



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
July 2, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The secret of sanctity is doing the will of God, listening to what He wants and then doing it. There are so many calls that each one of us has a personal set of "vocations" (calls from the Almighty).

Many of these calls to help others are not greatly recognized and praised by others, but recognized by our good God so that, as the Scripture says, He knows us so well that each hair of our heads is numbered and our reward is in heaven.

There is one job, hardly understood and poorly recognized. This is the job of the Sacristan. For fifteen years Jude Tombrello did the endless things needed to have the church services and liturgy running smoothly: Putting out the books for the First Friday and First Saturday, and for Stations during Lent; preparing the altar for Benediction; keeping the sanctuary clean; keeping the purificators and other church linens clean and ready (we use 68 purificators a week). These are just a few of the chores of the sacristan.

Then the day comes when Jude turns in his resignation and brought me his willing replacement, his brother, John. So, now it was John who worried about the candles being replaced and the candelabras being kept clean of the wax and kept shining; getting the priests to bless the holy water; purchasing the ashes and getting the six containers of ashes for Ash Wednesday; preparing palms for Palm Sunday; keeping the restrooms in the sacristy clean; getting the candles for the yearly blessing and preparing those candles for the blessing of the throats; getting vestments, albs, and altar server robes cleaned and ready for use; managing the microphones in the sanctuary, and all those seasonal things, such as setting up two extra altars for Christmas, with all the

addenda in the Parish Hall and Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center.

Let no one ask what a sacristan does. The above is a cursory list of some of the things. So, after five years of doubling as the Plant Manager and Head Sacristan, John Tombrello brought me the news of his resignation as the Head Sacristan.

It might be a year and a half or two years before Bo Lovell will leave for the seminary, having to take care of a few personal things before assigned a seminary. Since he will spend the rest of his life as a priest around the sacristy and altar, he was most willing to try to fit into John Tombrello's shoes as THE NEW HEAD SACRISTAN.

The Head Sacristan has one great helper: Ms. Frances Andrews. She designs, paints and sews those meaningful banners. The Head Sacristan also has about six women helping him clean the sanctuary and sacristy on Saturday mornings. They do take turns. Each serves about once a month, with the schedule being kept by Marcy Fleming. Who washes and irons 68 purificators every week? Women like Peggy Sandlin and Jeanne Bearden and many others.

Being a sacristan is not a thankless job. God is always there with thanks.

Since Bo Lovell is destined to enter the seminary in less than two years, we would be looking for someone willing to take his place someday.

Since people move, stop driving, or have other pressing duties, we always need more volunteers for Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Thanks to all sacristans, especially Jude, John and Bo, our new Head Sacristan.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,  
Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai  
Wadsworth



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, July 3	Mary Harb Melof Anthony Ross Walter Cooney
Tuesday, July 4	Special Intention Anita Noto Lena Lucia
Wednesday, July 5	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Lena Lucia
Thursday, July 6	Special Intention Louise Battaglia The Bell Family
Friday, July 7	Susan F. O'Donnell Anthony Ross Angie Rumore
Saturday, July 8	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Gina Fontana
Sunday, July 9	People of the Parish Louise Battaglia Lena Lucia

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Sunday at 8:00 AM**

**Sunday at 9:00 AM**

**Sunday at 11:00 PM**

**Monday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)**

**Saturday at 5:00 PM (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.

**Sign up for funeral email notifications at [ols@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:ols@ourladyofsorrows.com).**

**New Evangelization**

Pope Francis addressed some Sisters in Rome recently and said that the joy of the Gospel will lead you to go out to others with a joyful face and attitude. True joy will drive away LETHARGY that withers the soul. Jesus is the GOOD NEWS for all. Never tire of using the art of listening and SHARING.

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

**The Knights need volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival! Sign up for a time slot with the games or hot dog & sno cone booth by logging into [ourladyofsorrows.com](http://ourladyofsorrows.com)!**

**July 7-9:** We are taking 42 teens to the Steubenville ATL Catholic Youth Conference. There will be daily Mass, Adoration, small groups, worship and more. It is a truly enriching weekend. Please pray for our youth to have a powerful experience!

*If you are interested in volunteering with our ministry, please contact [ginny@olsyouth.com](mailto:ginny@olsyouth.com).*

**Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual OLS Sanctuary Tours** at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. during the July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival. We also need tour guides; training is provided. ALSO, any and all information pertaining to the architectural design, donor families, altar, statues, pink marble and stained glass windows is much appreciated. Please contact Teresa Pitts-Flynn at 979-2955 if you would like to help.

**June Bridge Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Leo Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arlene Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dodie Madden

**BRIDGE PLAYERS:** You are invited to join the OLS Bridge group. We meet and play on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information or to sign up, please call Jean Holt at 979-0259.

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**REBUILDING: A Divorce and Grief Recovery Group** is a group designed to assist in grief recovery for the divorced, widowed and separated of this community. REBUILDING is an interdenominational program and all are welcome. Meetings are held in the Family Life Center from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. The next 10 week session begins on Tuesday, July 11. Cost is \$25; no pre-registration is required. For more information, call 205-969-0062. Leave a message and we will return your call. Our website is [www.ourrebuilding.org](http://www.ourrebuilding.org).

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### **Fourth of July Festival Volunteers — WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!**

You can sign up for all areas of the festival on the OLS website. Printed copies of the sign-up sheets are available in the Church Vestibule.

To sign up on the OLS website, please access the links to each sign-up at [ourladyofsorrows.com](http://ourladyofsorrows.com).

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer but don't have internet access, please contact Greg Pierre at 907-5605.

Thanks for volunteering!

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### **Trash and Treasure Work Hours:**

Monday, July 3	9 a.m. - ?
Tuesday, July 4	8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wednesday, July 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Workers needed the following week for breakdown. Call Melanie Falconer for details.



# Firecracker Gazette

OLS 68<sup>th</sup> Annual  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival  
Tuesday, July 4, 2017  
Our Lady of Sorrows

## Church

1728 Oxmoor Road  
Homewood, Alabama  
Grand Marshall – Msgr. Martin Muller

**Where:** OLS Parking Lot  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Entertainment:** Bobby "T" Tanory  
Karaoke – Music – Prizes  
**Games:** Horse Racing, Putting  
Green, Darts, Fish Pond  
Ring Toss, Doll Booth, Cake  
Booth, Hot Wheels Racing  
**Bingo:** 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in  
the Family Life Center  
**Rummage Sale:** Trash n' Treasure in Gym  
from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Pre-Sale: 8-9am ONLY. The  
first 400 people will be  
admitted with a \$5 ticket,  
which will be sold at the  
door.  
Half-Price Sale!!  
Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 9  
a.m. – 3 p.m.

**RAFFLE:** Grand Prize \$5000

**Food Menu:** Served 10:00 a.m. – 3:00  
p.m. in the Parish Hall  
**Plates:** \$9.00 (Choice of Pork, Ribs,  
or 1/2 Chicken)  
--includes beans / slaw /  
bread / drink

**Hot Dogs:** \$1.00  
**Smoked Sausage:** \$2.00  
**Brats:** \$2.00  
**Pork Sandwiches:** \$3.00  
**Sno Cones:** \$2.00

## BULK MEAT SALES

Available during the Festival in the School Cafeteria.

Whole Pork Butts - \$8.00 /lb.  
Chopped Pork - \$8.00 /lb.  
Ribs - \$20.00 / slab  
Whole Chicken - \$9.00; 1/2 chicken - \$5.00  
Beans / slaw / sauce - \$3.00/pint

PRE-SALES – BULK ONLY – Monday, JULY 3rd,  
9 AM – 4 PM IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA