

OUR LADY OF SORROWS-ST. ANTHONY ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

September, October, November, 2011



Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
September 15

Mission Statement: Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Rosary Altar Society is a parish confraternity whose members seek to enhance the spiritual, social and cultural life of our parish through liturgical service, prayer and devotion to the gospel teaching, while honoring the desire of our Lord to better know, love and venerate His Mother. Members of the Rosary Confraternity pledge to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to secure her patronage by recitation of the Rosary for the mutual spiritual benefits of all members

Dear Rosary Altar Members and Ladies of the Parish,

Welcome back ladies! I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer. Outings to the beach and fun filled vacations are still beautiful memories that will help rejuvenate us for the flurry of Fall activities ahead of us.

Perhaps you have thought about joining the Rosary Altar Society, but have hesitated because you have wondered "what is that Rosary Altar Society really about!" We are active and busy mothers, sisters, daughters, cousins, friends, coworkers - your fellow parishioners - who do pray together but also play together. Our members have fun times and laugh a lot as we work side by side through our own initiatives and participation in a variety of parish activities. How blessed we are to have this organization in our parish! We invite you to join us at our September 13h meeting. Participation in this group is your opportunity to grow closer to Our Blessed Mother and to get acquainted with the wonderful women of Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Parish who enjoy a warm, friendly bond.

Sincerely Yours in Our Lady,
Toni Levandowski, President

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GENERAL INFORMATION - Our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Lord is expressed in a variety of ways including private recitation of the rosary, monthly group recitation of the rosary, attendance together at mass on the first Sunday of each month, prayer services throughout the year, an annual Day of Recollection and an annual visit to a shrine. We imitate Mary's willingness to help and serve others by laundering/ironing the altar linens, cleaning/refilling the holy water fonts, sell 50/50 tickets at the weekly OLS bingo, making rosaries for the missions, hospitals, schools and our military; making prayer shawls and donating food and clothing to the needy. In addition, we conduct a Christmas Wreath Sale, Palm Cross Sale, participate in the Annual May Crowning, donate to the Family Thanksgiving Basket. These are just some of the activities the Rosarians are involved in.

Corporate Sunday is held on the first Sunday of the month. The Rosary is recited at 8:30 am followed by the 9:00 am Mass at the OLS Campus from July to December. From January to June, Corporate Sunday will be at the St. Anthony Campus with the recitation of the rosary at 9:30 am followed by Mass at 10:00 am. All parishioners are invited to join us for the recitation of the Rosary for our parish community, world peace, an end to abortion and terrorism, for the intentions of the Pope and for the special intentions of all those present.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church Meeting Room. Because of Labor Day, the September meeting is held on the second Monday. Meetings are not held in January, July or August.

Rosary Makers Group - Anyone interested in learning to make rosaries, please contact Betty Adamczyk at 586-6771. Rosaries are sent to the missions, soldiers and given to the First Communicants of our parish.

Prayer Shawls - The Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1:30 pm, the second Monday of the month 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 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 the you refrain from dropping off any completed prayer shawls or yarn at the parish office, and instead, call Joyce.

New Members - New members are always welcome to attend any of our meetings and will be greeted warmly and friendly. Being a Rosarian honors Mary as the Mother in whose care Jesus has placed us, and our Lady's blessings will be without measure. Once you are inducted into the Confraternity, you are a lifetime member. If you are considering in joining the Rosary Altar Society and have questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member or Rosarian.

OFFICERS 2010-2012

Toni Levandowski, President	588-4768
Mary Halasz, Vice President	585-4804
Betty Adamczyk, Secretary	586-6771
Joyce Berryman, Treasurer	587-

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - CORPORATE SUNDAY at Our Lady of Sorrows Church - Recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - MONTHLY MEETING - The Prayer Service begins at 7:00 pm in the Upper Church followed by the monthly meeting in the Church Meeting Room. Grace Price and her committee will provide refreshments.

All Parishioners are welcome to join us for the Prayer Service.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1:30 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

FEAST DAYS

SEPTEMBER 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SEPTEMBER 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

SEPTEMBER 15 - Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

A Consecration Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O gentle, kind and loving Mother, whose own soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow, look upon us so that through the illnesses and trials of life, we may stand beside you on Calvary near your Son, crucified.

We, members of His Mystical Body, the Church, consecrate ourselves to you and commend to your care the deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society. We pray that in your love, you will place us on the Altar of the Cross upon which Jesus was raised. May we be little victims of atonement for our salvation, and that, of mankind.

O Mother of Sorrows, accept this consecration. Strengthen our hopeful hearts, that as partakers of Christ's sufferings we may also share in His glory forever and ever. Amen

OCTOBER CALENDAR - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can use in order to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

In honor of the month of the Rosary, the Rosary Altar Society and DOLS wish to invite all parishioners to pray the Rosary with us on Sunday, October 3 at 8:30 am at the OLS Campus. Rosary beads and prayer pamphlets will be available at Our Lady's Shrine at the OLS Campus and at the side altar of the Blessed Mother at the St. Anthony Campus.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1 - 8:30 am to 2:00 pm - DAY OF RECOLLECTION - Reverend Daniel Houde will be our spiritual leader . His presentation will be The Spirituality of St. Therese. The day will begin at 8:30 am and end no later than 2:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes a continental breakfast and light lunch. Advance registration is required. A registration form is attached - please complete and return by September 25, 2011 . Place the form and your check in an envelope marked Rosary Altar - Day of Recollection and drop it off at the rectory or place it in the collection basket.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 - CORPORATE SUNDAY - All parishioners are invited to join the DOLS and the Rosary Altar Society for the recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am. at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3 - MONTHLY MEETING - 7:00 pm in the Church Meeting Room. A representative from Capital Health will discuss Stress Management. Refreshments will be provided by Phyllis Braconi and her committee.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8—SEVENTH ANNUAL REGIONAL ROSARY ALTAR MASS - at 9:00 am, at St. Vincent DePaul Church in Yardville. All active and inactive Rosarians are invited to this special celebration of unity and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Recitation of the rosary will begin at 8:30AM. Following Mass, a continental breakfast will be held in the church hall. Please contact Toni Levandowski at 609-588-4768 for reservations and further information.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 - Prayer Shawl Group will not be meeting in October.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - CORPORATE SUNDAY - Recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am. at the OLS Campus

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7- MONTHLY MEETING/GUEST SPEAKER - 7:00 pm in the Church Meeting Room. Collection for the Thanksgiving baskets for the needy. Refreshments will be provided by Gertrude Pinto and her committee.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - Prayer Shawl Group meets at 1:30 pm in the Church Meeting Room.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER HOLIDAYS & FEAST DAYS

OCTOBER 1 - St. Therese of the child Jesus

OCTOBER 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

OCTOBER 11 - Columbus day

NOVEMBER 1 - All Saints Day

NOVEMBER 25 - Thanksgiving Day

THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son.
Amen



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DAY of RECOLLECTION

GUEST SPEAKER: Rev. Daniel Houde, OSST.
Pastor, Incarnation-St. James, Trenton

DATE: Saturday, October 1, 2011

TIME: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

LOCATION: Our Lady of Sorrows Church - Church Meeting Room
3816 East State Street Ext., Hamilton, NJ 08619

The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes a continental breakfast and a light lunch. Make check payable to OLS-SA Rosary Altar. Please complete the following and return by Sunday, September 25, 2011 to the parish office or place in collection basket. Be sure to mark the envelope "Rosary Altar Day of Recollection." All parishioners are welcome, but advance registration is required. Contact Toni Levandowski at 609-588-4768 with any questions or concerns.

NAME _____ TELEPHONE _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____