



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
February 11, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Lent means "Penance" and penance means "Getting closer to God". With the large crowds at the six Masses on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we primarily came, not for ashes, but to start off this holy season with a special emphasis on the greatest prayer, the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper and the reoffering of Jesus to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins. The ashes remind us of penance.

What will we do for the rest of Lent? Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speaks about PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

So, prayer is first. It means building up that relationship between our self and God. How about some extra Masses during the week? Stations of the Cross in public on Fridays, with benediction? Trying to live more in the presence of God? Developing an attitude of a need for God's mercy and a sense of gratefulness for God's gifts to us?

Fasting is second. Since the language of love is SACRIFICE, Lent tells us to "fast from" some T.V., from gossip, from extra food and drink that we don't need.

Almsgiving. This means "giving to people in need". We certainly do this when we earmark any parish donation to the "Charity Fund" and when we bring groceries to the church for the Catholic Center of Concern. Let us not forget "giving to people in need" includes paying people compliments and giving them the encouragement for which many are starved (this starts with one's own family).

Lent is a time to think of our eternal destiny. Jesus put it this way:

"What does it profit a man to gain

the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

We pray during Lent that, when we face Jesus after our lives on this earth, we will see Him more as a Savior than as a Judge. Jesus offers us the "bargain of a life time" when He says:

"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned."

All of the above thoughts might help us make a God-centered Lent.

There is a great saying: FREEDOM ISN'T FREE. Just ask all members of the military, especially in the dangerous times in which we live. So, too, freedom to get to heaven isn't FREE. Jesus paid the great price, so when we talk about "grace" we mean "gift". There is the one challenge for us: We need to love, trust, praise, and keep His commandment so that we are "worthy" to receive that gift of heaven.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

February 14th is Ash Wednesday. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

6:30, 7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. (School Mass)
12 noon
6 p.m. (Church and Parish Hall)



Stations
of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7 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, Feb. 12	Special Intention Mary Thornton
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Sp. Int. Caroline Saia Dean Romano, Sr. Anthony Ross
Wednesday, Feb. 14	Josephine Sicola Elizabeth Saia Joseph J. & Jackie Milazzo
Thursday, Feb. 15	Donald Taccone Special Intention Gus Karle Joe Schilleci
Friday, Feb. 16	Fr. Robert O'Sullivan Jake Monte Mary Thornton
Saturday, Feb. 17	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Angelo Maggio
Sunday, Feb. 18	People of the Parish Joe Schilleci Sp. Int. Betty Flood



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

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 1st. 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 25. Our speaker will be Sr. Marie A. Leonard, OSB. Her topic is *The Spirituality of Work*. 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.

Adult Ed. will not meet on February 18.



The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a Parish Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday, February 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Our guest speaker will be Mary Ann Graeve and her topic is Preparing for Lent. Please remember to bring your sandwich and donations for the Catholic Center of Concern. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at 6 p.m. in the Sodality Room. Rev. Msgr. Martin Muller will be our guest speaker. All are welcome!

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all 1st – 5th grades to kickoff Lent with a game of kickball. Please join us on Monday,

February 19, in the Family Life Center from 6-8 p.m. Dinner will be provided for all participants and their families. Please RSVP for this event at www.ourladyofsorrows.com/elementary-childrens-ministry.html.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

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

[LifeTeen High School](#)

Sun. Feb. 11: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: The Necessity and Value of Religion (Ch. 3 of Fr. Muller's book *God, Religion, and Faith*. Life Night at 7 p.m. focusing on The Fall. Key Terms: Concupiscence, Original Sin, and Original Justice. Studying the YouCat #67-70 and #200 as well as Genesis 3:1-24 and Romans 3:23-26. Come learn more about our wonderful faith!

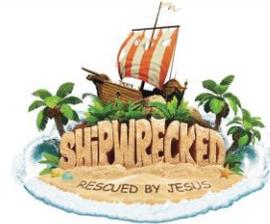
Wed. Feb. 14: Join us in the youth room for Bible Study after the 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass. We will be giving out prayer books for you to utilize every day during Lent.

[Edge Middle School](#)

Sun. Feb. 11: Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner, followed by an Edge Night on the Sacrament of Baptism, "Divine Mission", where we will try to understand the beauty behind the Sacrament of Baptism as well as understand what it means to call God "Father". We will also learn about the mission to spread His love, which we are all called to by virtue of our Baptism.

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.

Come sail away...



The best week of the summer!

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School June 11-15th, 2018

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:

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

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.

The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign begins February 14, and ends March 25. The Birmingham campaign will kick off with a Candlelight Vigil on Tuesday, February 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at Planned Parenthood. For more information on how you can take part and to register visit 40daysforlife.com/Birmingham or contact Yvonne McKnight at 568-6647.