



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
March 12, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Lenten readings are rich for our spiritual growth. This past Tuesday in the Gospel, the Lord gives us the formalized prayer, the OUR FATHER. Every phrase is important, but there is one phrase that Jesus thought was so important He explained it. That request that we ask for forgiveness in the same way that we forgive others. So, when Jesus finished the prayer, He said:

“If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you DON'T FORGIVE MEN, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”

This statement of Jesus can either be a bargain or a curse for us. It simply depends on our willingness to forgive others. It is a bargain if we forgive quickly, then God forgives us quickly. If we do not forgive others (here comes the curse), we will not be forgiven.

Personally, like all of us, we like a bargain. We might even look for someone to offend us, so we can show God how quick we forgive and accept His promise for the quick forgiveness of our sins.

We ordered 500 more copies of EVERYONE NEEDS TO FORGIVE SOMEONE by Allen Hunt. It is a collection of 12 people greatly offended who found peace of mind only after they forgave the offenders. One of the stories is of a woman who left her husband for some “lover”. When she wanted to come back to her husband, by the grace of God and the Lord's condition that we have to forgive, he took his wife back. Shortly thereafter, she realized that she was expecting a child by her “paramour”. His challenge to forgive and be at peace was one of 12 true narratives of people who had to forgive someone in order to have peace.

I once read about a woman whose husband was murdered. The criminal was caught and condemned to death. She witnessed the execution to give her peace of mind. It was a pitiful, temporary satisfaction. She claimed, that with spiritual direction, she finally forgave the man who killed her husband, and for the first time she received some peace of mind.

Someone told me that he thought it was his personal pride which caused him to hang on to a grudge and not forgive quickly. So I decided to unpack the “sin of pride” and realized it was the first sin, as described by the sacred writer of Genesis. Here is the narrative: Adam and Eve were told by Satan if they ate the forbidden fruit, they would know as much as God. With excessive love of self and with an affront to God, they disobeyed God and lost paradise. All sin comes from pride, excessive love of self. Our will over God's will. Jesus says, “Pray for one's enemies.”

The Scriptures state: REVENGE IS MINE SAYS THE LORD. We are not the ultimate judge; it is God, and we tend to take the place of God and “get even”. In our human condition, we can revenge too much or not enough. We need to let God be God and not take the place of the Supreme Judge.

If we are humbled by someone and accept it because Jesus said, “Love your enemies,” it seems it makes up to God for the times, in our pride, when we took credit for ourselves, which really belonged to God.

I love that reading for the first Monday of Lent:

“Be holy, for I, your God, am holy.”

You see, the word “holy” means “loving”, “forgiving”. The Scripture readings for Lent can help us make the best Lent of our lives.

With prayers and blessings,  
Fr. Muller

**The Lenten Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in the Church. We will have 8 priests hearing confessions. Please join us.**



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, March 13	Sam McDavid Josephine Sicola Sp. Int. Lawrence & Mary Jo Angelo & family
Tuesday, March 14	Special Intention Shay McNamee Van Coppock
Wednesday, March 15	Myrtle Rose Chastang Bailey Catherine J. Willen Laverne Boles
Thursday, March 16	Special Intention Anthony Ross Mary Ann Pappas
Friday, March 17	Special Intention Kenneth Huie Kenneth Huie
Saturday, March 18	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Kenneth Huie
Sunday, March 19	People of the Parish Shay McNamee John Milazzo



Stations of the Cross

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



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.

**ATTENTION COMMITTED ADORERS:**

Fr. Michael Doody from Leeds, United Kingdom, is hoping to start Perpetual Adoration in his diocese. He asked Fr. Muller if our Committed Adorers would provide him with testimonies, miracles, and blessings they have received from committing to a Holy Hour once a week in Our Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Over the past 24 years we have all had some astounding miracles, both small and large. Please feel free to share Our Lord's blessings in the journal provided, either hand written or typed, and put them in the Miracles box in the Chapel kitchen. God bless you.

**Everyone is welcome to attend *Adult Education: Encounter and Evangelize*** on Sunday March 19. Our speaker will be Michael Blackstone. He will explore *Quid est Veritas – What is Truth*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

**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.

**The Elementary Children's Ministry** invites all 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders to the UAB v. Alabama baseball game on Tuesday, March 21, at Regions Field. The game begins at 6:30 p.m. You **MUST** RSVP your family tickets for this event by noon on Monday, March 20. **ONLY** families that RSVP will be issued tickets.

Please include your participating 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, parents and siblings in your RSVP count to Chi Ranieri at [ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com).

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

**March 12:** An Edge Hollywood Social: Bright Lights! 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

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

**March 12:** 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. 105-108 in your Decision Point book). Our New Life Night series begins tonight at 7 p.m.! "Unexpected Gift": A Life Night on St. Gianna and the Sacrament of Matrimony.

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

**The Knights of Columbus** are holding a blood drive this Sunday, March 12, in the Parish Hall. They are 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 hope to see you there.

**St. Joseph's Altar** will be on Saturday, March 18, in the Parish Hall following the 5 p.m. Mass. We need volunteers to help set up on Saturday morning, and to work in the kitchen. If you are planning to attend, please bring a meatless covered dish. Some suggestions are: salmon patties, baked fish, pasta dishes, broccoli & rice casseroles, vegetable lasagna, raw vegetables and dip, cookies, cakes, cannoli, etc. For more information, contact Claudia Tombrello (967-9981), Fran Robertson (822-1142) or Marie Swift (956-6323). Leave a message if there is no answer. 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up): Crew helpers; crafts; snack; games; nursery; Clean up crew

**Sign up at:**

[www.ourladyofsorrowspsr.com/Vacation-Bible-School.html](http://www.ourladyofsorrowspsr.com/Vacation-Bible-School.html)

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

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

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

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**OLS Habitat for Humanity Building on Faith Work Day** is Saturday, April 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. OLS and other parishes are coming together to build a Habitat home in honor of Pope Francis. OLS has committed \$5000 and 25 volunteers to help Sonja Cole build her home. No skills required; anyone 14 years old and older can participate and you can come for as little as 4 hours. We need volunteers. To sign up, contact Adam Morel at [adam@morellawfirm.com](mailto:adam@morellawfirm.com) or 903-2562.

**DON'T GIVE UP *Chocolate* for LENT! Do something LIFE CHANGING. Sign up for FREE at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com).**  
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