



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 15, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

After 25 years, Sister Pat, our marvelous Minister to the Sick, has resigned her position at OLS for health reasons.

If ever there was a dedication to the job of ministering to the sick, we found that absolute dedication in Sister Pat Sullivan. Sister's health has not been that good, and recently, while visiting her brother in New York, she ended up in the Intensive Care Unit. Sister had just come out of the hospital after a few days in a regular room when she returned to the Mother House, fell and broke her arm. Her basic sickness has reached the point that Trinitarian Headquarters knew that she would not be able to continue her work at OLS.

A wave of sadness has come over the office and the shut-ins, whom she so frequently visited by phone and in person. Also, those marvelous VIP people so much enjoyed and loved Sister.

Some months ago, Jane DeMeis told me she was looking for a job, preferably working for the Church. Keeping this in mind, I had a couple conversations with her and found that when she was a Methodist, she was involved with visiting the elderly. With her organizing the Sodality as the president for the second term and, thereby, knowing the parish through the women of the sodality, I knew she could fit the "bill" for the new Minister of the Sick. She accepted.

Jane DeMeis will have to reach high, because Sister Pat certainly "raised the bar" with a dedication to the sick, which was the envy of so many of us. She made sure that "shut-ins" were anointed twice a year, taking us priests to visit them with incredible knowledge of the streets and homes of so many. She would know which priest would be best for certain people.

Four weeks ago Sister took me to see Bill Sullivan and Peggy Naccari at St. Martin in the Pines. Then we went to Fairhaven nursing home and saw four people, one of whom was Lynne Stella's own sister, Peggy Lambie. Three hours after I anointed her, the Lord took Peggy to Himself. I was so grateful to Sister, with whom the Lord must have been working closely, since I was personally overdue the visit to Peggy. Sister took me for the anointing and neither she, nor I, nor the nursing home or Lynne ever suspected that she would leave this earth in three hours.

That powerful anointing prays for health and forgives sin and so much of any temporal punishment due to sin. That prayer for the body is answered, in her case, by the resurrection of the body on the last day, and the forgiveness of sins took place hours before the Lord said, "COME!" Lynne Stella and her husband, Mark, are great friends of mine. I taught Lynne at John Carroll (Class of '61) and hired Lynne for her job at the CCLC even before we built the building. Because two brothers are out of town, the funeral Mass has been postponed until next Wednesday at 11 a.m., with the interment in the Columbarium.

Thank you, Sister Pat, for the enormously effective work with the sick, the bereaved, and the great VIP people, and keeping me administering the Last Rites to those that you felt were in need. Sister, herself, brought Jesus in the Eucharist to more people than we can count.

Our prayers will always be with Sister Pat, along with our strong feelings of gratitude and love.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. A million thanks to all who have pledged to Catholic Charities. We have done well, but are still \$34,700.00 behind what the diocese has given us as our goal this year. This is money given to God and covers so many essential agencies of charity and diocesan

offices that keep our diocese running as it should. With one last appeal, I ask you to fill out your pledge card and return it to the Church Office. Pledge cards are in the pews.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 6 p.m., class at 6:30 every Monday in the Church Hall.



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



Monday, Oct. 16	Special Intention Anthony Ross Mary Toro
Tuesday, Oct. 17	Julia & Andrew Hilboky Paul Maniscalco Libby Hankes
Wednesday, Oct. 18	Special Intention Mary Toro Tina Schifano Geer
Thursday, Oct. 19	For an end to Abortion Anthony Ross Mary Toro John Milan Anthony Ross Sam McDavid
Friday, Oct. 20	John Milan Anthony Ross Sam McDavid
Saturday, Oct. 21	OLS School Foundation Donors Sp. Int. Cheri Grundhoefer Mary & Jim Meehan
Sunday, Oct. 22	People of the Parish Anthony Ross Special Intention

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Friday at 6:00 PM (With Partner)
Friday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)
Saturday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)
Saturday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)
Sunday at 11:00 AM

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.

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, October 22. Our speaker will be Marynell Ford. Her topic will be *Mother Angelica*. 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.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Oct. 15: 7 p.m. Guest Speaker Franny Kyle on her world travels, mission trips and how Catholicism is Universal!

Wednesday, Oct. 18: Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Oct. 15: Power Up! For an Edge night on Grace, Justification and the Church. Meet for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Camp Hidden Lake: Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is \$450 (scholarships available upon request!). Open to rising 6th-9th graders. Email: msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.

The OLS Columbarium Gardens is available to everyone at any time of the day or night. We want people to feel comfortable visiting their loved ones, but there are rules regarding flowers and mementos. **Please refrain from leaving items at your loved one's niche in the Columbarium.** This helps keep the Columbarium in good order for everyone. Thank you for understanding.

John Carroll Catholic High School News

Everyone is invited to enjoy an afternoon of music at the Jazz Band and Choir Concert on Sunday, October 15, from 3-5 p.m.

Admissions for the 2018-19 school year are now open. Apply online at www.jcchs.org. The Placement Test for incoming freshman will be November 11, at 7:30 a.m. Contact admissions@jcchs.org for more information!

The Mary, Woman of Faith Chapter of Magnificat invites the ladies of the Diocese of Birmingham to a Magnificat breakfast on Saturday, November 4, at St. Elias Church from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Janice Nelson. Tickets are \$15 and available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts. You may also purchase by email at magnificat0296@gmail.com or online at www.magnificat-ministry.net. Ticket sales end October 29. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information contact Donna Chmierlarski at 408-0308.

You are cordially invited to *Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet* on Tuesday, November 7, at The Club. The night begins at 7 p.m. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Haywood Robinson, former abortionist now Pro-life physician. Her Choice has been serving the downtown Birmingham community for many years, faithfully offering support and life-affirming options to women in crises pregnancies. Please make your reservation

now at 447-8796 or email hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org.

St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman will host a Shadow Day on Friday, November 3. Families interested in attending St. Bernard (grades 7-12) can visit from 9 a.m. until the end of the school day with students and faculty while experiencing structured classroom settings and the day to day operations. To reserve a spot, contact St. Bernard's at 256-255-5945 or email admissions@stbernardprep.com. **Open House** will be held on Sunday, November 5, from 2-4 p.m.

The Knitter, authored by our own Anne LaRussa, is now on sale in the Ave Maria Shop. The book offers reflections on family life and the personal commitment to mental health awareness. Anne shares stories of the daily life of the LaRussa family, including her marriage to Benny LaRussa and how, after the birth of her sixth child, she experienced severe depression – an experience that changed her life. Anne LaRussa is the founder of Oasis – Counselling for Women and Children and has established the Anne B. LaRussa Foundation of Hope to promote and support mental wellness in Alabama. All proceeds from the purchase of ***The Knitter*** benefit the Anne B. LaRussa Foundation of Hope. Most importantly, Anne would like to thank her church family and friends for their kind thoughts and prayers during her recent surgeries and ongoing recovery.

John Nicolini, licensed professional counselor for 37 years, is offering FREE counselling to OLS parishioners. John specializes in marital, life enhancement, and addiction issues. If interested, please contact him at 427-6835.