



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
November 5, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

This past Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of All Saints. The Church has always included the non-canonized, as well as the canonized, on this feast day. In the vision of St. John (first reading from Revelations) he sees 144,000 in heaven to reflect the 12 tribes of Israel and a number to indicate a great many! Then St. John looks around and sees a multitude that no one can count from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They are all crying in a loud voice to St. John:

SALVATION COMES FROM OUR GOD  
WHO IS SEATED ON THE THRONE  
AND FROM THE LAMB.

Now the Church includes in the term "All Saints" all the saintly people, since we believe in THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, the whole group of people who are friends with God, those in heaven, in purgatory and on earth.

Being a saint is the most important thing we do in this life. Leon Bloy, great French novelist, said:

"The greatest tragedy on this earth is not to be a saint."

Pure and simple: Eternity is just too long to miss that eternity of perfect happiness and to end up with an eternity of horrible suffering. As Jesus said:

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

Heaven is that **DYNAMIC RETIREMENT**. It is that **NEW ADVENTURE**. We are people of **HOPE**, which means we look forward to good things in the future. When I view the people at daily Mass and those visiting the Chapel of our Savior and also those who see

Sunday Mass as the highlight of the week, I see people of faith and hope who are investing in the treasures of heaven.

Here are five characteristics of a saint:

- 1) Saints were filled with the **LOVE OF GOD**. They have chosen God above all others and made a commitment to Him. They frequently pray: "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!" If you love someone, you want to do what they want you to do. So it is with our love of God. It is a constant "call and response."
- 2) Saints **love other humans**, even one's enemies, and one can never find a stingy saint.
- 3) Saints are **humble**, attributing to God all that they have and all that they are able to do.
- 4) Saints are **people of prayer**. Some spend hours in prayer. Others do not pray for hours, but when they do it is with devotion and commitment, and they make helping others a prayer.
- 5) Saints are **not perfect**. Jerome had a fearful temper. There is a picture of St. Jerome with a rock in his hand, beating his breast, asking God for mercy. The pope of the time saw the picture and said, "Jerome, if it had not been for that rock and your repentance, we would never have canonized you."

There are so many non-canonized saints; people who live ordinary lives with extraordinary love of God and neighbor. Sainthood is not made of Carrera marble, but out of the pebbles and stones of everyday life. Pope John Paul II loved to canonize married people. I think his purpose was to help us realize that everyone is called to Sainthood. St. Paul, in his <sup>1st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians, told them they were all called to be saints. In the midst of many different

people with different circumstances, we are **all** called to be saints.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



Monday, Nov. 6	Sp. Int. Genie Tallon Josephine Romano Sam Raine, Jr.
Tuesday, Nov. 7	Sp. Int. Dr. & Mrs. Michael Achinger Frances David Vincent LaSusa
Wednesday, Nov. 8	Dr. Joseph Schilleci Pat McClary Eunice Melazzo Walker
Thursday, Nov. 9	Sp. Int. Benjamin Marino Christi Glass Sp. Int. Mary Ann & Gaeton Lorino
Friday, Nov. 10	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Eunice Melazzo Walker
Saturday, Nov. 11	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lena Carruba Jessie D'Agro
Sunday, Nov. 12	People of the Parish Sam Wear John Milan

## **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

**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.

**Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education** on Sunday, November 12. Our speaker will be our Middle School Youth Minister, Carol Wiget. Her topic will be *Family Enrichment and Spiritual Time (FEAST) to Grow Your Family's Faith Life*. 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.

### **All Soul's Memorial Rosary**

The Knights of Columbus will conduct the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **What's Going on in Youth Ministry?**

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Nov. 5:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Youth Group at 7 p.m.: "The Struggle is Real". Gain insight into the culture of dating as a young Catholic.

**Nov. 11 - 12:** "Glory Revealed". Fall retreat at Camp Hargis. Come dive deeper into scripture, learn different forms of prayer, and grow in faith with your peers. \$25; sign up today at [www.olsyouth.com/trips.html](http://www.olsyouth.com/trips.html).

**Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.:** Summit Scripture Bible Study in the youth room!

### **Edge Middle School**

**Nov. 5:** "My Neighbor" an Edge Night on Social Justice. Come to a greater understanding of the dignity of the human person and what it means to be in solidarity for others and to uphold social justice.

**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](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com)

**Camp Hidden Lake:** Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is now \$225 thanks to Fr. Muller subsidizing camp costs. Open to rising 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders. Email: [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

**The Elementary Children's Ministry** invites all 1st - 5th graders to *Jump for Jesus* at Urban Air (Homewood) on Monday, November 13, from 6 - 8 pm. Space is limited for this event so you **MUST** register at [ECM@ourladyofsorrow.com](mailto:ECM@ourladyofsorrow.com) to reserve your spot! Younger/older siblings are invited to this event. Please include them in your "jumpers" count. Please note that this is **NOT** a drop-off event. A parent or at least one adult for carpool groups must stay on site. Dinner will be served for all participants and parents. Please provide a "dinner" count in your registration email, too.

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### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has placed grocery bags in the vestibule for those who would like to contribute to the Catholic Center of Concern. You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 13. Thank you in advance for your most generous contribution.

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**St. Ann's Guild** will hold its monthly meeting/luncheon on Wednesday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be John Elson, who will present *The Message of Fatima*. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Paula Gasser at 807-6072.

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**Our Lady of Peace Guild** will meet in the Sodality Room at 12:00 Noon on Monday, November 6. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Douglas Vu who will talk about purgatory. We will be collecting Christmas toys (unwrapped) for the Hispanic Ministry. Remember to bring your sandwich; drinks and desserts will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome.



*OLS Altar Sodality Luncheon*

*Pretty As A Peacock!*

**Fashion Show  
by  
Town and Country**

***Friday, November 17, 2017***

**Family Life Center  
Doors Open @ 10 a.m.  
Lunch and Tea Cup  
Auction**

**Tickets - \$25  
May be purchased from  
Judy Trant  
In the Church Office.**

### **OLS Basketball Registration 2017 – 2018**

OLS participates in the Birmingham Catholic Toy Bowl league in which teams compete with other Catholic parishes in the Birmingham area. The games will be held at OLS and at other parish gyms. Games at all levels have paid referees, score is kept and standings published on the toy bowl website.

#### **LEAGUE:**

**1st - 2nd** play in the Starter Girls or Starter Boys Division

**3rd - 4th** play in the Flea Girls or Flea Boys Division

**5th - 6th** play in the Junior Girls or Junior Boys Division

**7th - 8th** play in the Senior Girls or Senior Boys Division

**PRACTICE/GAMES:** Practices begin in November. Games in the Toy Bowl Basketball Season run from December through February for Juniors and Seniors and from January through February for Starters and Fleas. Registration runs through November 5, 2017. If you have questions about the OLS basketball program, please email Doug Moellering at [dougedo@gmail.com](mailto:dougedo@gmail.com).

### **John Carroll Catholic High School News**

**Admissions Open Now!** We are accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year! Apply online at [www.jcchs.org](http://www.jcchs.org). The Placement Test for incoming freshmen will be November 11, at 7:30 a.m. Contact [admissions@jcchs.org](mailto:admissions@jcchs.org) for more information.

**Theatre Fall Play.** The John Carroll Theatre presents ***Murdered to Death*** on November 10, 11, 12 and 13. Visit [www.jcchs.org](http://www.jcchs.org) for performance times and to purchase your tickets!

**Make your plans now to attend the New Year's Eve Dance** sponsored by the **Italian American Heritage Society** at Prince of Peace. We will have live music and food. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 per person and may be obtained now by calling Paul Lorino at 960-6150.



## Our Lady of Sorrows Confirmandi

### Rite of Welcome

Sunday, November 5, 2017

11:30 AM Mass

Matthew Adams  
Lauren Aday  
Emily Angeles  
Connelly Backus  
Maggie Banks  
Cole Bedics  
Grady Breland  
Katherine Brown  
Sofia Calma  
Jack Carlisle  
Ana Creel  
Caroline Crimi  
Jack Dawsey  
Katie Dazzio  
Cedric Durena  
Riley Early  
Callan Elkins  
Cole Elliott  
Nicholas Elliott  
Charles Gerace  
Jackson Gerace  
Caroline Golab

Zora Hamilton  
Jacy Handra  
Emma Hughey  
Will Ireland  
Bradley Jordan  
Lily Langley  
Christopher LaRussa  
Madison Le  
Sarah Leong  
Ashley Lindsay  
Russell Luccasen  
Trent Lusk  
Max McGwin  
Miles McKnight  
Jack Michaels  
Blake Mize  
Jaden Moore  
Louis Nanni  
Brantley Newsome  
Manus O'Hare  
Pamela Paez  
Luke Perrucci

Ellie Petrey  
Jake Petway  
John Paul Pierre  
Stephen Plourde  
Abigail Pugh  
Gabby Ranieri  
Sarah Camille Rutherford  
Gabriella Salvagio  
Jillian Sapalaran  
Alexander Scheinler  
Theresa Shields  
Kathryn Stuart Smith  
Larissa Sosa-Diaz  
Theresa Stephens  
Claire Ellen Stokes  
Kirsten Tabuena  
Ruby Thornton  
Andrew Turkiewicz  
Sarah Kaye Turner  
Zachary Wedlund  
Ivan Wimberly  
Patrick Yaeger  
Millie Yerkes

Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare for Confirmation.