



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
December 11, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

I find it almost unbelievable that some people will use our parish, claim to be a member, and will not contribute to the support of the parish. Someone has to pay the employees, the utility bills and the multiple other expenses. It is simply wrong to have the mentality, "Let George do it." A football coach will be the first to say that winning is a "team effort." Every single member must contribute. Nick Saban spoke to the parishioners of St. Francis in Tuscaloosa about their drive to raise money for a new church. He told them that the whole parish needs to contribute. He believes in a team effort. No parish should rely on just a few generous souls for support. We all need to give to God even more than God needs our money.

Today is tithing Sunday. The procession to the altar is so impressive and meaningful. Everyone who is receiving an income should contribute something. If you miss the procession for any reason, please mail your pledge to the office or put it in the collection next Sunday.

The tithing card is a pledge to God, a pledge that says, "Everything I have comes from You, and I believe this. In gratitude, I will give back a tenth of it to you, God, with 5% to the parish." It means we will trust in His continued blessings. It means that we love Him with the proof that we are willing to sacrifice for Him.

The fundamental question of our lives is: Who is most important in our lives? Is it any secret that God tells us He is number one? Consider the great commandment:

"Love God with all your heart,
all your mind, all your soul
and all your strength...."

Today we come face to face with God asking for the first part of what we earn. I have yet to hear those who do this say afterward, "I really

missed it." Somehow we don't miss it; and the blessings are multifold.

The frightening statement by Jesus concerning Judas was that it would have been better had Judas not been born. Judas sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. He lost trust in Jesus. He trusted more in money. The word is GREED. We are all tempted in various degrees. Those least tempted are those of us who tithe.

The grace of God is so strong, and so many at OLS respond to God's call to support His Church. May you continue to engage yourselves in responding and receiving the opening of the "floodgates of God's blessings in abundance."

Thanks on behalf of our benevolent God to those who have been so generous this past year in supporting the parish. It allows us to serve so many people and guide them in the direction of God.

Keep the spirit of Advent and look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior with joy and gratitude.

Let there be Nativity Scenes all over in order to keep Christ in Christmas. Our own Nativity Scene in front of the Church is not "hired out", but fashioned and erected by our resident designers: Mrs. Ann Bruno, Mrs. Mary Claire Brouillette, Joe Alesce, John Tombrello, Greg Wos and helpers. Keep viewing these scenes of the birth of the Savior and keep saying, "Thank you, Jesus, a million times."

R.C.I.A.: Around the first of the year we usually have another five people start the R.C.I.A. Class. It is simple: Just come on Monday nights at 5:45 for a meal, 6:30 for small group discussion and 7:00 for my instructions in the Catholic faith (we have CDs for the important classes that are missed). We take a break on December 26, and January 2, but we begin again January 9. All are welcome!

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

The Advent Penance Service will be held on Thursday, December 15, at 7 p.m. in the Church. We will have eight priests hearing confessions, and a nursery is available. Please join us.



Jeanne Wright, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Kenneth Huie, Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Pete Rouveyrol



Monday, Dec. 12	Hahn Family Living & Deceased Charlotte Lewis Sp. Int. Maria Russo
Tuesday, Dec. 13	Sp. Int. Tricia & Roy Hiller Josephine Sicola Sp. Int. Thomas Skinner
Wednesday, Dec. 14	Cecilia Stephens Hahn Family Living & Deceased Walter Cooney
Thursday, Dec. 15	Alan Bruno Gene Phillip Middleton John Dzwonczyk
Friday, Dec. 16	Sam Raine Hahn Family Living & Deceased Charlotte Lewis
Saturday, Dec. 7	Donors to OLS School Foundation Hahn Family Living & Deceased Marcella Franks
Sunday, Dec. 18	People of the Parish Josephine Russo & Marie Winningham Charlotte Lewis

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at Noon (With Partner)

Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)

Tuesday at 4 PM (With Partner)

Wednesday at 5 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.

“O Mary! Teach us the life of adoration! Remember, O, Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, that thou art the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist.” St. Peter Julian Eymard

Christmas Mass Schedule:

***Christmas Eve* (Saturday)**

**4 p.m. (Church, Parish Hall, Assembly Hall) –
Nursery Provided**

6 p.m. (Church)

9 p.m. (Church)

12 Midnight (Church)

***Christmas Day* (Sunday)**

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

***New Year's Eve* (Saturday)**

5 p.m.

***New Year's Day* (Sunday)**

7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Holy Communion is distributed at UAB on Sundays, and the OLS team of Extraordinary Ministers needs help! If interested, please contact Sister Pat in the Church Office at 871-8121.

Our Lady of Grace will meet in the Sodality Room on Monday, December 12, at 10:30 a.m. for our Annual Christmas Party. Our lunch will be catered. Please remember to bring your blankets for the Catholic Center of Concern.

The OLS Music Ministry invites everyone to an afternoon of Advent Music on Sunday, December 18, at 2 p.m. in the Church. All Choirs will be performing, as well as several other soloists and instrumentalists. Please come and get in the Advent spirit with us! All are welcome!

**Here's the Scoop
on MID Youth Group!**

Dec. 11: Join us for our final Edge meeting of the year! It's an Ugly Sweater Party! Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner and festivities! This is not a gift exchange party, just lots of fun!

**What's Goin on
In High School Youth Group?**

Dec. 11: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: We will be recapping the semester and what we've learned so far from the Matthew Kelly 'Decision Point' series!

Dinner & Life Night at 7 p.m.: Advent and Tacky Sweater Party!

We will be on a break until Sunday, January 8. Have a blessed Christmas. See you in 2017!

Learn how you can get involved at www.olsyouth.com.

The Young Professionals Bible Study welcomes men and women in their 20's and 30's who are interested in faith formation and fellowship. All men and women from the diocese are invited to join for study, volunteer opportunities, and outings. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Library of the Family Life Center. We are currently studying "Hail, Holy Queen" by Scott Hahn. If interested, please contact Stephanie Zicarelli at stephaniezicarelli@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook (OLS Young Professionals).

The Annual Respect Life Mass and March, led by Bishop Baker, will be on Saturday, January 14, 2017. The Pray and Unite for Life Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 9 a.m., followed by the March for Life at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park. For more information go to www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com or call 205-447-8796.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, December 17, at 10 a.m. We will have Adoration, Pray the Rosary and worship with Holy Mass. Join us and bring a friend! For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554. We meet the third Saturday of every month at OLS! Come and pray with us!

Children's Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for Children's Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday, December 14, from 10 – 10:30 a.m. in the church. Children of all ages are welcome, including newborns and infants. This time is a wonderful opportunity to encourage your child's faith and prayer life while fulfilling Christ's command to ". . . Let the little children come to me . . ." (Mark 10:14). For more information, please call Kim Stephens at 823-8886.

“SHADOW DAYS”

OLS School is offering an opportunity for your child to experience a day in the life of an OLS Student by “shadowing” a current first through seventh grader. Don't miss this great opportunity! Call this week to arrange a Shadow Day (Thursdays only) for your child at 879-3237...and find out how you can empower your child's future with an affordable Catholic education. *Growing our children in knowledge and faith...Experience the Difference!* www.olsschool.com