



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

February 4, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Last Tuesday we celebrated a dinner of appreciation for 48 unsung heroes, the Sacristans. Two women in particular, Dr. Eileen Moore and Dr. Frances Andrews, are so talented and generous to God with their talents as they sew banners, altar cloths, and do the things that keep reminding us of the sacredness of God's house and the liturgical seasons.

The food for this banquet of appreciation was organized by Marcy Fleming (she also keeps the Sacristan's work schedule). The libations were shopped for by John Tombrello, former Head Sacristan, who still keeps a hand or two in sacristy work.

The above are one of several groups of "unsung heroes" in our parish. Servers, Lectors, Cantors, and Ushers are visibly seen doing the work of God, but those who work on Saturday mornings (Sacristans) are hardly seen. Five ladies come for 45 minutes and clean the altar, confessionals, sacristy, etc., and with 48 in number their turns come up every six weeks. Two other unsung heroes are Pat Spruill, who cleans the Chapel of Our Savior during her Monday, 3-5 a.m. adoration hour, and Walter Busenlehner, who cleans during his Thursday, 1 a.m. hour. They are seen only by the Lord at these early hours.

Bo Lovell, Head Sacristan, notices how some Sacristans bring their younger children to work on Saturdays and how the children are so happy to be involved in the cleaning of God's House.

Those white cloths we see next to the Chalice of consecrated wine are only used once. As we wipe the cups with those white cloths our theology tells us that the outside externals of "wine", now the precious Blood of Jesus, is present only as long as the accidents of wine

are visible as such, but not the stains. The stain on the purificators, which are almost like the ashes of a cremated body, are to be treated with reverence. During the week we use about 30 purificators, and on Sundays (every weekend) we use about 60. This is 60 purificators that are washed and ironed by that great group of women who slip into the sacristy and pick up the "sacred linens" and the other linens (for the priest washing his hands), wash, iron and return them for future use.

Being Head Sacristan and Plant Manager was really too much work for the hardworking John Tombrello. Bo Lovell, who is preparing for the seminary, was willing to take on the job of Head Sacristan. John T. used to say he could not do his job without Dr. Andrews. Seems like Edrie Andrews is in the sacristy working as much as the priests.

Other groups whom we just presume to always be "there" are also not appreciated enough: Ushers, Lectors, Servers and Extraordinary Ministers.

I trust God will reward, greatly, those above in the next life.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. If interested in helping as a sacristan or washing sacred linens, call Marcy Fleming or Bo Lovell.

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### **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.



#### 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, Feb. 5	Special Intention Sp. Int. Joyce Salem Mary Thornton
Tuesday, Feb. 6	Special Intention Fr. Robert O'Sullivan Joe Schilleci
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Joseph Rogers Curry Sp. Int. Jeanne & Harvey Bearden Anthony Ross
Thursday, Feb. 8	Mary Thornton Carl Garrich Fr. Robert O'Sullivan
Friday, Feb. 9	Special Intention Sp. Int. David DeAtkine & family Mary Thornton
Saturday, Feb. 10	Donors to OLS School Foundation Mary Thornton George Salem
Sunday, Feb. 11	Mary Thornton/People of the Parish Jake Monte Lena Carruba



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

**Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education** on Sunday, February 11. Our speaker will be Paul Wiget. His topic is *Science and Christianity*. 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.

**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, February 6. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Come join your friends and neighbors for faith, fellowship and fun.

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

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

#### LifeTeen High School

**Sun. Feb. 4:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Discussing what the Church teaches about evolution. (We are utilizing Fr. Muller's book *God, Religion and Faith*). Social Night! Join us for a Super Bowl Party 5:30- 9 a.m.

Wed. Feb. 7: Summit Bible Study 7-8:30 p.m. Pizza, prayer, discussion and fun! Every week for all high schoolers.

Sun. Feb. 11: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Life Night at 7 p.m.: "Death: The Fall".

#### Edge Middle School

**Sun. Feb. 4:** It's Super Bowling Sunday! Meet at Vestavia Bowl for dinner and games from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring your own arcade money.

**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.

## **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.

**Our Lady of Peace** will meet in the Sodality Room at 12 noon on Monday, February 5. Our guest speaker will be Father Balta. Remember to bring your sandwich; drinks and desserts will be provided. All women of the parish are welcome.

**Our Lady of Fatima** will meet on Thursday, February 8, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sodality Room. We are very excited to have Helen Ryan as our guest speaker. She is a certified Health Coach and she will be discussing NATURAL HEALING. All are welcome.

**St. Ann's Guild** will hold its February meeting on Wednesday, February 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker, Mary Ann Graeve, will enlighten us on Preparing for Lent. All are welcomed! Please RSVP to Paula Gasser at 807-6072.



### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Let your light shine and give God praise! Hiding your light doesn't serve anyone. Where will you choose to "glow"? (Matthew 5:13-16)  
For Church and world leaders, may they be lights to shine forth the goodness of God.

Come sail away...



The best week of the summer!

## **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School June 11-15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**For the first time since 1945, Valentine's Day falls this year on Ash Wednesday. Some have wondered whether a dispensation from the standard laws of fast and abstinence would be granted.**

**Out of respect for the importance of Ash Wednesday in the lives of so many – including our non-Catholic brethren – and the way this custom underlines the importance of the Lenten season at its outset, a dispensation will not be given.**

**Those who wish to celebrate Valentine's Day may fittingly do so the day before (Mardi Gras) or on another non-penitential day. The good Lord, who suffered so much out of love for us, will surely reward our fidelity and sacrifice! A blessed Lenten season to all!**

**Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.  
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama**