



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
December 24, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

So many thanks to those who turned in their tithing cards. The others of the parish were either out of town, still thinking, or not quite sure what their earnings will be. If we need \$2.2 million to operate the parish, and the pledges so far are \$1.5 million, we simply need another \$700,000 to operate. So, if you did not turn in a card, please turn in your card with your disposition. If you are unemployed, say so, etc. With 1500 families registered, there are more than 1000 pledges missing.

We can never get far from the glorious reality that the God of all the million planets and stars chose to come to small little earth, where He has creatures made to His own image and likeness. He has come to be with us, suffered for us, died for our salvation, and offers us unbelievable love. When the Savior came, He split our history in two.

Whenever I pass by the beautiful, well-lighted nativity scene in front of the church, there wells up in me these thoughts about God sending His Son:

“Thank you, Lord!  
Thank you, Lord!  
Thank you, Lord!”

As we turn in our tithing cards to God through His Church, we will be saying again, thinking of all the blessings we have received,

“Thank you, Lord!  
Thank you, Lord!  
Thank you, Lord! “

The reasons for tithing are simple and most convincing:

1. It is a way of thanking God for His many blessings.
2. It is the will of God! His plan to

support His Church.

3. It militates against greed more than anything else.
4. It makes us decide if God is first or if He is second, third, or fourth in our lives.
5. It wonderfully shows our faith, trust and love of God.

### *A Christmas Prayer*

*Lord, we pause here in the midst of the busyness and excitement of Christmas to thank You for coming as a baby in a Bethlehem manger to offer us salvation.*

*Your gift to us is greater than any present wrapped and placed under a tree.*

*We thank You and worship You and commit to seeking You first  
this day,  
this season,  
this year,  
and every year of our life. Amen*

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

#### **Christmas Eve** (Sunday)

- 4 p.m. (Church, Parish Hall, Assembly Hall)
- 6 p.m. (Church)
- 9 p.m. (Church)
- 12 Midnight (Church)

**The Nursery will be available for the 4 p.m. Masses.**

#### **Christmas Day** (Monday)

- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- 6:00 p.m.



*Mass Intentions*

**Please Note: Mass Intentions are assigned to the priests, not the Mass times. If you have reserved a certain date, you will need to call the Church Office the Friday before to find out the Mass time.**

Monday, Dec. 25	John Milan Don Taccone Special Intention
Tuesday, Dec. 26	Special Intention Special Intention John Milan
Wednesday, Dec. 27	Special Intention George Styslinger Nancy Fleming
Thursday, Dec. 28	Sp. Int. Ann Bruno John Milan William J. Stephens
Friday, Dec. 29	Special Intention Thomas Kelly, Jr. Josephine Romano
Saturday, Dec. 30	Donors to OLS School Foundation Nathalie Galle Forstall Kathleen Milan
Sunday, Dec. 31	People of the Parish Dr. Joseph Schilleci Benjamin & Frances David

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Friday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Saturday at 3:00 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.

**Adult Education** will resume classes on Sunday, January 7! We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

**PLEASE contact the Church Office if you change addresses. We will be mailing contribution statements in January and need everyone's updated information. Thank you.**



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

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

Merry Christmas! Thanks for a great semester - we will see you for kick-off on January 7<sup>th</sup>!

**EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Wed. Dec. 27:** If you're feeling a little stir-crazy and are in town, join us from 12-2 p.m. in the Assembly Hall for lunch and some Gaga Ball! Board games will be available for those feeling less active. Please RSVP to [carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com)

**The Annual Respect Life Mass and March**, led by Bishop Baker, will be on Saturday, January 13, 2018 St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Chapel at 9 a.m. The Birmingham Rally and **March for Life** will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park. For more information go to [www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com](http://www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com) or call 205-447-8796.

**If you turned in a pledge card without a printed name, please contact the Church Office. We cannot give credit for pledges without a name attached. Also, if you have never registered, but have turned in a pledge card, please send in your census card. You can fill it out on our website and email directly to the Church Office. Thank you.**

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. The priests and office staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas.**

