Our Lady of Sorrows Church
July 30, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Not every person reads the bulletin. They intend to do it, but they take it home and it isn't read. THIS SUMMARIZES WHAT IS SO IMPORTANT AND, SO, IT REPEATS A BIT WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN.

Starting the first Sunday in August, here at OLS, we will distribute the Lord Jesus under one species at all the Masses.

I don't think there is another parish in our diocese that has six Masses. Having the Eucharist under both species necessitates having a total of 64 Extraordinary Ministers each weekend. Kent Graeve, who is in charge of assigning the Lectors, servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, simply tells me there are not enough voluntary Extraordinary Minsters for all six Masses to include the distribution of the cup as well as the Lord in the Hosts. This is not my preference or option. Kent has asked a number of people (and he knows so many because of what he does in this parish), and is unable to solicit enough Extraordinary Ministers for the cup and the Host. It is circumstance that has dictated this change.

The fact is that wherever we have the living Body of Christ, we have His living Blood. Conversely, wherever we have His living Blood, we have His living Body. Reason tells us this.

Scripture says the same thing about the concomitant existence of the BODY and the BLOOD of Jesus. The reference is 1 Cor. 11-27, where St. Paul writes that if one receives either the consecrated Bread OR the consecrated Wine unworthily, one is guilty of the Body AND Blood of the Lord.

When we receive only the consecrated Bread, we receive the whole Christ, Body and Blood, soul and divinity (the person of Jesus). For many centuries the laity received the consecrate bread, only. The practice continues today when we bring the Eucharist to the sick and, also, at daily Masses.

It is possible that we may go back to both species, but for the present, starting the first Sunday of August, it will be one species.

If one has serious objections then let them solve the problem for Kent Graeve of making up a schedule without enough Extraordinary Ministers.

We give great thanks to those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers. We all admit no one is worthy, not even the priests! In theory, we should all stay on our knees before the God of all creation.

The new practice will remind us of an important doctrine of our Catholic theology: Christ is completely present under both the consecrated Bread and the consecrated Wine.

We should think deeper than the "consecrated Host". We receive the PERSON of Jesus, which is emphasized when we say the Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus that comes to us. Can we ever thank Jesus enough? No wonder Pope Francis has named a recent book he wrote THE NAME OF GOD IS MERCY!

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Monday, July 31	Roy McCord Virginia Cherre Wynn Smith
Tuesday, Aug. 1	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Walter Cooney
Wednesday, Aug. 2	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Lena Lucia
Thursday, Aug. 3	John Milan Louise Battaglia Lena Lucia
Friday, Aug. 4	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Joe Ippolito
Saturday, Aug. 5	Donors to OLS School Foundation William J. Stephens Sp. Int. Carole Zarichnak
Sunday, Aug. 6	John Holt/People of the Parish Louise Battaglia Sam McDavid

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

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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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested – an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus? (1 Kings 3:5,7-12)
For world and Church leaders, may they work for the reign of God with an understanding heart.

Sign up for funeral email notifications at ols@ourladyofsorrows.com.

PSR Registration is now open. Visit www.olspsr.com. Please register your family for grades Pre-k3 through 12th grade.

PSR (Parish School of Religion) is for all children not attending Catholic School from ages 3-18!

BOLDLY GO WHERE MANY HAVE BEFORE…AND HELP PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH! This fall, over 400 children and young people, preschool through grade 12, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith.

You can help by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation in PSR. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials, and support. Classes begin August 20.

If interested for more information, contact Suzanne Corso: dre@ourladyofsorrows.com or 790-0147.

USHERS NEEDED: If you are interested in Ushering during Masses, please join us for dinner and an informative meeting on Wednesday, August 9, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **All current ushers, prospective ushers, and their families are invited.** Please call the Church Office at 871-8121 to RSVP.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

Wednesday, Aug. 2: End of the Summer Pool Party! Join us at the Homewood Rec from 7:15-9:15 p.m. for a fun night at the pool! This is for all 6-12th graders. We ask that you wear modest swimwear only. Thank you!

Our fall schedule will kick off on August 20th!

Our ministry is looking for volunteers who can commit to helping us in the Fall. Are you interested? Contact ginny@olsyouth.com.

Parents, volunteers, core team, anyone 21+: you are invited to attend the EMPOWER Conference in ATL on Aug. 26th. This one-day retreat is meant to equip youth ministers, core members and volunteers with the tools that their ministry needs in order to thrive. The cost will be covered by OLS. Let us know if you want to attend!

Here's the Scoop on MID Youth Group!

Wednesday, August 2: Meet at Homewood Pool for an end of summer splash! Bring a pool treat to share and a towel. In case of rain, meet in the FLC gym for games. We will swim from 7:15-9:15 p.m.

www.olsyouth.com

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all 1st - 5th graders to cheer on the UAB men's soccer team against Clemson on Saturday, August 12 at 6pm at the BBVA Compass Field. Please RSVP your family tickets by noon on Tuesday, August 9 to ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com. Older and younger siblings are welcome to attend this event. Please include them in your ticket RSVP.

God is good – all the time! Fr. Wilfred's Book Interview on "New Media and the Christian Family" will be aired on EWTN as follows: Sunday, August 13th, 9:30 – 10:00am ET; Monday, August 14th, 5:30 – 6:00pm ET; & Saturday, August 19th, 1:30 – 2pm ET.

CALLING ALL KIDS – GRADES 2-8

Would you like to learn more about music? Do you like to sing? Please come and join the OLS Parish Children's Choir this year. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the Music Room, and we have the opportunity to sing one Sunday a month for Mass – AND for Christmas Eve and Easter! For more information please email Mrs. Garcia at **OLSChoirKids@gmail.com**

Silver Rose Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Paul

Everyone is invited to the Silver Rose Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Saturday, August 5 at 4:30pm. The service will begin with the procession of the Silver Rose, which is traveling across the south. This rose is one of six journeying across North America to exemplify devotion to Our Lady and the commitment to the Culture of Life of the Knights of Columbus.
Very Reverend Bryan Jerabek, pastor and rector, will lead the praying of the rosary, followed by recitation of the prayer by Pope Saint John Paul II, "Entrusting the Cause of Life to Our Lady." The regularly scheduled anticipated Holy Mass will follow at 5:00pm. Also, this prayer service provides another opportunity for all of us to honor the Blessed Mother during this Marian Year in our diocese.

July Bridge Winners:

1st Bill Kelly
2nd Jean Holt
3rd Margaret White

We are looking for bridge players. If you are interested, please call Jean Holt at 979-0259. Lessons available.