



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
January 21, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

This past Wednesday evening 43 of our teens and 8 chaperones left OLS for Washington, D.C. for the Right to Life March and other, related spiritual activities, especially the Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

One year a teen came back and related to me the sentiments of many, that to see that many Catholic teens (couple thousand), profess their faith and be a witness to each other really re-enforced his faith.

Sometimes we think that teenagers are all materialism and not much spirituality nor gratitude. How many adults would ride a bus all night long to participate in demonstrations that this country stop the legalization of abortion? When they boarded the bus it was 28 degrees in Birmingham and they were travelling, not south, but to the usually colder Washington, D.C.

Fr. Balta had thoughts of going with the teens, but I needed him here because Fr. Wilfred went to see his father in Africa, who has had a stroke. I think, before boarding the bus, Fr. Balta was just as happy offering a prayer for the other's safety and warmth.

A devout parishioner wrote me a note about how enriching the Advent Retreat was and then added that her youngest had a similar "mountain top" experience when the OLS Youth Group went to camp this past June. She thanked me for the financial support to help many of our teens go to a spiritual camp for a week!

Along this line of thought, I would like to thank those who support the parish, not just for all the heavy utility bills, salaries, repairs and

insurance, but also for supporting our Youth Ministry in so many different ways.

The following is from one of our teens, writing me much thanks for the way we have used your contributions for the spiritual good of our Catholic adults of tomorrow.

*Dear Monsignor Muller,*

*I wanted to take this great opportunity to thank you for the donation to the high school youth camp expenses. Every year I've gone to camp with Life Teen has been a different, amazing experience, and each one was made possible by the reasonable price of attending.*

*The first year camp changed my life by helping me to take that next step after Confirmation by truly choosing Jesus Christ as my Savior. The second year camp brought me so much closer to my youth group and made them my lifelong friends in Christ. This year I hope for another amazing week of camp where I can find wisdom toward the huge choices coming my way as I enter junior and senior years of high school.*

*Thank you again, and please keep helping young Catholics like me find Christ in such an amazing and special way.*

*With respect,  
Name withheld*

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. Many thanks to Dr. Frances Andrews for her hard work creating all the beautiful altar cloths used for Christmas, Easter and Holy Days of Obligations, and for her help decorating for Christmas.



### 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. 22	Special Intention Carol Seiler John Milan
Tuesday, Jan. 23	Special Intention Mary Thornton Roy McCord
Wednesday, Jan. 24	Fr. Robert O'Sullivan Sp. Int. Mary Jo & Cedric Fernandes & children Charles & Myrtice Stewart
Thursday, Jan. 25	Special Intention Mary Thornton Diana Cusimano Fontana
Friday, Jan. 26	Anne Butera Homer Eugene Smith, II Sp. Int. Terry Rumore, Sr. & family
Saturday, Jan. 27	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jerry Blackmon Victor H. Rumore
Sunday, Jan. 28	People of the Parish Frances Wojick David Sp. Int. Philip Zicarelli



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

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Wednesday at 10:00 AM (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.

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

Follow "OLS Youth Ministry" on Facebook for photos and updates!

### **LifeTeen High School**

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

**Wed. Jan. 24:** Bible Study at 7 p.m. Join us in the youth room for pizza, prayer and scripture.

**Sun. Jan. 28:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Life Night at 7 p.m.

### **Edge Middle School**

**Jan. 21:** Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner. "Dude Night" will teach our middle school boys about being men of God, specifically teaching that Christ is the perfect example of what it means to live the Catholic faith as a man, as well as the importance of brotherhood. "Treasured" will challenge our middle school girls to look beyond the world's perception of beauty and seek to see themselves the way God sees them.

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

Find our full schedule on [www.olsyouth.com](http://www.olsyouth.com)!

**Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education** on Sunday, January 28. Our speaker will be Dr. Shannon Murphy. Her topic will be *Smart Approaches to Marijuana*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall with fellowship and light refreshments at 9:45 a.m. and the class begins at 10.



## ***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](http://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!*

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**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

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**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.

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### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4:12-23)

Let us pray for all who are preparing for ministry as a priest, deacon, lay minister, brother or sister.

**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](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or call Bob & Joy Hernandez at 678-985-0125.