



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
September 17, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

If God has a plan for the smallest worm on the earth, why wouldn't He have a plan to support His Church? If we believe the Bible, the answer is that He does have a plan: All who earn wages are to give God the first tenth of what they earn. It is stated in the Bible, 44 times in the Old Testament and two times in the New Testament. He lets us use the other 90 percent. Can't you just hear an angel asking God, "Why let them use 90 percent? Just let them use 60 percent and tell them they are to give 40 percent back to You." God's response is, "I just want the first tenth of what they earn."

Twice a year I speak on God's plan to support His Church, and I take the opportunity to say: Thank you for your most generous pledges to the parish and to Catholic Charities.

The American Bishops recommend 5 percent to the parish and 5 percent to be given to God in so many different ways, such as Catholic education, United Way, Red Cross, and special collections. We highly recommend a good part of that other 5 percent be given to Catholic Charities. This is money given to God, administered by the Bishop, with only 5 percent going to administration. Other organized charities use about 10 percent to 12 percent of the money for administration.

Everything we have is His and we owe Him that first tenth, as He requests in the Scriptures. Still, if we do this, He promises a great reward. Personally, I am so accustomed to God's blessings, I would be afraid not to tithe. I could not readjust my life to live without His blessings.

If God is number one in our lives, then, in planning our budget, He should be given the first part of what we earn.

Catholic Charities supports the Catholic Centers of Concern. The sisters distribute money for rent, utilities, and prescription drugs to the needy. The centers also administer the many food gifts and clothes to those in need. When we give to Catholic Charities, we support future priests who are in the seminary today. We support programs for the mentally challenged, the elderly, and the office of religious education, which helps each parish with its Parish School of Religion. We also support Campus Ministers for some sixteen colleges and universities. We support the Black Ministry, we support the Hispanic Ministry and we support Catholic Family Services (adoption services, foster care for children and assistance for unwed mothers).

Being a member of Catholic Charities means we love our neighbor in so many different ways. Our neighbor has been defined as the person in need!

You should have received a pledge card from the diocese. Pray over it. Everyone should sign a card. If you are not pledging, simply write on it your disposition. We put them all in a basket next Sunday and place this offering at the foot of the altar in gratitude to God for all He has done for us and as part of the tithe we owe Him.

On behalf of the good Lord, I thank you a million times for your extreme generosity to the **parish** and to other works of charity, especially **Catholic Charities**.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Monday, Sept. 18	Special Intention Carolyn Toro Frank Beuerlein
Tuesday, Sept. 19	Mary Thornton Barbara Maluff Sam McDavid
Wednesday, Sept. 20	Special Intention Angie Campisi Sam McDavid
Thursday, Sept. 21	Special Intention Joe Ippolito Sam McDavid
Friday, Sept. 22	Sp. Int. Cheri Grundhoefer Melvin Belala
Saturday, Sept. 23	Sp. Int. Bill & Debbie Barranco & family OLS School Foundation Donors Sp. Int. David & Jeanne Barranco & family Sp. Int. Suzanne Bell & family
Sunday, Sept. 24	People of the Parish Dolly Barranco Ross Rumore

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Sunday at 5:00 AM

Thursday at 10:00 AM (With Partner)

Thursday at 3:00 PM (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.



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

Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers:

If you are interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or if you have children in 4th Grade or above who are interested in altar serving, please contact Kent Graeve at 999-3474 or kentgraeve@gmail.com.

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, Sept. 24. Our speaker will be John Elson. His topic is *The Message of Fatima: Prophecies and Promises*. 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.

Here's the Scoop on MID Youth Group!

Sunday, Sept. 17: Join us for "Stand Together", an Issue night on Bullying. Together we will come to an understanding of what bullying is, why it is harmful, and how to overcome it. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Saturday, Sept. 23: The Diocese of Birmingham is hosting the first annual **Eucharistic Youth Congress** from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville and features music by P.J. Anderson. Open to 8th-12th grades. Contact Ginny (ginny@olsyouth.com) or Carol (carol@olsyouth.com) for more information or to register.

Thank you to parents who have volunteered to feed and pray for the middle schoolers! Let's continue to fill those remaining spots! Email for access to the SignUp Genius.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

Sunday, Sept. 17: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: *What does the Church Teach About Evolution?* Life Night: "Made for More!" We will explore the holiness of the Pilgrim Church, encourage the teens to make a commitment to their own journey toward holiness, and recognize how the Church can help them on their journey. 7-8:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Co-ed Bible "Summit" Study! Dive into scripture and prayer together.

March for Life Registration is OPEN!

Stand up for life in D.C. with hundreds of thousands. The trip will be January 17-21. Cost is \$150. ginny@olsyouth.com for more info.

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The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive this Sunday, September 17, in the Parish Hall. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.



*It is to just such as these that
the Kingdom of God belongs*

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins Sunday, September 24, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All children in grades K-6, including those in the Parish School of Religion and those attending Our Lady of

Sorrows School, are invited to attend these liturgies, which have been especially prepared for them. We will gather in the main sanctuary for the Introductory Rites and be dismissed from there to process together to the Parish Hall. Older siblings and members of the family are welcome to celebrate the Lord's Word with us.

There are a number of ministries available to the children within Children's Liturgy of the

Word, including Cantors, Lectors, and Actors & Actresses for special homilies. All interested children are encouraged to participate in these ministries and to sign up with Greg Harber following the 8:30 a.m. Sunday masses, or parents may contact me via email: gharber@mindspring.com. For more information call Greg Harber, 205-251-2133 (evenings) or 205-807-8055 (cell).

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, September 23, at 10 a.m. This is a special day as it is Padre Pio's Feast Day, and we will celebrate with a pot-luck lunch following our Rosary, Prayers and Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a dish to share, and bring a friend! Let us come together and celebrate our Holy Patron Saint, Padre Pio! Fr. Douglas Vu will celebrate this special Feast day with us!! For more information contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554. Padre Pio...Pray for us!

The Young Professionals Bible Study at OLS welcomes men and women in their 20's and 30's who are interested in faith formation and fellowship. All men and women from the diocese are invited to join for study, volunteer opportunities, and outings. The Young Professionals group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Sodality Room of the Family Life Center. To join our email list, please email Stephanie Zicarelli at stephaniezicarelli@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook (OLS Young Professionals).

The Bereavement Committee meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, September 18, at 9 a.m. in Parish Hall. Contact Jane DeMeis at 337-0023 with questions.