



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

January 28, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

**Catholic Education:** Today we start Catholic Schools Week, emphasizing the value of Catholic schools. Training children in the faith is most effectively done by the example and teaching of the parents at home. After that, schools that give an atmosphere of living for Christ are worth all the effort of the teachers and the expense of parents and grandparents.

Personally, I will forever be grateful to God and my parents for my Catholic education. I have tried to "give back" to Catholic education by being a full-time religion teacher at McGill and John Carroll for 26 years, and I whole heartedly support OLS School. I am so grateful to everyone who in any way has helped to support our Catholic School.

This week we thank parents, administrators and teachers of our Catholic Schools.

Some day we hope to have a national Parish School of Religion Week to help celebrate those administrators, teachers and parents who do such a great job in our PSR program.

**Marijuana:** When teaching at John Carroll, I had several small group discussions on many things, one of which was the use of Marijuana. The worse thing I heard from students "who knew" was that traffic light colors are sometimes difficult to distinguish clearly and the lights themselves aren't that important the more one smokes pot!

Those affected by excessive drink will "try" to talk plainly and to "try" to walk straight. The "pot" smoker will have this euphoria, ultra in "relaxation" (even when driving), and there are varied effects on different users, such as altering perception of time, and distortion in thinking. Marijuana, according to the National Institute of Drug Abuse, has an incredible effect on the brain.

When the alcoholic has drunk excessively and sits down to take a written intelligence test, he will ask for the pencil, struggle to find page one, and strive to answer the questions. The excessive user of pot will throw the pencil in the air and say: "Hey, man, who needs to take a test?"

The ethicist will say that for medical purposes, marijuana can have a benefit just as morphine can aid one after surgery. Marijuana can help one overcome the nausea from chemotherapy. As far as actually medically curing cancer, heart disease, diabetes and glaucoma, there is absolutely not the slightest bit of evidence that this is true.

Legalizing marijuana for recreation is definitely worse than legalizing alcohol for those who have reached a certain age.

It is well known that thousands are killed yearly in this country from drunk drivers. We have ongoing campaigns against drunk driving and the penalty keeps getting tougher and tougher. Yet, the alcoholic "tries" to stay on their side of the road. We have the term "designated driver" and we advertise all of the evils of driving under the influence. If one drives after smoking recreational pot, there is "no attempt" to stay on ones' side of the road. This really increases the danger of the highways. The police can check the alcohol level on the spot, and I have had friends who spent the night in jail after being stopped and immediately tested. On the other hand, it is far more difficult to check marijuana in the blood immediately "on the road."

**We Are Blessed** to have Dr. Shannon Murphy in our parish, who is an expert on the difficulties with marijuana. She is a fascinating presenter and will present her case on the impact of marijuana on young people and the community at Adult Education this Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Dr. Murphy gives these talks all over the state of Alabama, including to the Legislature and UAB. Everyone, especially parents, should

try to attend her talk at Adult Education this Sunday. If you miss the talk, call the office for a CD of the presentation.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. It has been brought to my attention that adults without children are using the cry room. If you do not have children, please leave this space available to parents who would like to utilize it. Thank you for your understanding.



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



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. 29	Special Intention Josephine Romano
Tuesday, Jan. 30	Diana Cusimano Fontana Sp. Int. Mary Rembert Sam McDavid
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Diana Cusimano Fontana Special Intention Joe Schillicci
Thursday, Feb. 1	Diana Cusimano Fontana Fr. Robert O'Sullivan William J. Stephens
Friday, Feb. 2	Anthony Ross Joe Carbonie Gerald Seiler
Saturday, Feb. 3	Diana Fontana Cusimano Dr. Bill Stephens Sp. Int. Stephanie Zicarelli
Sunday, Feb. 4	Lena Carruba People of the Parish Sp. Int. Nicole Naylor Mary Thornton

**First Friday Devotions will be held on Friday, February 2, beginning at 6 a.m.**

**First Saturday Devotions will be held on Saturday, February 4, beginning at 7:15 a.m.**

## **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Tuesday at 1:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Wednesday at 10:00 AM (With Partner)**

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

**Saturday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Saturday at 4:00 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.

## **ATTENTION: COMMITTED ADORERS**

Committed Adorers are continuing to place their testimonies, blessings and miracles they have received from their Holy Hour with Our Lord in our Chapel to be sent to Fr. Doody in the UK. Fr. Doody, Vocation Director, has responded to our emails and is eagerly looking forward to receiving our letters in hopes of starting Perpetual Adoration in his diocese. The deadline to share the fruits of a Committed Hour is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Place your blessing notes in the Miracle Box in the Chapel Kitchen. New Journal provided. God bless you.

**Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, February 4. We will have a *Round Table Discussion on the Role of the Church: Cultivating Comfort or Holiness?*** The gathering begins in the Parish Hall with fellowship and light refreshments at 9:45 a.m. and the class begins at 10 a.m.



### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Seek to follow Jesus, the humble servant. You will be blessed! Discover the grace of the gospel. (Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12--13)

For our Church, may the beatitudes be a source of happiness and hope, as we seek to follow Jesus.

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

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

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Sun. Jan. 28:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Life Night at 7 p.m. Our semester theme is Theology of the Body!

**Wed. Jan. 31:** Bible Study at 7 p.m.! Join us in the youth room for pizza, prayer, and scripture.

**Sun. Feb. 4:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Life Night at 7 p.m.

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sun. Jan. 28:** Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner, followed by an Edge Night on Baptism in Scripture, "The Waters", where we will try to understand the Scriptural foundations of Baptism in both the Old and New Testament.

**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: [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

**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.

## **SAVE THE DATE:**

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Altar Sodality for a Lenten day of prayer and penance on Friday, March 9. The schedule for the day is:

<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
<b>9-9:40 a.m.</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Anointing of the Sick</b>
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Benediction</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Mass</b>
<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Speaker Sr. Rita Marie</b>

There is no cost for the day, but reservations must be made to Jane DeMeis at 337-0023 OR Patty Echols at 822-4043/451-7876. We hope that you will make plans to join us for some or all of this day.



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