



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
April 9, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Church is at her best during Holy Week. Last Sunday we wrote all about Holy Thursday, the feast of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Today we anticipate and write about Good Friday. For Easter I will write about the Resurrection of Jesus.

With 365 days of the year, there is only one day that gets the title GOOD, as we repeatedly say Good Friday.

To the extent that we humans have sinned, with endless killings, abortions, private murders, and wars since the beginning of man's existence, and injustices of all kinds, there is balanced off, by God's mercy, the sufferings of the God-man on the hill of Calvary. The suffering on the day we call Good Friday was an act of sacrifice offered for all the sins of all time, that these sins could now be forgiven.

This anniversary of Jesus' death is celebrated all over the world, with fasting and abstaining from meat. The three hours of Jesus' suffering on the cross from noon until 3 p.m. are three sacred hours. We will have three hours of devotion reflecting on each of the seven words spoken from the cross from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. These reflections will be a sermon, group prayer and group singing of WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD. Stations will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last until 3 p.m. If one cannot come for all three hours, one can come and go anytime during this sacred three hours, commemorating Jesus' horrible suffering for three hours, speaking seven times in spite of His agony.

Then, on Good Friday evening, we have NO MASS, but a long Communion Service with the consecrated Hosts left over from the day

before. This starts at OLS at 7 p.m. There are four parts:

1. Scripture
2. Prayers
3. Veneration of the Image of the Crucifixion
4. Communion Service

I. The first **Scripture** reading is from Isaiah (7th Century B.C.). Prophecy of Jesus' suffering:

"...it was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured...He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins...by His stripes, we were healed...We had gone astray like sheep, each following his own way...but the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all..."

What a prophecy from the 7th Century before Christ!

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, which mentions Jesus as the High Priest, with references to the sacrifice of Jesus made to the Father (all during Lent we have the picture on the altar of Christ crucified being offered to the Father, who is in back of Jesus accepting this offering).

The Gospel reading is the narration of the Passion according to St. John, which mentions two of the Seven Last Words from the Cross. The other evangelists mention the remaining five. It is St. Luke who mentions the first words from the Cross, which are so helpful to us. It is Jesus saying:

"Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."

Our Lord preached to us endlessly (even in the Lord's Prayer) that we must forgive one another. Here, Jesus preaches eloquently by His example, even giving His enemies the benefit of the doubt.

II. There are **ten prayers**, with an invitation to pray before each prayer. Notice how fitting these prayers are:

1. For the Church;
2. For the Pope;
3. For the Bishop, priests, deacons and people;
4. For those coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil;
5. For the unity of Christians;
6. For the Jewish people;
7. For all who do not believe in Christ;
8. For those who do not believe in God;
9. For those in public office; and
10. For those in tribulation.

III. Then there is the **Veneration of the Crucifix**, the image of Christ crucified, showing our appreciation of Christ dying on the Cross. We kiss the image as we might kiss the picture of a loved one.

IV. After the devotion, there is the **Communion Service**. This is not the Sacrifice of the Mass. It is the concentration on the reception of that which was offered to the Father. It starts with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Sunday, Easter, we will write on the Resurrection of Christ and the coming of converts into the Church. Easter is our promise by Christ for the life after death.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Please take your palms with you when you leave today. Remember, they have been blessed.

There will be no Noon Mass on Tuesday, April 11. The priests will concelebrate the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Monday, April 10	Rev. Andy Kennedy Sp. Int. Peggy Cole John Milazzo
Tuesday, April 11	Allison Curry Parks Lena Carruba John Milazzo
Wednesday, April 12	Special Intention Walter Cooney Rev. Robert O'Sullivan
Thursday, April 13	Special Intention Josephine Sicola Anthony Ross
Friday, April 14	GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, April 15	Joseph & Kathleen Milan Michael Zarichnak Brian Criswell
Sunday, April 16	Sp. Int. Charles Vizzina/People of the Parish Sp. Int. Glenn & Louise Bryson Norman Naccari



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)**
- Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 5:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Sunday at 11:00 PM**

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.

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." St. Padre Pio (1887-1968)

The Chapel of Our Savior will close on Holy Thursday for the Holy Triduum at 3 p.m. It will reopen on Easter Sunday at 1 p.m.

Adult Ed. is looking for volunteers to help with healthy refreshments, set up and clean up for our weekly gatherings. Your cost will be reimbursed, with receipts. If interested, please contact Frances Smith at frances.smith88@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Grace will meet in the Sodality Room on Monday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your sandwich and canned goods for the Catholic Center of Concern. We will plan our end of year picnic.



Please join the Altar Sodality for a Rosary on Wednesday, April 12, at 11:15 a.m. in the Church for Holy Week. All are welcome!

Evangelization/Faith Formation

Msgr. Martin Muller has authored his third book, "Catholic Answers for Teens and Others" to meet the challenge of teaching the faith and truth to our teenage Catholics. Father Muller's book is most relevant at a time when young Catholics are leaving the faith at an early age and their reasons are deeper than "being bored at Mass." The book is presented answering straightforward questions youth have about the Catholic faith. Simply put, questions that start with "Why do Catholics..."

- Need a pope?
- Need to go to Mass on Sunday?
- Confess our sins to a priest?
- Believe in purgatory and indulgences?
- Have devotion to Mary and the Saints?

Deeper more philosophical questions are also answered:

- How do we know God exists?

- How faith, science and evolution relate (understanding God along with science)
- Why did God create me?
- What is the Catholic teaching on the Bible and Reformation?
- And many more questions and subjects discovered in this easy-to-read book for parents, as well as youth.

Free copies of the book will be available in the vestibule on Easter weekend.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

April 9: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. focusing on the Eucharist with Matthew Kelly's Decision Point series (pg. 116-121). Dinner & Life Night at 7 p.m.: "Abundant Sacrifice", a Life Night on Saint John Paul II and the priesthood.

Find the summer schedule on olsyouth.com.

Here's the scoop on EDGE Youth Group!

April 9: Edge resumes with a night on forgiveness. Learn about the importance of forgiveness, why it is important not only in our daily lives, but as a part of our relationship with God as well. Core Team member Mary Helen Sciro is speaking! Fr. Alex Steinmiller will be available to hear confessions. Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner!

Camp Hidden Lake: All participants are required to make regular deposits until camp balances are paid off. Paperwork is due April 30.

This is Bread for the World Sunday. OLS will conduct its annual letter campaign to our Congressional members on behalf of Bread for the World. This year there will be two methods by which you can participate. We will be set up in the Parish Hall after every

Mass so people can write their letters to Congress. The other option, for the first time, is a new digital option. Using your laptop, notebook, or smart phone insert: bread.org/eol into the browser of your device. After you input your name, address and ZIP code, add a line or two to personalize your email and the message will automatically be sent to both your Senators and Representative. The message can be as simple as "We urge Congress to make funding decisions that put our country and the world on track to end hunger by 2030", or "Please make allocation dollars a priority to fund anti-hunger programs such as SNAP, WIC or global nutrition and PFDA". If you use this method, please call our Church Office so we can track the number of letters sent to our congressional members.



The Feast of the Divine Mercy
is Sunday, April 23.

The Holy Hour will begin at 3:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

Come join us in prayer!

The Novena leaflets can be found in the vestibule. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

One may gain a Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday under the usual conditions of Confession, the recitation of the 9-Day Novena, prayers and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Register now for Vacation Bible School
www.ourladyofsorrowsspr.com



The best week of the summer!

June 12-16th, 2017

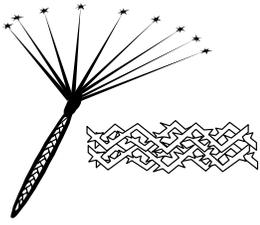
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Rising 4K-4th grade

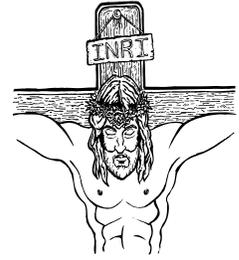
We need volunteers too! Register www.ourladyofsorrowsspr.com

Trash and Treasure News

Now is the time to start gathering your donations for TNT, as June will be here before you know it! If you have furniture items you would like picked up and CANNOT keep until June, call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695 or Mike Montenegro at 335-9046. Also, TNT will host a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. on April 27, for anyone interested in volunteering. For more information, contact Melanie Falconer.



Holy Week
Our Lady of Sorrows Church



Holy Thursday
April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper
5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. In
The Church (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Good Friday***
April 14th

Meditations on the Seven Last Words
12:00 –2:20 P.M.

Stations of the Cross –2:30-3:00 P.M.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 P.M.
in the Church. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Holy Saturday
April 15th

EASTER VIGIL
8:00 P.M. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Easter Sunday
April 16th

7:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M. (Nursery Provided)

10:00 A.M. - 2 MASSES (CHURCH AND
PARISH HALL) (Nursery Provided)

11:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

***** On Good Friday, Father Muller will begin the reflections on the **Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross** at **12:00 p.m.** and will conclude at **2:20 p.m.** The Stations of the Cross will begin at **2:30 p.m.** and end at **3:00 p.m.**, the hour of our Lord's death, the Hour of Divine Mercy. You may come for any part of the services, **but please, out of respect, remain in the vestibule until Father has completed his meditation and then enter the church.****