



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
December 31, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

New Year's: It is of great spiritual value to partake of the world-wide tradition to make resolutions to improve our lives at the beginning of each calendar year. The following is a list of suggestions. Some or at least one will fit each one of us:

1. More preparation and devotion at Sunday Masses;
2. Renewed dedication to reciting the morning offering;
3. Less selfishness in family life. Not always being concerned about our own problems but willing to listen to others;
4. Thinking more about our eternal destiny and heaven so that other things will fall into better perspective;
5. Realizing more that our bodies are temples of God and need to be respected and kept in good shape with:
 - a. Daily exercise;
 - b. Fewer sweets and less fattening food, less junk food;
6. Less television;
7. Doing our duty according to our state in life, as best we can;
8. Going to daily Mass when possible.

Certainly one or more suggestions can hit home. Maybe you can think of others more specific to your personal life! The only way to keep a New Year's resolution is:

1. Don't make more than one or two;
2. Ask God's help;
3. Ask ourselves at the end of EACH DAY if we have kept the resolutions.

Every New Year is another year of blessing whereby we have more opportunities to worship Him and to sanctify ourselves preparing for the great day when we meet Him face to face.

I wish you much happiness, health, and spiritual growth in each coming New Year.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. The Tithing Drive is ongoing. We are still short more than 1000 cards, if our parish census is correct. Please, turn in your pledge card. If you consider yourself part of this parish, it is your obligation to help support it.



Many thanks to all those who helped decorate the Church: Pat & Mary Rupinski, Mary Elizabeth Ardivino, Jeannie Wade, John Carney, Mike Millican, Mary Claire

Brouillette, Jude Tombrello, and John & Mary Catherine Tombrello.

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.

New Year's Day Mass Schedule:

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, Jan. 1	Peggy Beuerlein Special Intention Josephine Romano
Tuesday, Jan. 2	Special Intention John Milan Joe Schilleci
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Special Intention Josephine Romano Mary Thornton
Thursday, Jan. 4	Special Intention Joe Schilleci John Milan
Friday, Jan. 5	Frank & Peggy Beuerlein Matteo D'Agro Josephine Romano
Saturday, Jan. 6	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill Stephens Fr. Robert O'Sullivan
Sunday, Jan. 7	People of the Parish Dean McGhee John Milan



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

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, January 7. Our speaker will be Jay Flynn. His topic will be *A Journey Through God's Playground: Poland's Devotion to Mary*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall after the Birthday Party for Jesus at 10 a.m. This is the last class of the calendar year.

Our Lady of Peace Guild will meet in the Sodality Room at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday**, January 2, 2018. Our guest speaker will be Fr. Wilfred. Remember to bring your sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome.

St. Ann's Guild will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, January 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Paula Gasser at 807-6072.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Jan. 7: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Life Night Kick-Off at 7 p.m.: Learning more about Advent and closing the semester with Adoration and Confession.

Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Bible Study, Prayer, Dinner & Games! 7-8:30 p.m.

Edge Middle School

Jan. 7: Edge Kick-off begins with dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. This spring our theme is "Transformation", which will take us deep into the mystery and wonder of the Sacraments of Initiation.

Sat. Jan. 13: Edge is going to the Birmingham March for Life! Meet at the FLC at 8 a.m. We will attend the Respect Life Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Stephen's. The March begins at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park. RSVP for a spot on the youth vans. Please wear your blue OLS shirt.

Camp Hidden Lake: Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is now \$225. Open to rising 6th-9th graders. Email: mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.

Find our full schedule on www.olsyouth.com!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

For families, may they nurture the gift of faith and encourage one another to follow Jesus.

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 or call 205-447-8796.

Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday morning women's bible study will start back on Tuesday, January 9. For any new ladies who would like to join us, we meet every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. For more information or to sign up, please contact Mary Ann Graeve at 908-2728.

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.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites all married couples to Renew the Romance, Revitalize Your Marriage, Communicate more Openly, Find Deeper intimacy, Focus on Your Spouse and Share the Joy with the One You Love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on March 9-11, at St. Bernard Abbey. For more information or to register online, go to www.ALFL-wwme.org or call Bob & Joy Hernandez at 678-985-0125.

REBUILDING: A DIVORCE AND GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

So. Are you divorced? Going through a divorce? Have you tried a divorce recovery group and still feel alone...afraid...lost? Let us help. You might be surprised to hear about our unique group.

We won't tell you what to expect from divorce, what to do, how to feel or when the pain will stop. What we will do is provide a safe, confidential setting with people who have been exactly where you are and have survived. Literally hundreds in the Birmingham area have experienced the healing touch of this group.

Our next 10 week session begins Tuesday, January 9, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Look at this website and give us a call. Leave a message and we will return your call: www.ourrebuilding.org/205-969-0062.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 1. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.