



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
July 31, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Last Wednesday, many of us were still basking in the success of the 2016 4th of July Festival, as the Knights threw a delicious chicken dinner with all the trimmings for the "workers" and their families.

The attendance was a full church hall, and, still, it was only half of the number of volunteers for the 4th. We gave copious thanks to those present and those who could not come, but worked with a gargantuan effort.

Brady Wilson, former Grand Knights, was asked by the Knights from other parishes, "How do you put on such a successful festival?" Brady came back right away and said, "You have to start over 67 years ago!"

The climate was warm, but there was no rain to discourage people from coming to the festival. With the 4th being on a Monday, many left town for the long weekend, but we still had the crowd and came close to the record, with a net profit of \$88,500.00. This gave the Knights 10% (\$8,800) for their various charities. The other three way splits of \$26,000 apiece went to the school, the building fund, and the St. Vincent de Paul Charity fund. Chad Gentry, the new Grand Knight, gave 15 cash tickets away at the end of the meal. The grand prize of \$100 was won by Mike Millican!

How about some facts on our new associate, Fr. Balta? He has been ordained 21 years (no, he doesn't look that old)! He has been the principal of a combined elementary and middle school of 1800 students! He may be small in stature, but tall in maturity and successful as a principal. Both of his parents have moved on to their eternal reward, and Father Balta is not homesick for his native India. He does prefer Indian food to

American food, and enjoys the afterhours Rectory kitchen and cooking his own traditional food.

Fr. Balta has five brothers and three sisters (one is a nun). He also has two aunts who are nuns. Father went to the seminary after the 8th grade and has no regrets.

Fr. Balta has been in this country one year, which was served at St. Aloysius and as the Catholic chaplain for UAB.

When Fr. Balta's bishop asked him to be a "missionary" to the States, he said "yes", and again, no "regrets". We are grateful to his bishop for lending us four priests from his diocese at this particular time. Fr. Balta (think Baltimore) is so willing to get involved in every activity. He was at the 4th of July appreciation dinner, at the middle school "wall climbing activity" for their "lock-in", and is always available for counselling and the sacraments. He is nothing but kindness!

One word about our Mayor of Homewood. He has been a personal friend of mine for 20 years. He is a good Baptist, a graduate of Samford, Director of Valley Chapel Funeral Home, and does an excellent job as Mayor. He came again to our 4th of July festival, and many did not recognize him behind the grate as he annually volunteers for the dunking booth, challenging the would-be-baseball pitchers to hit the bullseye and send him into the water. His administrative assistant, J. J. Bischoff, is one of our parishioners. Here is an interesting fact: When the state survey of the top 25 places to live was made for the state, Homewood was at the top of the 25. It says our Mayor is doing a great job!

In this heat, drink plenty of water, even when you are not thirsty, so my friends keep advising me.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Darryl Blevins, Dan Rice,
Mary Ann Huie, Kenneth
Huie, Melanie Gilchrist,
Charlie Kai Wadsworth



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 1	Special Intention Elizabeth Saia
Tuesday, Aug. 2	Special Intention Earl Hamel Sr. Mary Frances Loftin
Wednesday, Aug. 3	Lena Caltagirone Sp. Int. Lou Savary Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Aug. 4	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Eugene A. Bowness
Friday, Aug. 5	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Robert Corbun
Saturday, Aug. 6	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill Stephens John Holt
Sunday, Aug. 7	People of the Parish Elizabeth Guercio Tommy Thornton

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Wednesday at 7:00 AM (With a Partner)

Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Saturday at 9:00 AM (With Partner)

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule.

Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.

Altar Server Training

In the past, we have trained new servers (4th grade and above) in one training session attended by as many as 24 aspiring altar servers. We have concluded that training can

be more effective if the number being trained is much smaller. Towards that end, we will be holding training sessions from 6-7:30 p.m. on August 17, 22, 29, and September 12. Each training session will be limited to six new altar servers. Those interested in registering for a session can go to "Sign Up Genius" on the web. You will find the "Altar Server Training" site by following directions and entering the following email: kentgraeve@gmail.com.

Co-Catechists for 1st, 4th, and 6th grades in the Parish School of Religion are still needed. Please email Suzanne Corso if you are interested at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com.

PSR Registration is now open. Visit www.ourladyofsorrowspsr.com to register your family for grades Pre-k3 through 12th grade.

Here's the Scoop on MID Youth Group!

August 3: Meet at Ultrablast Laser Combat Center at 7 p.m. for some intense laser action! More information coming soon!

August 21: Calling all superheroes! Join us from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall for our Fall Kick-Off! Wear your favorite super hero t-shirt or come in full costume for a prize! Open to all 6th-8th grade teens!

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

Aug. 3: We are ending the summer schedule with a fun night of Laser Tag! Meet us at the Laser Combat Ultra Blast Center from 7-9 p.m. This is for 6th-12th graders!

If you are looking to give your time or talents to our ministry program, we can always use more volunteers! Please contact

ginny@olsyouth.com to learn more about how you can help our youth ministry.

Find more info. on www.olsyouth.com.

The DEADLINE to email family photos/selfies for the Pictorial Directory is Sunday, August 14. Please send in your photograph and contact information to pic@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Ladies Living the Word Bible Study: *The Kingdom of God*

Are you concerned about the evil going on in the world today? How can we as Christians live in the Kingdom of God while living here on earth? All the tools we need may be found in the Word of God. This study will show us how to find these tools to live as Christians in this world and withstand the turbulent times as we have a life-changing encounter with Jesus in His Word. You will receive many graces and form lasting relationships with other spiritually like-minded women as we learn to apply the scriptures to our daily lives. You are encouraged to come and invite your friends to join us in the Family Life Center every Tuesday morning from 9-11 a.m. beginning September 13. Sign-up forms are available in the vestibule, or you may contact Kathy Jackson (through August 25) at 967-3038 or Lanell Carroll (after August 25) at 967-6391.

Small Groups

As Christians we must learn to live righteously in an unrighteous world. How can we do this? We can all benefit from a network of friends, but in the world today, we must have Christian friends to help us live in the Kingdom of God while living here on earth within our homes and places of work. If you are married, single, male, or female, you are urged to join a small group in our parish. Many enduring relationships have been formed as people gather to socialize and study the Word. The groups meet weekly at a time and place arranged by the group leader

beginning in September. Invite your friends to join together, for as Jesus said, He came so "that we might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule or you may contact Mary Ann Graeve at 908-2728.



Perpetual Adoration

Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate twenty-four blessed years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 13th, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 4:45 p.m. from the Chapel of Our Savior to the

Church with the Knights of Columbus leading as the Honor Guard. The OLS Choir will lead the singing.

Benediction will begin at 4:55 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 5:00 pm, celebrated by Msgr. Martin Muller, Pastor.

There will be an appreciation dinner for all **Committed Adorers, substitute adorers and their families** immediately following Mass in the Family Life Center.

This is an opportunity to thank and praise Our Lord for the grace of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and to pray to the Holy Spirit for an increase of many more Committed Adorers.

The appreciation dinner is being completely catered this year. So, come bring your family and enjoy a night out!

The Chapel will be closed until 9:00 P.M.