



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 14, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

In 1973, the Supreme Court decreed that it was legal to kill the living baby in the womb. Last year, Dr. Matt Vicinanza enlightened me on what causes people to die in this country:

- Every hour 1.4 people die in the U.S. from HIV;
- Every hour 3.6 people die due to automobile accidents;
- Every hour 5.7 people die of lung cancer;
- Every hour 100 people die because they were living in the womb and the mother had them killed.

For every ten live births in this country, there are three abortions. Over one million every year. These statistics are from the Center of Disease Control of the U.S. Government.

The line to adopt children in this country is a mile long and parents who can't have children pay heavily to adopt from foreign countries.

It will take prayers and more prayers and the leadership of our Congress to stop this mass murder, which could easily bring God's wrath upon this country.

A million abortions a year will never make it right, and every one of us should pray that this country stops the legalization of killing the unborn babies. Congress needs to hear from us in whatever way possible. I think it is the Right to Life people, with their prayers and demonstrations, who have held back the wrath of God from punishing this great country that has legalized this mass killing.

I recognize the 36 teens and the 9 adult Chaperones who are travelling to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life on January 27. We pray for their safety and spiritual enrichment to be with teens from all over the country to let the nation (Congress) know that Right is Right and Wrong is Wrong, and killing the unborn is wrong and must somehow be stopped.

My pleasant and unpleasant job:

It is my pleasant job to compliment and thank those 540 parishioners who have so generously made a pledge to God through OLS parish.

The books tell us that 1500 families belong to Our Lady of Sorrows. The unpleasant part of my job is to remind the remaining 2/3 of our parish, 960 parishioners, that even though the parish needs our support, even more, we need to give to God. I need to pledge my first part of what I earn (5% to the parish). Yes, I need to do it because I believe, trust, and love God. I honestly think this is God's will for me (very Biblical). If God is calling you as a member of the parish to fill out the pledge card, which somehow has not been done, please pledge something to your parish.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)

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.



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. 15	Special Intention Sp. Int. Vivian Bonamy John Milan
Tuesday, Jan. 16	Mary Thornton Joe Schilleci Sp. Int. Ann Noblitt
Wednesday, Jan. 17	Special Intention Sp. Int. Danny Hiller John Milan
Thursday, Jan. 18	Special Intention Faye Busenlehner Mary Thornton John Milan
Friday, Jan. 19	Mary Thornton John Milan Mary Thornton John Milan
Saturday, Jan. 20	Donors to OLS School Foundation Mary Ann Lovoy Sp. Int. Josie Davis
Sunday, Jan. 21	Floyd & Cecilia Stephens Mary Thornton Sp. Int. Kevin & Cindy Bannon



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 21. Our speaker will be Willie Chriesman. His topic will be *A Time to Laugh: Finding the Funny in Faith*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall after the Birthday Party for Jesus at 19:45 a.m.

OLS Boy Scout Troop 237 is travelling to Sugar Mountain, North Carolina this weekend. Please pray that God guide everything in preparation to be a safe and uneventful trip.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Jan. 14: No meetings due to MLK Weekend.

LifeTeen High School

Please keep our group of 45 in your prayers. We will be in Washington, D.C. from Jan. 17-21 participating in the pro-life movement.

Jan. 21: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; no 7 p.m. meeting tonight!

Edge Middle School

Thank you to all who walked with us at the Birmingham March for Life this weekend!

Jan. 21: Ladies and gentlemen will eat together and then separate for a special gender-specific Edge night. Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner.

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

Find our full schedule on www.olsyouth.com!



You are invited!!

Have you ever considered sending your child to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School? Now is a great time to find out how you can empower your child's future with an affordable Catholic education! Please join us for our **OPEN HOUSE** on Sunday, January 28, between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

New students and their families have the opportunity to personally meet our outstanding teachers and staff, tour our accredited school, and discover our faith-enriched community of learning. Applications are available online at olsschool.com. If you were placed on a waiting list from last year, you must re-apply for 2018. For more information, please call the school office at (205) 879-3237.

Growing Our Children in knowledge and faith...Experience the Difference!



Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive this Sunday, January 14, in the Parish Hall from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and their families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.

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.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, January 27, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us! We will begin the New Year that God has blessed us with by Adoring Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament, praying our Lady's Rosary together, and participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass! Won't you join us?? Padre Pio always encouraged the faithful to **PRAY...HOPE...and DON'T WORRY!** The BEST Resolution for 2018 is to PRAY!!! For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554

The Magnificat Prayer Luncheon will be held on Saturday, January 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Elias Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Sylvia Bresowar. Tickets are \$15 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at 205-408-0308, from Alpha Church Supply and from any Service Team Member. No tickets will be sold at the door.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Through your baptism you are God's servant and a light to others. With whom will you share your light? Consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood. (Isaiah 49:3,5-6)

For those who desire to share their light of faith and serve the Church.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.