



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 29, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The ministry to the sick is the *crème de la crème* (cream of the cream) as far as love of neighbor is concerned. Like Sister Pat, Jane DeMeis sees this ministry more of a "call from God" than a paying job. Sister Pat used to say she had more friends in heaven than we could count. It is the job of the Minister to the Sick to bring the priest to those shut-ins at least once a year for anointing and to be sure there is an Extraordinary Minister to bring them Jesus in the Eucharist and to inform me of anyone who is critically ill.

We had a small going away party for Sister Pat and she thanked everyone for their help. I thank all those, especially Doug Ross' group, who bring the Lord every Sunday to those Catholics at UAB Hospital, and to Margie Curry's group, who go to Mount Royal every Sunday, and I thank all of our Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick for what they do.

Jane DeMeis started school in New York where her father was assigned as an FBI agent. In a short time, her father was transferred to Birmingham on the occasion of the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing at the time of the Civil Rights Movement. Her father was responsible for the capture of two of the bombers.

Jane finished Huffman High School in 1972, finished her B.A. degree from the University of Alabama, went to Samford for a Masters in Special Education, and went on to get an Ed.S. (Education Specialist). Her husband, David DeMeis (Southern Company engineer), was the love of her life. Four years ago Jane lost her husband to cancer. Jane told me several months ago she would like to work for the Church and that she prayed with the bereaved and elderly in her days as a Methodist. I thought she would be great to

visit the sick and organize all those Extraordinary Ministers who bring the Lord in the Eucharist to the shut-ins.

When I called Jane the first time, she said she would consider Sister Pat's job. When I called her a couple days later for a final commitment, she answered the phone as she was on the way to St. Vincent's to interview to work in the gift shop. She thought she would interview, even though she was 99% sure of the OLS offer. She met with the employer at St. Vincent's and said she just accepted the job at OLS and only came to honor the appointment. When Jane told her Protestant daughter-in-law that she took Sister Pat's job, the response was, "Does that mean you have to become a nun?"

We send 25 copies of the bulletin to shut-ins, and I know they will read this and give a great welcome to Jane. As a former teacher for 27 years, Jane is well-educated, outgoing, and prayerful.

Dear Sodality, I apologize for stealing your president, but you have to admit, this seems like a real call from God.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has exchanged working on the Advent Trees for paper grocery bags with a list from Sister Cecilia of what would be most appreciated by the families who are truly struggling and come to the Catholic Center of Concern for help. Next Sunday we will have 700 bags and a list of what to buy for a Thanksgiving project. Sister has thanked, in advance, all who participate in this project and, as she says, "...help to alleviate the sufferings of those who cannot help themselves."

I detest appeals overlapping appeals. The Bishop has followed the Catholic Charities drive with the Pope's appeal for the World Missions. Jesus Gutierrez asked for a donation for Puerto Rico, and to avoid another appeal, I sent the Hispanic Mission \$5000. Bob Henger wrote a request for another appeal for hurricane victims. We will

contribute again from parish funds, even more this time.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. We had a great gathering at the R.C.I.A. Class this past Monday. If you are interested in attending, it's not too late. You can pick up CDs of the classes you have missed until Christmas.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 31 **6:00 p.m. (Vigil)**

Wednesday, Nov. 1 **6:30 a.m.**
 7:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. (school)
 12 noon
 6:00 p.m.

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.

 <i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday, Oct. 30	Special Intention Sp. Int. Cheri Grundhoefer Marie Dirgo
Tuesday, Oct. 31	Sean Ryan Lena Lucia Sp. Int. the McClary & Sheehan Families
Wednesday, Nov. 1	Sp. Int. Maureen Mangels Special Intention Sp. Int. Dean Roman Sr. & Ellie Rembert
Thursday, Nov. 2	Tucker Kelly Eunice Melazzo Walker Sp. Int. Mildred Stephens
Friday, Nov. 3	Special Intention James Rufus Johnson Eunice Melazzo Walker
Saturday, Nov. 4	Sam Schifano William J. Stephens Brian Criswell
Sunday, Nov. 5	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Josephine Romano Eunice Melazzo Walker

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.

Attention Committed Adorers and Substitutes: The Adoration Chapel will be using *Volunteer Scheduler Pro* beginning November 13. This is a digital scheduler that will allow all Committed Adorers to request substitutes for their hour in real time. Substitutes and Adorers can check the schedule via email or app remotely to see if there are spots that need to be filled. This is similar to the program that Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Altar Servers use. Please check your email for additional information. Call Stephanie Zicarelli at 617-9555 or Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 with questions. Thank you.



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

Everyone is invited to a special evening session of Adult Education on Thursday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Our speaker will be Passionist priest Father Alex Steinmiller. His topic will be *Volunteering at the 'Field Hospital' – the Church: Relating to the Unchurched in our World*. Light refreshments will be served.

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, November 5. Our speaker will be Doug Moellering. His topic

will be *Faith, Fellowship, & Spirituality of Dietary Supplements, Weight Loss & Healthy Exercise*. 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.

A Goodbye from Sister Pat

The time has come for me to return to our Mother House in Philadelphia.

I leave with a heart filled with love, gratitude, and joy for my many years in ministry here at OLS. All the life lessons I have learned from the wonderful folks I visited go forward with me. It is now time for me to be visited!

A big THANK YOU to each of you. Pray for me and I will continue to pray for you.

*In the Trinity,
Sr. Pat Sullivan
3501 Solly Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19136*

All Soul's Memorial Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will conduct the 12th Annual Memorial Rosary on Sunday, November 5, at 4 p.m. Fr. Wilfred will preside. A brief homily, sacred hymns and the memorial list of names from across the Diocese of Birmingham will be part of this service. Please plan to attend as our deceased loved ones and all of the faithful departed throughout the diocese are remembered in prayer. The Knights of Columbus will assist those attending in having their beloved deceased names inscribed in the Perpetual Memorial Book. This event is for everyone in the Diocese, not just members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will hold its next meeting on Thursday, November 9, at the Cathedral of St. Paul beginning at 6 p.m. Following Mass, Fr. Lucas will speak on indulgences and especially those connected with the CCM. For more information, contact Lori Donellan at ccmbham07@gmail.com

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, Oct. 29: John Finch Concert in the Assembly Hall! This is for all 6-12th graders. Parents and parishioners, you are welcome to join us! Dinner in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. Music begins at 7:30!

LifeTeen High School

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Pizza and Prayer at 7 p.m. Co-ed Bible Study in the youth room followed by open gym!

Nov. 11 - 12: "Glory Revealed". Fall retreat at Camp Hargis. Come learn different forms of prayer, participate in small groups, experience Adoration, fellowship and more! Sign up today!

Edge Middle School

Saturday, Nov. 18: Community service project with Urban Ministry. Meet outside the FLC at 7:30 a.m. to carpool downtown, where we will be working in the gardens and painting houses. Lunch will be provided. Bring a water bottle. RSVP to msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com

Camp Hidden Lake: Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is \$425 (scholarships available upon request). Open to rising 6th-9th graders. Email: msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.

Daylight Savings Time begins November 5. Set your clocks back 1 hour! More Sleep!!!!