



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
August 20, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Our faith is based on reason, but it is also helped tremendously by the example of others. People who are examples are WITNESSES. The Greek word, Martyr, simply means "witness".

Last Monday morning at 2 a.m. I walked into the Chapel with the 2 to 3 a.m. committed adorer, whose name is Phil Philbin. Phil's wife is Dawn, a teacher at OLS School. When I left the Chapel after 30 minutes and he stayed to complete his hour, I thanked him for being there. He said, "My pleasure", and added that his father in Nebraska had a committed hour at 11 p.m. for 50 years. He said his father was a witness to him. We have 60 committed adorers who have gone the whole 25 years at OLS. They have children who must be influenced by this, especially if they go on for more years. Then they, too, might sign up for a committed hour if they are in a city that has Perpetual Adoration.

I frequently go into the back room in the Chapel and look at the names of those committed for certain hours. We have all heard the term "Litany of the Saints". Well, I call that list the "list of the saints". This is not to say that there are not a whole list of saints in our parish with different ways to stay close to our Savior, Who calls all of His friends "saints". These people are not Sunday-only friends of Jesus.

**Youth Ministry:** We are truly blessed to have dedicated Youth Ministers in our parish. Salaried, yes! Committed to the job? Absolutely, YES! When we have the numbers of youth coming up to 40, we need two things: 1) Extra room, and that's heavily my responsibility, and; 2) More volunteers to help our Youth Ministers. A strong youth

program is not an option for a parish; it is a must. Again, the Youth Ministers need helpers.

The pope has called for a SYNOD OF BISHOPS to be held at the Vatican in 2018 (that's next year). An Ecumenical Council is when all the bishops attend. A synod is when several selective bishops from each country participate in meetings, with plans for the whole Church. The main topic in 2018 is YOUTH! We live in a secular age, and our youth are influenced by the secularism of our times. The youth of our Church easily leave unless we give them reasons for the faith and special opportunities to practice the faith. The American bishops, at their semi-annual meeting in June of this year, discussed the coming Synod, and it was remarked that the youth have a special grace to tune into Adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist. Our neighboring state of Georgia seems to have the best programs for the spiritual growth at camps with spiritual directors. The feedback I get is that the youth love it and have grown from these camps in their love for the Lord.

When Ginny Dooley spoke at some of the Masses last Sunday, she appealed for parents to consider helping this ministry as volunteers. Charles Ferlisis, a regular and valuable volunteer, will tell any parent about the spiritual satisfaction that comes from helping the young stay grounded in their faith and commitment to God. If God is calling you to be a helper, call Ginny and/or Carol (Middle School Minister) or even call Charles Ferlisi to find out more about it.

**Communion under Both Species:** After Kent Graeve spoke at all the Masses last Sunday, he received 30 requests for parishioners to be trained to be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. He claims he will be able to work out the schedule now for the reception under the appearance of bread and, also, the appearance of wine. **This will start next Sunday.**

For the parish, this was a moment of Catechesis. Jesus is completely present

under either species. In the case of the appearance of bread, He stressed that His Body would be “given up” (offered as sacrifice), and under the appearance of wine Jesus stressed that, as a bit of a person’s blood was used to seal a covenant in those days (contract), so, too, His Blood would be shed, sealing a New Contract between God and His people, with His Blood being shed for the forgiveness of sins.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

**Crying babies in the Church:** The good news is that young couples are having babies. Also, it is good news that they would like them in Church. The other news is that the people in Church who placed their children in the nursery, or who have gone to the vestibule, or who, as parents, take turns on Sundays going to different Masses to keep the crying children at home, complain to us priests if we don’t say something about the rights of others in Church to pray in peace. Last Saturday night people complained to Fr. Wilfred that he did not say something at Mass. They might complain to me that I did, politely, suggest that the babies just might need a change of atmosphere, etc.

If your child cries continually, please, at least, use the vestibule. Others in the church will admire you for your consideration.



Vivian Bonamy, Vita D’Amico,  
Mary Ann Huie, Melanie  
Gilchrist, Charlie Kai  
Wadsworth

**Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education** on Sunday, August 27. Our speaker will be EWTN producer and OLS parishioner John Elson. His topic is *The Message of Fatima*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship

and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m.



Monday, Aug. 21	Special Intention Elizabeth Guercio Josephine Romano
Tuesday, Aug. 22	John Milan Virginia Cherre Special Intention
Wednesday, Aug. 23	Susan F. O’Donnell Lena Lucia Margaret Monte
Thursday, Aug. 24	Special Intention Lena Lucia Anthony Ross
Friday, Aug. 25	Special Intention Anthony Ross Sp. Int. Mary Catherine Tombrello & family
Saturday, Aug. 26	Donors to OLS School Foundation Joe Ippolito Sp. Int. Nighisti & Fran Nagassi & family
Sunday, Aug. 27	Walter Cooney/ People of the Parish Lena Lucia Sp. Int. Lillie Rumore & family

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Sunday at 1:00 PM**
- Sunday at 2:00 PM**
- Wednesday at 6:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 9:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 4:00 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.

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) offers Faith Formation classes** for all ages from 3 year olds through high school. **REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Go to [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com) to register or call Suzanne Corso or Marcy Fleming for more information

at 871-1431. Or email at [psr@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:psr@ourladyofsorrows.com).

**Sacramental Preparation classes are two year programs:**

**First Holy Communion:** All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the class. The sacrament is received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

**Confirmation:** All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the class. The sacrament is received in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

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***Do You Love to Sing?*** PSR is looking for someone to lead children ages 3-9 in music during PSR classes each Sunday from 10:00-11:15 a.m. The responsibility would be shared with another music leader. Call Suzanne Corso at 871-1431 or email at [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com).

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

**Wednesday, Aug. 23:** Starting a Co-ed Bible Study called *The Summit* written by Life Teen! *The Summit* dives deeper into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings with reflection, prayer, and teachings. All high schoolers welcome. 7-8:30 p.m. every week!

**Sunday, Aug. 27:** Life Night "Made as One". Come learn about our Church and grow in faith with your peers! Dinner, small groups, discussion and games. 7-8:30 every week!

**The March for Life sign-ups** are now open! You must register with a \$50 deposit and travel form by Sunday, October 1, to get a spot. This is open to all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in our parish. Find forms and details on the "Trips" tab on [www.olsyouth.com](http://www.olsyouth.com).

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

**Sunday, August 20:** EDGE is back! Join us for a Black & White Kick-off Social as we

introduce teens to our semester theme: "Morality". Meet at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall for dinner, followed by games. All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders welcome!

**Saturday, August 26:** Reserve your spot for the EMPOWER Conference in Atlanta! This event is open to all adults interested in helping with Youth Group. Experience the LifeTeen movement that is impacting the teens at OLS. Carpool leaves from the FLC. Contact Ginny ([gabby@olsyouth.com](mailto:gabby@olsyouth.com)) or Carol ([carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com)) for more info. Registration is happening now!

**Wednesday, Sept. 6:** Join us for a Parent Meeting in the Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the FLC). Come learn about what is in store for Edge this year! Teens are welcome. Contact Carol at [carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com) to RSVP.

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**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](mailto:OLSChoirKids@gmail.com).

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**OLS Toy Bowl Volleyball** registration is now underway. Registration is open to all boys and girls in grades 3-8 attending OLS or the Parish School of Religion. Please visit [olsschool.com](http://olsschool.com) and click on the Volleyball Registration link at the top for more details and to sign up. Registration fees will be billed to your Facts account.

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**BIBLE STUDY**

All are invited to attend a 20-week Bible Study on Thursday nights beginning September 14, in the Parish Hall from 7-8:35 p.m. This year we will be studying Acts of the Apostles, a study produced by Ascension

Press and featuring weekly video teaching by Jeff Cavins. Please do not let the fact you may not be able to attend every Thursday night prevent you from joining in the study. Study materials must be ordered, so if you are interested in attending or have questions, please contact Kent Graeve at kentgraeve@gmail.com or 999-3474.

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**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Saturday, August 26, at 10 a.m. Please join us for an hour of prayer, Adoration and Mass, with special prayers to Padre Pio. Also, in September we will be celebrating together on Padre Pio's Feast Day, which is September 23, at 10 a.m. We will have a potluck lunch following Mass that day! Hope you can join us in August and September when we honor our Patron Saint. Padre Pio...Pray for us!! For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

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**Give back to God and become involved in His Church!** If you are hesitant to participate in the ministries of the Church, just come and see what a blessing it can be to serve the Lord by serving others and your parish family. There will be a parish-wide Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 10, in the Family Life Center. Please join us after the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Come by for coffee and doughnuts and see how you can be a part of this blessed parish!

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### **Bible Study for Women**

The apostles had the privilege of speaking and listening to Jesus face to face, and today we have the great gift of the Word in the Holy Bible. Plan to join other women of the parish as we break open the Word with a study on the book of Ephesians. We meet every Tuesday morning beginning September 12, from 9-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Each Tuesday there will be a light breakfast, followed by praise, lecture and small group discussion on weekly lessons. To register or

for more information, please contact Mary Ann Graeve at 908-2728.

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### **Birmingham's Catholic-chartered American Heritage Girls**

troops are opening registration for the 2017-18 school

year. If your girl (age 5-18) likes trying new things, making friends, serving others and growing in her faith, she sounds like an American Heritage Girl! Troop AL-1478 meets at OLS, and "new" Troop AL-1128 now meets at Our Lady of the Valley. The troops include girls from public and private schools, as well as homeschoolers from different parishes. Come to a drop-in Meet-and-Greet informational gathering at OLS on Wednesday, August 23, in the Parish Hall from 3:30 – 6 p.m. For more information on the troop at OLS, contact Monica Duvall at moduvall@hotmail.com. To find out more about the American Heritage Girls organization, visit [www.AmericanHeritageGirls.org](http://www.AmericanHeritageGirls.org).

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## **Carryin' On**



### **OLS Sodality invites**

**ALL ladies of the parish**

to join us for our

***New Members' Event!***

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm

PARISH HALL

Southern Vittles & Entertainment with

### **Something Else! Trio**

**RSVP** Jeanne Bearden 563-6366 or Jane DeMeis 337-0023

EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION



*“Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.*

*Let our Adoration never cease!”*

**St. Pope John Paul II**

These sixty faithful Prayer Warriors have been blessed to keep their appointed Holy Hour with Jesus for twenty-five years in the Chapel of Our Savior from August 15, 1992 to August 15, 2017.

Rev. Martin Muller  
Antoinette Alfano  
William Askew  
Kathleen Born  
Mary Claire Brouillette  
Walter Busenlehner  
Luis Cabrera  
Susana Cabrera  
Robert Cahill  
Josephine Cahill  
Eugenia Carlo  
Trudy Carpri  
Angela Cashio  
David Coombs  
Margie Curry  
Theresa DiChiara  
Chris Gattina  
Joe Guarino  
Mary Jo Gustin  
Lee Hines  
Linda Hunnicutt  
Jimmy Hunnicutt  
Pete Hunton  
Sara Marie Lamoureux  
Al Lamoureux  
A.V. LaRocca  
Mary Ann LaRussa  
Ruth Lee  
Margo Lemonis  
Jeannette Lovell

Jack Marino  
Anthony Marino  
Paul Martina  
Barbara McClary  
Gaethea Messina  
Mary Lois Milazzo  
Bill Mills  
Stephanie Murdock  
Mary Jane Noto  
Joseph Pitts  
Sharon Pitts  
Paul Porter  
Irene Porter  
Antoinette Raine  
Rosemary Reynolds  
Fran Ross Robertson  
Susan Rosko  
Chris Rosko  
Sam Salerno  
Peggy Salerno  
Anthony Saway  
Vicky Schifano  
Nina Smeraglia  
Joseph Snoe  
Mildred Stephens  
Claudia Tombrello  
Jude Tombrello  
Josephine Tortorice  
Anthony Troncale  
Janet Waters

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” (Matthew 25:23)