



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
March 5, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Lent means "Penance" and penance means "Getting closer to God". With the large crowds at the six Masses on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we primarily came, not for ashes, but to start off this holy season with a special emphasis on the greatest prayer, the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper and the reoffering of Jesus to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins. The ashes remind us of penance.

What will we do for the rest of Lent? Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speaks about PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

So, prayer is first. It means building up that relationship between our self and God. How about some extra Masses during the week? Stations of the Cross in public on Fridays, with benediction? Trying to live more in the presence of God? Developing an attitude of a need for God's mercy and a sense of gratefulness for God's gifts to us?

Fasting is second. Since the language of love is SACRIFICE, Lent tells us to "fast from" some T.V., from gossip, from extra food and drink that we don't need.

Almsgiving. This means "giving to people in need". We certainly do this when we earmark any parish donation to the "Charity Fund" and when we bring groceries to the church for the Catholic Center of Concern. Let us not forget "giving to people in need" includes paying people compliments and giving them the encouragement for which many are starved (this starts with one's own family).

Lent is a time to think of our eternal destiny. Jesus put it this way:

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

We pray during Lent that, when we face Jesus after our lives on this earth, we will see Him more as a Savior than as a Judge. Jesus offers us the "bargain of a life time" when He says:

"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned."

All of the above thoughts might help us make a God-centered Lent.

Last Sunday was a great success. The parish packed 65,800 meals for hungry people. We had three two-hour sessions. The first set of "packers" were those in the PSR confirmation class. The second session was open to the whole parish, and this second group used the whole Assembly Hall in the Family Life Center. It was great to go around to greet those generous working people. The third group was the youth from the middle and high school youth groups.

This program called STOP HUNGER NOW is growing across the country. It is so much fun, with sociability and spirit of being concerned for the hungry across the world. We ultimately thank God we have enough food and really more than we need.

The organization called DYNAMIC CATHOLIC keeps putting out books, CD's and speakers. Matthew Kelly is the organizer who works with Dr. Lauten Johnson, Prince of Peace and OLS. Prince of Peace has the larger facility for the audience, and I simply cannot brag enough on the coming speaker, Allen Hunt, on March 18. His topic is MARRIAGE. Matthew Kelly, who always delivers well himself, only uses superlatives when describing the speaker.

Allen Hunt wrote the book ***Everyone Needs to Forgive Someone***. Walter Busenlehner put 50 copies in the vestibule and they were gone like the wind; I will place another 100 copies in the vestibule soon. Allen Hunt will show how marriage will make a saint out of one and also learn to enjoy it in the meantime. If you cannot stay for the whole presentation (it starts at 9 a.m. and ends at

1:30 p.m.) you can leave at the break. The parish will pay for the tickets, so it is free to any parishioner who is willing to do something extra for Lent. Tickets are available in the Church Office.

With prayers and blessings,
Fr. Muller



Monday, March 6	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Geneva Priola
Tuesday, March 7	Pete Petro Dolly Barranco Geneva Priola
Wednesday, March 8	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Lucille Giardina
Thursday, March 9	For an end to Abortion Sp. Int. Terry & Charlotte Rumore & family Rev. Robert O'Sullivan
Friday, March 10	Walter Cooney Shay McNamee Sr. Mary Gabriel
Saturday, March 11	Sarah Carney Lena Carruba Diana Cusimano Fontana
Sunday, March 12	People of the Parish Fred Vines Sp. Int. Antoinette Alfano



Stations
of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7 p.m.



Pray FOR THE SICK
Vivian Bonamy, Jeanne Wright,
Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 9 AM (With Partner)**
- Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)**
- Wednesday at 6PM (With Partner)**
- Thursday at 6 AM (With Partner)**

- Friday at 1 PM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 6:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 11:00 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.

Everyone is welcome to attend *Adult Education: Encounter and Evangelize* on Sunday March 12. Our speakers will be Jerry Champion and Cathy Stave, who will each share his and her witness story. The gathering begins in the **Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center** at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

V.I.P. will hold the Anointing Mass on Tuesday, March 7. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. All are welcome!

OLS Mother's Day Out Registration will be Friday, March 17, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registration will be for the summer session and for the 2017/2018 school year. Mother's Day Out is for children 8 weeks through 4 years of age. Please call Angie Dunston at 871-3253 for more information.



Please join the Altar Sodality for a Rosary on Thursday, March 9, at 10:30 am in the Family Life Center Sodality Room. We would love to have a crowd! All are welcome.

Our Lady of Peace Guild will meet in the Sodality Room **after** the 12 noon Mass on Monday, March 6. We will be collecting money (\$8) for the Day of Recollection lunch. Remember to bring your sandwich to our meeting; drinks and desserts will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome!

Children's Eucharistic Adoration is Wednesday, March 8. Please join us.

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Altar Sodality for a Lenten day of prayer and penance on Friday, March 10. The schedule for the day is:

8:30 a.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:45 a.m.	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m.	Confessions & Anointing of the Sick
9:45 a.m.	Benediction
10 a.m.	Mass
11:15 a.m.	Luncheon
12 p.m.	Speaker: Rev. Richard Donohoe

Cost is \$8 cash or check made payable to OLS Altar Sodality. To make a reservation contact Jane DeMeis at 337-0023 or Patty Echols at 822-4043. We hope that you will make plans to join us. Deadline for reservations are Monday, March 6.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

March 5: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: Discussing the importance of "Relationships" and where we can find accountability in Christ, our faith, and our friends! (pg. 100-105 in your Decision Point book). Youth Group and dinner at 7 p.m.! Special Guest speaker on dating/relationships. "First Comes Love...Then What?"

Want to join us for the Steubenville ATL Youth Conference July 7-9? Cost is \$75. Learn more at olsyouth.com/trips.

Here's the Scoop on EDGE Youth Group!

March 5: Edge Night on Creation of the Physical World: What We See. 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive next Sunday, March 12, in the Parish Hall. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and their families. The Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most need

blood types, so your donation matters! We want to thank all donors on the last drive who helped us achieve another OLS donation record. We hope to see you there.

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers NEEDED NOW (especially adults):

Adults: Decorate before VBS; Crew leaders (no teaching required); Clean up Friday after VBS is over

Perks: Free nursery and children attend FREE!

Jr. Volunteers (rising 5th graders and up): Crew helpers; crafts; snack; games; nursery; Clean up crew

Sign up at:

www.ourladyofsorrowpsr.com/Vacation-Bible-School.html

Dynamic Catholic presents **PASSION & PURPOSE** for **MARRIAGE** featuring author & speaker Dr. Allen Hunt and musical guest George Lower.

March 18, 2017
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Prince of Peace

4600 Preserve Parkway, Hoover, AL 35226

Get your tickets today in the OLS Church Office. FREE to each couple.

"You cannot imagine how much better your marriage will be once you start applying Allen's life-changing wisdom to your relationship and life!" – Matthew Kelly

DON'T GIVE UP *Chocolate* for LENT! Do something LIFE CHANGING. Sign up for FREE at BestLentEver.com.
Dynamic Catholic

CANCELLED: After further investigation, it has been decided to cancel the Dave Ramsey *Financial Peace University* class.
Fr. Muller