will be the addition of new air conditioning units for the church.

Interior Restoration Work for OLS Church

Once the roof is completed, we are planning over the summer months to make repairs and enhancements to the interior of the church. These do not involve radical structural alterations in the interior. They are intended to enhance our environment for worship. They will address the following concerns: ceiling replacement, improved lighting, painting, new flooring, unifying the woodwork, and pew restoration. It is our hope that this will be done during the summer months *without* the need to close the church. We may have to adjust a bit, but we shall want to keep our church open through the process.

Elevator Addition at St. Anthony Church

The contracts have been reviewed. A few minor changes are being recommended by our counsel. Once these issues have been addressed by the contractor, we shall be able to sign the contract to begin the long awaited work.

New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally

When? Sunday, May 17
Registration begins at 9:15 a.m.

Where? Six Flags Great Adventure

How much? \$45 per person

If you have a season pass, you can buy a lunch ticket for \$20. Hurricane tickets cost \$18.

The day includes speakers, rides, entertainment, lunch, and a 6:00 p.m. Mass. Families are welcome! For details, call Karen Proulx at 477-4589.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sunday, May 10, so that the children may remain with their mothers on Mother's Day. Our last Children's Liturgy for the current school year will be on May 17. Many thanks to Anne Kantor, Joan Bellis, Lorraine Kostinas, Israel Maldonado, Marianne Peluso, Libby Wilson, Joe DiLiberto, Josephine Crivelli, Bill Franko, Carolyn Schindewolf, and Magali Santos for their loving and faithful service this year, and thanks to the wonderful children who have celebrated God's Word with us.

Social Justice Corner

Power to Save Lives Campaign—This is the final weekend of this year's Power to Save Lives campaign. If we are to make it to our goal of \$12,000, we need you to be as generous as possible! To date, we have collected \$7,789. Please support the campaign by dropping your donations in the cans at the church entrances.

Sleep Out for Uganda—Members of our high school youth group are once again braving the elements and sleeping outdoors behind the rectory without the benefit of electricity in solidarity with the men, women and children in Uganda. Please stop by and offer them some words of support along with your donation.

Honor Your Mother—Instead of giving Mom another bathrobe or a box of fattening candy, give the gift of life to hundreds of moms in honor of your special mother! We have announcement cards available that you can give to that special woman in your life, letting her know that you have made a donation to help mothers and children in Uganda in her honor. It's a thoughtful gift that always fits and makes both of you feel great!

Necklace Sale—The Social Justice / Social Concerns Committee also is outside between the church and the rectory on the OLS campus, selling beautiful necklaces made by women living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda. The necklaces give the women a way to support themselves, buy medicine, and care for their children. They make wonderful, meaningful Mother's Day gifts!

Pray for the Sick

We commend to your prayers all the sick in the parish. While not every name can appear in the listing below, we remember all those who are ill and pray that they may know the Lord's healing presence.

Bill Berish, James Cleary, Katherine D'Angelo, Lillian DeLotta, Paula Donahue, Mary E. Fruscione, Charlene Giquinto, Edith LaBella, Elaine Lipton, George Loh, Judy Miller, Anthony Passaro, Mary Passaro, Richard Pizzuti, Dody Rooney, Vivian Saxby, Ian Scheuerman, Connie Starling, Mary Masick Timian, Anthony Tonzini

Due to limited space and our desire to include the names of others, absent special circumstances, names will remain on our list for one month only. Call the parish office (587-4372) to have a name removed earlier.

K of C Rose for Life Drive Next Weekend

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at the church doors after all masses next weekend to collect donations for their right-to-life activities.

Bingo Assignments

Saturday: 7:30 p.m. – Parish Center Cafeteria

The Bingo worker schedule appears below. If there is a scheduling conflict, please contact Karen Brisson (587-4141) or Susan Dolan (324-3985) well in advance so that other arrangements can be made. Workers are asked to arrive by 6:15 p.m.

May 9 (Gr 3) Rossi, Schuessler-Diaz, Scott, A. Torres, N. Torres, Wright

May 16 (Gr 4) Barry, Carella, Cirillo, Kite, Maher, Manyok

Blood Drive a Success!

Thanks to everybody who donated during the recent community blood drive sponsored by the OLS PTA & Alumni Committee. Eighty-one pints of blood were collected, each with the potential to save three lives. The selfless act of these donors not only benefited those in our community who needed blood, but also earned OLS School a \$750 scholarship. Special thanks to Ruth Woodcock for coordinating this effort.

Seniors' Activities

Senior Club #1

Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 1:00 p.m.
St. Anthony Church Hall
No Atlantic City trip in May
Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see
Over the River and Through the Woods
Wednesday, May 27
Call Gloria (587-1944) for reservations

Senior Club #2

Meetings: Tuesdays, May 5 & 19, 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room
Trip to Showboat Casino on May 20
The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m.
Call Bea at 298-5559 for reservations

Senior Club #3

Meetings: Tuesday, May 12 & 26, 1:00 p.m.
Church Meeting Room – Tables 1 & 2 Host
Bingo and cards played after all meetings.

Our Seniors Clubs welcome new members! You do not have to be a parishioner to join the Seniors Clubs.

Everyone deserves a **sweet treat** now and again...

When? The first Monday of every month

May 4, from 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Where? Carella's "The Brown Dog"

Bring your friends and family in for an after school treat and take home dessert

No coupon necessary...Just let them know that...

OLS is the best!



AROUND THE DIOCESE



Trenton Diocesan Spiritual Center
Mount Holly, NJ
609-877-0509 FHOP@verizon.net
www.FHOP.org

Looking Ahead

Tue., May 5, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come with your ideas and desires for next year's offerings at Francis House.

Personal Retreat Day

Wed., May 6, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Take a day away from the busyness of your life to rest awhile in the Lord and experience God's presence. Come to Francis House for silence, personal prayer and optional Spiritual Direction. The day begins and ends with a brief prayer together. Donation: \$10; \$40 with Spiritual Direction. Please bring a bag lunch.

I Remember Mama

Fri., May 8, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.; \$20, Lunch included.

This morning retreat gives time and space for those who have lost their mothers recently (and not so recently) to grieve, remember and celebrate their mother's life. A wonderful way to prepare for Mother's Day.

Directed Retreat Weekend

7:00 p.m. Fri., May 8 – 1:00 p.m. Sun., May 10

This retreat offers you the opportunity to experience the graced rhythm of life in which rest restores your body and God revives your soul. Liturgy, Spiritual Direction and optional Centering Prayer periods are included. Donation: \$125/\$40 non-refundable deposit.

Centering Prayer Evening

Tue., May 12, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

We meet one Tuesday a month for 20 minutes of Lectio Divina and 40 minutes of Centering Prayer. These evenings really help to keep your centering prayer practice alive. Love offering.

The Practice of Letting Go

Thu., May 14, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; \$20, lunch included

Life provides many opportunities to let go of our attachments to belonging and security, affection and esteem, power and control. Is God calling you to practice letting go? "What God arranges for us to experience at each moment is the best and holiest thing that could happen to us." (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)

Fore!

The Sisters of Mercy Annual Golf Classic will take place on Thursday, September 10, at the beautiful Navesink Country Club in Middletown. For details, please visit www.golfdigestplanner.com/11461-Golf_Classic or call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994, ext. 4006.

Vatican II: Opening the Windows

The Church of St. Ann will present *Vatican II: An Adult Enrichment Series Focusing on the Second Vatican Council* (1962-65). Martin J. Arsenault, director of the Office of Catechesis, Diocese of Trenton, will present on three consecutive Monday evenings. The event begins on Monday evening, May 4, at 7:30 p.m. This first session will explore and discuss the world situation, the election of Pope John XXIII, the trends in Catholic theology, the pastoral situation, and the ideas and forces that preceded the announcing of the Council on January 25, 1959, and those in place at the opening of the Council in October 1962. The second session, *Word and Sacrament*, is on Monday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. and the last session, *The People of God in the Modern World*, is on Monday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The Vatican II Series will examine the contributions and challenges of Vatican II for today's Church. The series is held in the St. Ann Faith Development Center; it is free and open to all. The Church of St. Ann is located at 1253 Lawrence Road (Rt. 206), 1.5 miles south of Exit 7A of Interstate I-95, and 0.7 miles north of the Diocesan Pastoral Center. If you have any questions, please call Gary Maccaroni, 882-6491, ext. 116.

Comedy Night

Jonathan Graham, Dena Blizzard, and the legendary Uncle Floyd will tickle your ribs on Saturday, May 30, at the 1st Annual Comedy Night sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 7677. A buffet dinner by D & D Caterers will precede the show, to be held at St. Gregory the Great Parish Center in Hamilton.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; the show starts at 8:00. Attendees must be 21 or older.

Tickets, which cover the dinner, show, and beer, wine, or soda (you may also BYOB), are only \$35 per person. For ticket purchase and information please call Clyde Boucher (259-9068), John Bavaso (588-5131) or Michael Frank (584-1024).

All proceeds directly benefit the many charitable works of the Knights of Columbus in the church community.

Holy Father's May Prayer Intentions

General: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.

Mission: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

Trip to Showboat Casino

The Happy Days Senior Club sponsors a bus trip to the Showboat Casino on the first Wednesday of each month. The bus leaves the OLS parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$25. Call Madelyn (586-4549) for reservations and further information.

Events at St. Rita of Cascia Shrine

Solemn Novena

Mass and Novena Prayers

May 13 - 15 and 18 - 21

8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon (Italian Mass*)

Confession in Italian: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

4:00 p.m.: Concert in upper church

with the *Augustinian Friends*;

5:00 p.m.: Mass for Peace

6:00 p.m. Peace Banquet**

Sunday May 17

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 2:00 p.m. (Mass of Healing)

Solemn Feast Day

Friday, May 22

Mass, Blessing of Roses, & Veneration of St. Rita Relic

8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 3:00, 5:30, & 7:30 p.m.

Confessions: ½ hour before all Masses, May 13 to 22

Eucharistic Adoration: daily

*A talk about St. Rita (in English) after the Mass

** Call Parish Office (215-546-8333) for tickets

The shrine is located at 1166 South Broad Street in Philadelphia.

Gift shop open daily.

For information, call 215-546-8333 or visit

www.saintritashrine.com.

You Are Invited

The St. Anthony DiPadova Society will be sponsoring their 87th Annual Feast Day Celebration on Sunday, June 7, as well as a Special Memorial Mass Celebration to honor their patron on Friday, June 12.

The Feast Day Celebration will be held at St Barnabas Church, 63rd & Buist Ave. in Southwest Philadelphia, where a solemn Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. Festivities will continue after Mass in the St. Barnabas School Hall with traditional Italian music and entertainment, authentic Italian food and specialties, a porchetta roast, and other activities.

The Special Memorial Mass Celebration will be held at Holy Cross Church, Springfield and Bishop Roads in Springfield, Delaware County, at 6:00 p.m. A procession following Mass will return to the Holy Cross School Grounds where festivities will continue with the Holy Cross Annual Carnival.

For further information, please contact the St. Barnabas Rectory (215-726-1119) for the Feast Day Celebration and Holy Cross Rectory (610-626-3321) for the Memorial Celebration. For information on both, call Jim Stigale (610-497-3353), Mike Marciano (215-729-8713), Tony Armentani (856-931-2162), Vince Durso, (610-328-7900, ext. 23), or Rob Kreszwick (610-394-0533).

Charismatic Healing Retreat

Mount St. Alphonsus Pastoral Center, one of the largest Roman Catholic centers in the world, will hold a charismatic healing retreat Friday, May 29, to Sunday, May 31. The theme for the weekend retreat, which will be directed by Rev. John Connor, C.Ss.R., is *Pray the Psalms: Learn to Pray*. The weekend will include reflections on the Psalms, Adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, and a special healing service led by Fr. Connor. The cost of \$160 includes accommodations and meals. A reservation and \$25 deposit are required.

Mount St. Alphonsus is located on the banks of the Hudson River in the Village of Esopus, NY. Thousands of people from around the northeast make a pilgrimage to the Mount each year. For more information, go to www.visitthemount.com, or call 845-384-8000.

Community Christian Choir Concerts

Despite a troubled economy, The Community Christian Choir helps provide nourishment and hope through its free concerts. The concert series, entitled *Destination – The Journey of a Lifetime*, features inspirational music from well-known Christian artists, such as Point of Grace and Steven Curtis Chapman.

The Community Christian Choir is composed of over 130 singers in two divisions (adult and children) from over 50 congregations in the central New Jersey region. More than \$130,000 has been collected by the choir for local charities through free-will offerings taken during its past concert series.

The May 3 concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson Baptist Church, 360 Bennets Mill Rd. in Jackson; donations will benefit Hands of Hope. The May 8 concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 45 Crosswicks St. in Bordentown; donations will benefit the Bordentown Summer Youth Program.

For more information about the concert series or the choir, go to www.ccchoir.com or call 587-7076.

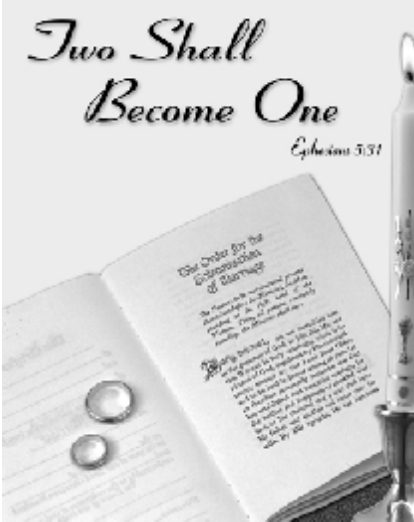
Summer Kickoff Dance Party

The Mercer County Emerald Society proudly presents *The Cannonballs*. Jimmy Parsons is back in town to spin the best of the oldies and doo-wop for your dancing pleasure on Saturday, June 20 at the Ancient Order of Hibernians (2419 Kuser Rd., Hamilton). Doors open 6:30 p.m.; food at 7:00 p.m.; music all night! Cost of \$30 per person includes food, beer, wine, and soda. Cash bar. For tickets, call Jim Keane (585-9759), Gene Deemer (268-1446), or the Hibernians (586-5982).

Are You from Bayonne?

The Bayonne Catholic Schools Alumni and Friends Luncheon Event will be held at Spring Lake Golf Club on Sunday, July 19, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

RSVP to www.ascabayonne.org "Spring Lake Event" or call 201-443-1035.



Come Celebrate a Special Liturgy for Married Couples

Since 2005, our US Bishops have been looking for ways to recognize and support those men and women who have answered God's call to the Sacrament of Matrimony. These people form a community of persons, serve life, make a difference in society, and share in the Church's mission. Our parish will join its efforts with theirs in thanksgiving for God's gift of the Sacrament of Marriage.

A special Mass will be celebrated for married couples on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows campus and Monsignor Richard LaVerghetta will be the guest homilist. A dinner will be served following this liturgy.

Childcare will be provided in the lower church.

If you wish to attend this liturgy, please complete the information below and drop the form off at the rectory office or email the information to dohrenwe@optonline.net by May 22.

Names: _____ and _____
(first name) (first name) (last name)

Wedding Anniversary Date: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ Email: _____

Childcare: Please provide names and ages of children: _____

Will you be joining us for dinner? _____



Our Lady of Sorrows School
FAMILY PASTA DINNER

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 17

Share in our School Spirit

Time: 1:00 p.m. following the May Crowning

Place: Nottingham Ballroom

200 Mercer Street, Hamilton Square

Price: \$8.00 for adults \$4.00 for children

Children under 3 are free

Bring grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Family Name: _____

of Adults: _____ # of Children: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make checks payable to OLS-PTA.

Due date: May 11

Drop off form and check to school or parish office

The 46th World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Excerpts from Pope Benedict XVI's letter

. . . I want to invite all the People of God to reflect on the theme: *Faith in the divine initiative - the human response*. The exhortation of Jesus to his disciples: "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (*Mt 9:38*) has a constant resonance in the Church. Pray! The urgent call of the Lord stresses that prayer for vocations should be continuous and trusting. The Christian community can only really "have ever greater faith and hope in God's providence" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, 26) if it is enlivened by prayer.

The vocation to the priesthood and to the consecrated life constitutes a special gift of God which becomes part of the great plan of love and salvation that God has for every man and woman and for the whole of humanity. . . . While it is undoubtedly true that a worrisome shortage of priests is evident in some regions of the world, and that the Church encounters difficulties and obstacles along the way, we are sustained by the unshakable certitude that the one who firmly guides her in the pathways of time towards the definitive fulfillment of the Kingdom is he, the Lord, who freely chooses persons of every culture and of every age and invites them to follow him according to the mysterious plans of his merciful love.

Our first duty, therefore, is to keep alive in families and in parishes, in movements and in apostolic associations, in religious communities and in all the sectors of diocesan life this appeal to the divine initiative with unceasing prayer. We must pray that the whole Christian people grows in its trust in God, convinced that the "Lord of the harvest" does not cease to ask some to place their entire existence freely at his service so as to work with him more closely in the mission of salvation. What is asked of those who are called, for their part, is careful listening and prudent discernment, a generous and willing adherence to the divine plan, and a serious study of the reality that is proper to the priestly and religious vocations, so as to be able to respond responsibly and with conviction.

. . . The awareness of being saved by the love of Christ, which every Mass nourishes in the faithful and especially in priests, cannot but arouse within them a trusting self-abandonment to Christ who gave his life for us. To believe in the Lord and to accept his gift, therefore, leads us to entrust ourselves to Him with thankful hearts, adhering to his plan of salvation. When this does happen, the one who is "called" voluntarily leaves everything and submits himself to the teaching of the divine Master; hence a fruitful dialogue between God and man begins, a mysterious encounter between the love of the Lord who calls and the freedom of man who responds in love, hearing the words of Jesus echoing in his soul, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide" (*Jn 15:16*).

This intertwining of love between the divine initiative and the human response is present also, in a wonderful way, in the vocation to the consecrated life. . . .

Once more, Jesus is the model of complete and trusting adherence to the will of the Father, to whom every consecrated person must look. . . .

From the Vatican, 20 January 2009



Prayer for Vocations

O loving and gracious God, Father of all,
you bless your people in every time and season
and provide for their needs through your providential care.

Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters, and brothers
to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love.

Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives.

Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church.

Give them the gift of courage to follow your call.

May they have the spirit of young Samuel, who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you,

"Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.

Amen.



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GOSPEL TODAY

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JOHN 10: 11-18

I am the Good Shepherd



They will follow me and they know me

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will give up His life for us, His flock.

THE LOST SHEEP

These sheep are lost, but when they hear the voice of Jesus, they find their way.



- color and cut the lost sheep and add them to the flock of believers below -



✧ PRAY FOR VOCATIONS ✧