



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
April 29, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

I read an article recently about teaching high school students religion. The author said students should be taught reasons for God's existence and for the Church; but equally important is teaching the students to experience God. We might say this is true for all of us. To continue with our faith we need that ongoing personal relationship with God.

God is so available to us and comes to us in so many different ways. Last Sunday 31 of our second graders from the Parish School of Religion received Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. I told them how important they are today, with fine apparel and pictures aplenty, because Jesus, our Savior, is so important and is willing to come to them.

Monday, 64 of our eighth-graders will experience God in a personal way with the reception of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament completes baptism and firms up the baptismal commitment. Though we speak of the Confirmed as being adult Christians, this does not mean that they stop learning about their faith. It means they have reached adulthood spiritually, but the journey of learning and practicing the faith is still ongoing.

In preparation for Confirmation these eighth-graders have performed a service project to teach them better that the way of Jesus is "service to others." They have made a retreat to focus on the coming spiritual event of receiving a special presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. After confirmation they will have a special claim on the Holy Spirit for wisdom, courage, knowledge, understanding and the other gifts of the Spirit.

Teenagers live in a world of temptation, and it is only with God's help that they are "wise" enough to make the right choices amidst the many decisions and wrong avenues that are offered to them in our very secular world.

Vatican II states:

"By confirmation the faithful are more perfectly bound to the Church and are endowed with the special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread the faith by word and deed."

Pray for our young people who, on this Monday night, will recommit themselves to the Lord, and God will once more touch them, this time in a special way with the Spirit of God coming to them.

We thank Bishop Baker, who always does a great job administering the sacrament to our young adults. We thank him for his dedication and personal approach to each one he will confirm.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. Service is an essential aspect of following Christ. His whole life was a life of service, and toward the end He washed the feet of His apostles. Then He told them that is what they should do for each other in the only description Jesus gave of the last judgement: "I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was sick and you took care of me, etc." Congratulations to Mary Katherine Kew, Patti Kyle, Maria Lilly, Gaetha Messina, and Mary Lois Milazzo, this year's inductees to the Altar Sodality Honor Tree. They truly deserve recognition for service they have performed and the example they have given to all of us to be of service to one another.

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



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, April 30	S.I. Vincent & Josephine D'Amico Dr. Joseph Schilleci Peter Larkin
Tuesday, May 1	Special Intention Marie Dirgo S.I. The Milazzo Family
Wednesday, May 2	Annie Dirgo James K. Kacker, Sr. Rose Cefalu Maggio
Thursday, May 3	Special Intention Victor Hugh Rumore Dr. Joseph Schilleci
Friday, May 4	Joyce Bromberg Victor Hugh Rumore Dr. Joseph Schilleci
Saturday, May 5	Dr. Bill Stephens Walter Cooney Dr. Joseph Schilleci
Sunday, May 6	J. Huber O'Connell/People of the Parish Alfonso Alfano Peter Larkin

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Tuesday at 11 AM (With Partner)**

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

**Friday at 9 AM (With Partner)**

**Friday at 11 AM (With Partner)**

**Friday at 9 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.

**Everyone is welcome to attend *Adult Education*** on Sunday May 6. Our speaker will be Frances Smith. Her topic is *Mercy in the Holy Land*. The gathering begins in the Family Life Center at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, May 1. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. This will be our last V.I.P. of the school year. Please join us for faith, fellowship, and fun!



*May Crowning*

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Join us in the Procession preceding the 8:30 a.m. Mass.**

All families are invited to participate in this devotion to Mary.

We will meet outside the front doors of the church between 8:15 and 8:30. All you need are flowers to carry (those from your garden are great). We will process into the church together. When you pass before Mary's altar, place your flowers in the vases and go to any pew with your family. Please remain standing for the Crowning and the beginning of Mass.

**Trash & Treasure** is gearing up for another great 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival...and you can too! We will begin accepting donations at the end of May, so now is the time to start planning. If you have a furniture item that needs to be

picked up before then, we do have limited storage available. If you would like to schedule a pickup, please contact Bill Miller at 478-6936. Again, if you can wait until the end of May, it is greatly appreciated. For other questions about donations – or even volunteering – please call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695.

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

**Sun. April 29:** Jimmy Mitchell of *Love Good Culture* joins Edge and Life Teen! Both groups will eat together in the Family Life Center at 7 p.m.

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Sun. April 29:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Chapter 10, *The Papacy*. Life Night at 7 p.m. Join us for a special night featuring guest speaker Jimmy Mitchell from *Love Good Music!*

**Wed. May 2:** Bible Study at 7 p.m. Pizza, prayer, and small group discussion! Our last Bible Study of the semester will be on May 9!

Find our full summer schedule on [www.olsyouth.com/summer](http://www.olsyouth.com/summer)

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sun. May 6:** Rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend their first Middle School Youth Group! Join us for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by "Rise and Shine", a pajama party social to close out the spring semester, featuring sno-cones and Gaga Ball! Our goal is to have fun and build community with incoming teens as we play breakfast-themed games and get to know one another. Sno-cones and Gaga Ball are just some of the fun!

**First Light** is a shelter for homeless women and children located in the heart of downtown Birmingham. It offers the only emergency shelter accepting homeless women with children 24 hours a day. Volunteering at First Light can be a deeply gratifying experience. We often hear how our volunteers get so much more than they give. Our Lady of Sorrows works with the shelter approximately 14 days a year. If you would like to volunteer to provide food or service for the shelter, please send your email address to [leslie@flanaganllc.net](mailto:leslie@flanaganllc.net). Thank you!

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## **Our Lady of Sorrows presents Vacation Bible School**

**June 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>!  
9 a.m. – 12 noon**

K4 (4 yrs. by June 1) – 4<sup>th</sup> grade (in coming school year)

**Register Now! [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com)**

**We need volunteers! Rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders to adult.** Contact us at: [psr@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:psr@ourladyofsorrows.com) or 871-1431.

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**St. Ann's Guild** will meet on Wednesday, May 2, at 10:30 AM in the Parish Hall for our end of year meeting and Picnic. All are welcome to join us. Please RSVP Paula Gasser, 807- 6072.

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**The Knights of Columbus** will hold a Blood Drive next Sunday, May 6, 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.

## **Bread for the World Letter Campaign for utilizing the Digital Option**

Our Lady of Sorrows recognizes that churches, charities and businesses need to play their part every year to end hunger in the world. As coordinator of the outreach programs at OLS, I am proud to say that our youth and adult members do more than their fair share to feed the poor in Birmingham and around the world by bringing groceries in each week that are distributed to the poor by the Center of Concern. Several times a year we also package thousands of meals sent around the world to feed the hungry. In addition, our students, and adults participate in the Annual Bread for the World Letter Campaign, asking our congressional members to support legislative programs to end hunger in the world by 2030. These programs include:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): This program provides millions of low income individuals and families with financial assistance to purchase nutritious food, moving millions of Americans out of poverty each year.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): More than eight million low income women and children receive nutritious food and nutrition education to end malnutrition and even death of infants and children.

Poverty Focused Development Assistance (PFDA): Today, fewer children in the world are dying and more are thriving than ever before through improved nutrition and food security, access to safe water and sanitation, better farming techniques and agricultural productivity.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Refundable Portion of the Child Tax Credit (CTC): This program has moved more people out of poverty in the United States than any other program aside from Social Security.

Cutting funds for these programs would take us backwards in our efforts to end hunger in the United States and around the world. Studies show that handwritten letters and personal emails are one of the best ways to reach members of Congress.

**Please participate by utilizing the new digital option.** Using your laptop, electric notebook, or smart phone, insert [bread.org/eol](http://bread.org/eol) into the browser of your device. After you input your name, address, and zip code, add a line or two to personalize the sample letter; the system will automatically email both your two senators and representative with the push of one button!

Sample letter: We urge Congress to make funding decisions that put our country and the world on track to end hunger by 2030. Please fund existing programs, including anti-hunger programs such as WIC, global nutrition and international poverty focused development assistance (PFDA), and tax credits for low income workers. These programs are helping millions of people escape from hunger in our country and around the world. Thank you for your valuable support.

Thank you for your time and effort in support of this worthy endeavor.

Bob Henger

# *Confirmation Class 2018*

*Please Pray for our Confirmandi!*

<i>Matthew Adams</i>	<i>Max McGwin</i>
<i>Lauren Aday</i>	<i>Miles McKnight</i>
<i>Emily Angeles</i>	<i>Jack Michaels</i>
<i>Connelly Backus</i>	<i>Blake Mize</i>
<i>Maggie Banks</i>	<i>Louis Nanni</i>
<i>Cole Bedics</i>	<i>Brantley Newsome</i>
<i>Grady Breland</i>	<i>Manus O'Hare</i>
<i>Katherine Brown</i>	<i>Pamela Paez</i>
<i>Sofia Calma</i>	<i>Luke Perrucci</i>
<i>Jack Carlisle</i>	<i>Ellie Petrey</i>
<i>Caroline Crimi</i>	<i>Jake Petway</i>
<i>Jack Dawsey</i>	<i>John Paul Pierre</i>
<i>Katy Dazzio</i>	<i>Stephen Plourde</i>
<i>Cedric Durena</i>	<i>Abigail Pugh</i>
<i>Riley Early</i>	<i>Gabriella Ranieri</i>
<i>Callan Elkins</i>	<i>Sarah Camille Rutherford</i>
<i>Cole Elliott</i>	<i>Gabriella Salvagio</i>
<i>Nicholas Elliott</i>	<i>Jillian Sapalaran</i>
<i>Charles Gerace</i>	<i>Alexander Scheinler</i>
<i>Jackson Gerace</i>	<i>Theresa Shields</i>
<i>Caroline Golab</i>	<i>Kathryn Stuart Smith</i>
<i>Jacy Handra</i>	<i>Larissa Sosa-Diaz</i>
<i>Emma Hughey</i>	<i>Theresa Stephens</i>
<i>Bradley Jordan</i>	<i>Claire Ellen Stokes</i>
<i>Christopher Karg</i>	<i>Patrick Yaeger</i>
<i>Lillian Langley</i>	<i>Kirsten Tabuena</i>
<i>Christopher LaRussa</i>	<i>Will Ireland</i>
<i>Madison Le</i>	<i>Ruby Thornton</i>
<i>Sarah Leong</i>	<i>Andrew Turkiewicz</i>
<i>Ashley Lindsay</i>	<i>Sarah Kaye Turner</i>
<i>Russell Luccasen</i>	<i>Ivan Wimberly</i>
<i>Trent Lusk</i>	<i>Millie Yerkes</i>