



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
March 4, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Security: The recent school massacre in Parkland, Florida has made us all wonder what's next. School massacres have happened before, and we asked, "What's next?" Now another seventeen have been killed and many injured by a shooting, which could have been prevented.

The "if only" litany is long. If only the many who saw something had said something. If only the FBI, loaded with many cases, had checked out the information they had received. If only the mentally ill were better treated. If only local police had done a better job. If only parents raised their children in the love and reverential fear of God. If only automatic guns were not so available to the general public. If only "shooters" were not given so much notoriety, which some seek in a perverse way.

The country has seen the turning point and civic leaders are (and should be) addressing the issue.

The state of Florida has just announced they will put \$500,000,000.00 into every means to prevent this kind of massacre from happening again.

Tight security is expensive and brings about much inconvenience, but we cannot accept the alternative. Just locking and unlocking doors requires extra effort. Yes, extra effort!

There was a recent article in the Birmingham News (2-21-18) about the Bessemer City High School threatened with a shooting. The article went on to say that students from Jefferson, Blount, Limestone, Houston and Baldwin counties were arrested following threats of school shootings. Bad jokes? Yes, and often more than a threat. The shooter in

Parkland, FL, definitely voiced his threat before the execution of his plan.

I have spoken to administrators of OLS School, Mother's Day Out, CCLC, and the plant manager, John Tombrello. John has spoken with Lt. Col. Bruce Bright (retired Marine) and has attended a meeting at Prince of Peace to glean whatever he could to help us. We plan a meeting this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. with the Knights of Columbus and anyone else who would like to attend for input, thoughts of tentative plans, and whatever else can deter a tragedy at OLS.

Chad Gentry, Grand Knight, will inform the Knights for the 6:30 meeting in the Family Life Center, and at 7:30 they will move to the Parish Hall for their own planned meeting. We do plan police coverage with an off-duty officer at the School, with a police car presence on the playground and an officer on alert, and more security for the Family Life Center. We do have key pads at the School, Mom's Day Out and the Catholic Children's Learning Center. We are working on protection at all six Masses.

We live in dangerous times. If we don't do our part by way of expense and time for security, we incur some of the blame.

Rise Against Hunger, formally Stop Hunger Now, is an incredible program to produce nourishing meals at \$.29 apiece, because generous people are willing to do the packaging. One has to experience the operation, which Suzanne Corso organized into three sessions last Sunday: one for the service projects for the 8th graders of the PSR, one for Carol Wiget's Middle School Youth Group service project, and one for the parishioners of OLS.

Last Sunday was a loud outpouring of love for the hungry and a willingness to do something to help them. The parish donated the \$13,000, which produced 42,120 meals.

Special thanks to all who helped. Even the head coach from the Samford football team, Chris Hatcher, brought some of his players to

help package the meals. Coach Hatcher is a member of OLS.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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, Mar. 5	Tony Lamoureux Anthony Ross Mary Thornton
Tuesday, Mar. 6	Closure of Huntsville Abortion Clinic/Conversion of Staff Mary Thornton Ross J. Rumore
Wednesday Mar. 7	Special Intention Fr. Robert O'Sullivan Anthony Ross
Thursday, Mar. 8	Mary Thornton Anthony Ross Sp. Int. The Quinn Family
Friday, Mar. 9	Closure of Huntsville Abortion Clinic/Conversion of Staff Fr. Robert O'Sullivan Mary Thornton
Saturday, Mar. 10	Donors to OLS School Foundation Mary Thornton William J. Stevens
Sunday, Mar. 11	Sarah Carney/People of the Parish Frances Wojick David Lena Carruba

The Lenten Penance Service will be held on Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the Church. We will have 8 priests hearing confessions. Please join us.



Stations
of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at **6:30 p.m.**

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 11 AM (With Partner)

Tuesday at 2 AM (Permanent Committed Adorer Needed)

Tuesday at 11 AM (Permanent Committed Adorer Needed)

Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)

Friday at 11 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 3 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.



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

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, March 6. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Please join us.

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, March 11. Our speaker will be Floyd Hosmer. His topic is *The Crucifixion of Jesus, Part 1*. The gathering begins in the **Family Life Center** with fellowship and light refreshments at 9:45 a.m. and the class begins at 10 a.m.

New Position Open - OLS is hiring a part-time PSR Administrative Assistant. Looking for a faith-filled, energetic individual who has computer and organizational skills. Also needs to work well with adults and children. For more information or to apply, email Suzanne Corso at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com

Our Lady of Peace will meet in the Sodality Room after the 12 noon Mass on Monday, March 5. We will be collecting personal care items for the First Light Women's Shelter. Remember to bring your sandwich; drinks and desserts will be provided.

St. Ann's Guild will meet on Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will have an early brunch then meeting, followed by Lenten Mass at 12 noon in the Church. All are welcome. RSVP to Paula Gasser at 807-6072.

Our Lady of Fatima will meet on Thursday, March 8, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sodality Room. We look forward to having Mary Ann Graeve as our Guest Speaker! Mary Ann will be discussing *The Meaning of Lent and Fasting*. All are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!

St. Joseph's Altar will be held on Saturday, March 10, in the Parish Hall following the 5 p.m. Mass. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. If you are planning to attend, please bring a meatless covered dish: salmon patties, baked fish, pasta dishes, broccoli & rice casseroles, vegetable lasagna, raw vegetables and dip, cookies, cakes, cannoli, etc. For more information contact Marie Swift (956-6323). Leave a message if there is no answer. Hope to see you there.



Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold a blood drive next Sunday, March 11, in the Parish Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and their families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Mar. 4: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. We will be studying Ch. 4 of Monsignor's book and learning more about miracles. **Life Night at 7 p.m.** Our *Theology of the Body* semester theme continues by focusing on 'Love as a Self-Gift.' Come learn more about eros, philia, agape, and conjugal love!

Mark your calendars for April 7! A festival at OLS just for teens. The Diocese is hosting this fun event on our property. There will be speakers, games, food trucks, and more! 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. More details coming soon.

Edge Middle School

Mar. 4: Join us for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, followed by "Welcome Home", an Edge Issue Night on Family. We will come to a greater understanding of what it means to be a child of God, particularly that we are a part of a larger community and family, the Church, that will journey with us throughout our lives.

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.

OLS Habitat Pope Francis Build

Looking for a Lenten alms giving opportunity? OLS needs your help! Our parish is once again participating in Habitat's Pope Francis Build. We're at the "Carpenter" level and OLS has committed \$5000 and 25 volunteers to help Brittany Whitlow and her daughter build their home. The date is **Saturday, March 17, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. No skills required**; anyone 14 years old and older can participate and you can come for as little as 4 hours. To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/2BDKCUG> or contact Marc Corsini at marc.corsini@gmail.com or 222-4622.

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 **Sister Rita Marie** will speak on "Fatima: School of Holiness" to celebrate Our Lady of Fatima's 100 Year Anniversary.

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.

Come sail away...



Save the Date:
Vacation Bible School is
June 11-15th!

The best week of the summer!

Volunteers needed now (especially adults) Full week – 8:45-12:15

Adult Volunteers

- Decorations – Before VBS
- Crew Leaders – no teaching required
- Bible Story and Bible Point Leaders
- Nursery Leader
- Clean up Crew – Friday after VBS

Jr. Volunteers

- (rising 5th graders and up)
- Where we need you

Sign up at www.olspsr.com!

Young Professionals Bible Study

We welcome men and women in their 20's and 30's who are interested in faith formation and fellowship. Anyone from the diocese is invited to join for study, volunteer opportunities, and outings. The Young Professionals group meets on Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Email stephaniezicarelli@gmail.com or message us on Facebook: OLS Young Professionals.

Prepare for Easter in a special way this year. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to your spouse and God. You don't need it – you DESERVE a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman on March 9-11 at St. Bernard Abbey. You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Bob and Joy Hernandez at 678-985-0125.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

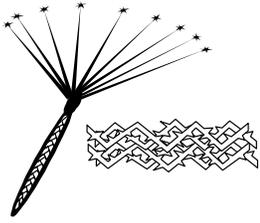
A surprise encounter can turn our lives around. God offers us living water. Come and drink. (John 4:5-42)

That we as a Christian community may reach out to the homeless and the marginalized.

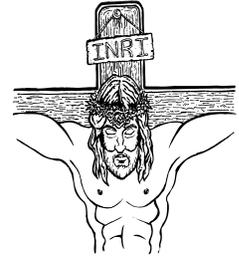


Time to Spring Ahead

DON'T FORGET: Daylight Saving TIME begins next Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour.



Holy Week
Our Lady of Sorrows Church



Holy Thursday

March 29th

Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. In

The Church (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Good Friday***

March 30th

Meditations on the Seven Last Words

12:00 –2:20 P.M.

Stations of the Cross –2:30-3:00 P.M.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 P.M.
in the Church. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Holy Saturday

March 31st

EASTER VIGIL

8:00 P.M. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Easter Sunday

April 1st

7:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M. (Nursery Provided)

**10:00 A.M. - 2 MASSES (CHURCH AND
PARISH HALL) (Nursery Provided)**

11:30 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

***** On Good Friday, Father Muller will begin the reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude at 2:20 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., the hour of our Lord's death, the Hour of Divine Mercy. You may come for any part of the services, but please, out of respect, remain in the vestibule until Father has completed his meditation and then enter the church.**