



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
May 14, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Mother's Day: Congratulations to all Mothers today. The first of the Ten Commandments that pertain to our neighbor is: HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER. The reasons are simple: First, we cannot do for our parents what our parents have done for us. We owe them endless gratitude. Secondly, there can be no peace in the family without authority and the respect for it. Even if our parents are in the next world, let us give them our thoughts and words of thanks. May all mothers enjoy their children as the children celebrate Mother's Day.

Confirmation: This past Tuesday the Holy Spirit came to 85 of our eighth-graders by virtue of the sacrament of Confirmation. Jesus touched those eighth-graders the way He sent the Spirit to the Apostles at Pentecost. Those confirmed have a special claim on the Spirit for those gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and courage, etc. Bishop Baker stressed at Confirmation the gift of knowledge to "try to know your faith". He said one must have the knowledge and wisdom to protect one's faith and the courage to do the difficult for one's faith, using the example of a 14 year old who died for the faith.

100th Anniversary of Fatima: May 13th was the 100th Anniversary of the vision to the three children at Fatima, Portugal. Exactly 100 years later, two of the children, Francisco and Jacinta, were just canonized on May 13, the youngest saints ever canonized who were not martyrs.

The purpose of the vision was a couple of prophecies and the request to: 1) Pray the Rosary daily; 2) Frequent prayer; 3) Devotion of the First Saturdays; and 4) Do the penance of one's duty according to one's state in life.

When 60,000 people saw the miracle of the sun at Fatima, it did not take much time for the Church to admit the validity of the vision and the messages of Fatima.

Mary gave five prophecies:

1. Mary foretold that WWI would soon end, and within a year the war was over.
2. Mary warned if people do not stop offending God another worse war would begin. That was 1917, and no one expected at that time WWII would start in 1939.
3. Mary also said God would send a sign just before the next punishment from God, WWII. In January 1938, all of Europe saw this illuminated light in the sky, comet or whatever, and Sister Lucy (survivor of the three children) told authorities of the Church that this was the sign of that next war. The next year Hitler marched into Poland.
4. Mary said that if people pray and do penance, Russia would be converted. If they do not, Russia would scatter her errors (atheistic communism) with wars and persecutions of the Church. In 1917, Russia was a beaten, disorganized country, and people seriously doubted if the revolutionaries could stay in power, much less scatter her evils far and wide.
5. In the end, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. The question is when will this be: 200 more years, 300 more years, 400 more years?

Devotion to Mary can go overboard, but a solid devotion to Mary is the will of her Divine Son. Jesus sent His apostles to spread His word in the First Century. Down through the ensuing centuries, Jesus has Mary appear with the miracles to back up her apparitions and her messages. Her explicit message from Medjugorje was that we will find all of what we need to know about Christ in the Gospels. Jesus wants His mother to have a very active part in the salvation process,

which was the purpose of His own life on this earth.

Personally, I don't like that oversized crown on the head of Mary, found in a certain highly publicized picture. There is a beautiful statue carved by a talented Dominican priest, Father McGlynn. He listened and sculpted this huge statue of our Lady of Fatima under the guidance of the surviving Sister Lucy, who was with him at that time. No oversized crown!

Warning: We wrote and warned women some months ago not to leave their purses in the pew when going up to receive Communion. Last Sunday, the clever thief struck again at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. PLEASE lock your purses in the trunk of your car or carry them with you. We are installing cameras in the front of the church so we can identify and help the Homewood Police Department eradicate this bothersome crime.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)
Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)
Saturday at 5:00 PM (With Partner)
Sunday at 5:00 AM
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.

ATTENTION COMMITTED ADORERS:

Fr. Michael Doody from the United Kingdom is hoping to start Perpetual Adoration in his diocese. Please provide him with

testimonies, miracles, and blessings you have received from committing to a Holy Hour once a week in Our Lord's Eucharistic Presence. You may leave your testimonies and the graces you have received in a designated box in the Chapel kitchen. God bless you.



Monday, May 15	Special Intention Anthony Ross Phillip Angelo
Tuesday, May 16	Sam McDavid Anthony Ross Sp. Int. David Tryon
Wednesday, May 17	Special Intention Anthony Ross Dan Gallo
Thursday, May 18	Special Intention Anthony Ross Anthony Ross
Friday, May 19	Althea Turner Anthony Ross Kenneth Huie
Saturday, May 20	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Lena Lucia
Sunday, May 21	S.I. Natalie Vizzina/People of the Parish Kenneth Huie Melvin Belala



Jerry Noto, Vivian Bonamy,
Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth

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

Find our summer schedule on olsyouth.com.

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

Tuesday, May 23: Join us at Ultrablast Laser Combat Center, located at 157 Resource Center Pkwy. #109, for our summer kick-off! Come hang out from 7-9 p.m. for pizza and some intense laser combat! Make sure to fill out a participation waiver!

*Please join us
for lunch and help
celebrate*

Msgr. Martin Muller's

*60th Anniversary
of Priesthood!*

Sunday, May 21st

*Following the
11:30 a.m. Mass*

Family Life Center

*He wants prayers, especially for
his total knee replacement on
May 23!*

Register now for Vacation Bible School
www.ourladyofsorrowsspr.com



The best week of the summer!

June 12-16th, 2017

9 am- 12 pm Monday-Friday

Rising 4K-4th grade

We need volunteers too! Register www.ourladyofsorrowsspr.com

**The Knights of Columbus want to do your
Memorial Day grilling for you!**

The Knights are taking pre-orders for 8-10 lb. whole butts, which will be available for pickup at the church grill on the FRIDAY before Memorial Day weekend. The butts are \$35 each and you can phone in your order by calling 205-267-1116. Please listen to the recorded message and then place your order. We hope to make this an annual event and appreciate any support in our first year!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for TNT Set-Up in
OLS Gym:**

Thur. May 25	11 a.m.- 4 p.m. & 4 - 8 p.m.
Fri. May 26	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Sat. May 27	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information contact Jack Fagan at 979-3187.

Trash and Treasure Needs YOU!



July 4th will be here before we know it and now is the time to start thinking about joining our volunteer team and getting donations together. We have flexible hours and a job for everyone. The bulletin will list volunteer hours for each week and an email will be sent out. This is also a great opportunity for your teen to earn service hours.

Donations may be dropped off at the school gym at the bottom of the steps beginning May 27. Last day for pick-ups is June 24 and last day for donations is July 1st. If you need a large furniture item pick-up, call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695 or Mike Montenegro at 335-9046. Please allow several days' notice if you need an item picked up.

Items we are in need of include:

Household items	Toys	Collectibles	Bikes	Furniture
Holiday Items	Art	Jewelry	Rugs	Camping Gear
Religious	Tools	Linens	Books	Appliances (in working order)
Gardening	Crafts	Luggage	Lamps	Yard Items
Clothing (clean, gently used, and on hangers if possible)				Electronics (in working order)

Items we are NOT able to take at this time include:

Broken/non-working items	car seats past the expiration date	mattresses
Sleeper sofas	cribs	pianos
Large tube TVs	Large appliances	

We appreciate everyone's time and donations. For questions, please call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695 for more information or to join our volunteer team. Thank you!