



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

February 18, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Lent: Ash Wednesday was a dynamic success with five Masses, all filled to overflowing and 200 more people in the overflow Mass in the Parish Hall. The question is, can we keep up the spirit of Lent after such a great beginning? To help us, the first Scripture readings the next day tell us about Moses' talk to his people before they entered the promised land:

"I set before you life and prosperity
OR death and doom."

In other words, Lent is decision making time: Life with God, or death and doom. As Lent begins, God is asking for a renewed commitment to Him!

As the first prayer in the Mass for the next day says:

"May what we have begun with ashes (thinking of our eternal destiny) be brought to completion through Christ, our Lord."

In the Gospel of that same day, Jesus says:

"The Son of Man must suffer greatly, be rejected and killed...and on the third day be raised. If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and come follow me. What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and then suffer the loss of his soul?"

Let us remember our Lenten resolutions all the way to Easter.

Father Wilfred: Receiving a doctorate in the specific field for which Fr. Wilfred's bishop has sent him to this country takes four, five or

six years. He has done as much as he could at UAB and in Tuscaloosa. He will continue his studies at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He and I became aware of this several months ago, during which time his bishop wanted to send a Father Franklin, Fr. Wilfred's good friend, to the states for experience and to take the place of Fr. Wilfred. We are working through our bishop and the personnel board to be able to have Fr. Franklin (sort of a clone of Fr. Wilfred) to take Fr. Wilfred's place. Bishop Baker and the personnel board have favored us with our request, and Fr. Franklin is working on immigration paperwork and looking forward to OLS, which he has seen and experienced for five days this past year.

A huge word of thanks to Fr. Wilfred for his four years of service to OLS. He has been and is dearly loved and appreciated. We will have a reception for him the last Sunday of June. As they say, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Father Balta: Changes are usually difficult for priests and people. Fr. Balta, from all indications from the personnel board, will be with us through 2019. We also thank God for Fr. Balta's faithful service to OLS. Pray for all those affected by the change of assignments this coming July 1st.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at 7 p.m.



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



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. 19	Special Intention Bill Thomas Mary Thornton
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Special Intention Diana Cusimano Fontana Joe Schillicci
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Sp. Int. Michael O'Donoghue Anthony Ross Joe Schillicci
Thursday, Feb. 22	Jerry Buckley Anthony Ross Mary Thornton
Friday, Feb. 23	Special Intention Pat McNamee Josephine Sicola
Saturday, Feb. 24	Donors to OLS School Foundation Diana Cusimano Fontana John Milan
Sunday, Feb. 25	People of the Parish Diana Cusimano Fontana Mary Thornton

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 Carpi 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.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

No meeting this Sunday for President's Day! We resume Sunday, February 25.

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

LifeTeen High School

Feb. 25: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn how to defend your faith with Apologetics. **Life Night at 7 p.m.:** We will eat dinner and discuss the virtue of chastity as it stands in opposition to concupiscence. Teens will be challenged to recognize their desire for relationships, and to act on that desire in a healthy and chaste way.

Edge Middle School

Feb. 25: Families are welcome to join us for a Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now!) meal packaging event from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

A parish Rosary will be prayed before the noon Mass on **Wednesday, February 21, at 11:00 a.m.** **Benediction** will follow the Rosary. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. Please bring your family members and friends. You may place your personal intentions in a prayer basket. After the Rosary, the basket will be placed before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of Our Savior. The Altar Sodality will lead the Rosary.

Madonna & Child Guild

All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly meeting. Two options are available:

Wed., Feb. 21, at 7 p.m. in the FLC Library. We will discuss "Hands Free Mama" by Rachael Macy Stafford.

Fri., Feb. 23, at 9 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Rosary, followed by guest speaker Julie Terrell, local interior designer, who will speak on the topic of "Spring Sprucing for Your Interior Décor". The nursery is available for this meeting. Please contact Erin Penherski at epenherskiart@charter.net to make reservations by noon on Wed., Feb. 21. Please include your children's names and ages. Nursery rules are that snacks or food will not be distributed due to food allergies. Please feed your child prior to dropping them off at the nursery. Also, let Erin know ASAP if you need to cancel your reservation, even if it is the morning of the meeting. Email madonnachildols@gmail.com with questions.



Rise Against Hunger (formally Stop Hunger Now): Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us package meals on Sunday, February 25. Working together we can create a world without hunger. This is open to all members of the church. **One shift: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** To register, go to our church website <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com> or call Suzanne Corso or Marcy Fleming at 871-1431.

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
8:45 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
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.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Joseph's Altar, Saturday, March 10, in the Parish Hall following the 5 p.m. Mass.
