



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
May 13, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Because of Perpetual Adoration the whole parish is blessed, and this includes our Youth Ministry. The third floor of the Family Life Center was to take care of 30 students, with comfortable accommodations for the Sunday evening instructions and socials.

The wonderful problem is that we have something like 60 students coming, and we have struggled for over a year to enlarge the two rooms into one large room. All engineers say the wall must stay. We also need more office and storage space for the youth ministers.

The heavy idea of a third floor on the parking deck and another building on this third floor was considered. The expense was too much, \$3.4 million. We would have to postpone helping the youth with its expansion, since to obtain the loan to build, the diocese requires that a parish does not borrow more than half the expense and it should have the other half up front. The parish council met with the finance committee and nothing was resolved in the concrete, for which I had no great regret, since I preferred an alternative solution. By the grace of God, it came.

Ginny Dooley's senior group would meet for instruction and cross the wide driveway between the FLC and the parking deck and then would transfer to the gym for rec purposes. The spirit of God hit when Ginny and Carol Wiget said they would prefer for the meeting of the senior high to be in the FLC if we could afford serious modifications in the gym for class.

The FLC gym was built in a squeezed-in area, since we are simply land short, and the wonderful gym is great for practice and limited games, but there is no room for portable

dividers to be stored, as we have in the Parish Hall. The spirit of God hit me with the idea to build a storage room between the FLC and the veterinarian clinic. We have measured, and with the enormous help of people like Tim Lucy, parishioner and architect, and Charles Ferlisi, who has volunteered to help us so much with the youth program and has a background career in construction, we have moved forward with this plan.

The glitch has been permission from the zoning board from the City of Homewood to give us the necessary space to build very close to the nice retaining wall of the clinic next door to us. All of this is the background to the OLS success story (prayers). After meeting with the zoning board three times, we were able to get a "variance" to build with sufficient room for all of the youth ministry storage needs, including portable partitions and user-friendly objects, so this youth ministry can move ahead.

The youth storage building will have two floors and will allow extra storage space for other concerns, for which we seem to need space. The acoustical dividers and more acoustical walls in the gym are well in our present means in our Building Fund. Obviously, this alternative route is far less expensive than the third floor of the parking deck. At this time, after much observation, we do not need the third floor. Only time will tell (much time) if we ever "need" more parking. The Homewood Library has been kind to us with Sunday morning parking, which, for many, is more convenient than parking in our parking deck.

At this point in time we want to thank those who have contributed so much to our Building Fund, along with regular offertory donations. I would request that those who usually give to the Building Fund divert that donation to the Charity Fund or the School Foundation fund.

Lastly, Tim Lucy has done a great job in working with the zoning board and with our many personal meetings.

Thanks to our many generous supporters who help us with the School, PSR, Youth Ministry, and financial support.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

F.Y.I. Margaret Anderton has been teaching in our P.S.R. class for as long as I can remember. Her husband, Mike, is running for District Attorney and one way or another, their family will be effected by the outcome of this election. Running for a public office and campaigning is stressful for the family. Keep the Anderton family in your prayers. Needless to say, the spirituality of the Anderton family would be great for a community that needs a dedicated public servant.



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 14	Special Intention Sp. Int. Ron & Micky Ziellinski Nellie Messina
Tuesday, May 15	Ernie Eltz Carala Lutz Nellie Messina
Wednesday, May 16	Special Intention Sp. Int. Annette Riena Dr. Joseph Schilleci
Thursday, May 17	Anthony Ross Sp. Int. Therese Fitzmaurice, SND Danny Waters
Friday, May 18	Special Intention Diane Cusimano Fontana Catherine P. Lopez
Saturday, May 19	Donors to OLS School Foundation Gordon Neal Mr. & Mrs. Nick Renda, Sr.
Sunday, May 20	People of the Parish Charles Woods Joe Trotman

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 11 AM (With Partner)

Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)

Wednesday at 4 AM (Committed Adorer Needed)

Friday at 9 AM (With Partner)

Friday at 11 AM (With Partner)

Friday at 9 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 9 PM (Committed Adorer Needed this Hour)

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.

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room for our end of year picnic. Bring a dish and let's have fun! Please remember to bring your donations for the Catholic Center of Concern. Barbecue, Drinks and Desserts will be provided.



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

**June 11th - 15th!
9 a.m. – 12 noon**

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

Register Now! www.olspsr.com

We need volunteers! Rising 5th graders to adult. Contact us at:
psr@ourladyofsorrows.com or 871-1431.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Beginning June 4, we will meet every Wednesday! Find our full summer schedule on www.olsyouth.com/summer.

We will also have a weekly book study starting in June! Girls will read *Go Bravely* by Emily Wilson (a book focusing on how to be a better woman of God) and the guys will read *Man Enough* by Dom Quaglia (a book about St. Joseph).

Edge Middle School

Tuesday, May 29: Rising 6th-9th graders are invited to kick-off the summer with laser combat at Ultra Blast from 7-9 p.m.! Free admission, dinner, and multiple rounds of combat. Please visit <http://lasercombatcenter.com/waiver/> to complete a waiver. Meet us at 157 Resource Center Pkwy, Unit 107!

Summer schedule available at www.olsyouth.com/middle-school

Trash & Treasure is gearing up for another great 4th 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.

John Carroll Cavalier Camps – Summer 2018

The John Carroll Athletic Department is offering several Cavalier Camps this summer! Camps include track, volleyball, cheer, soccer, baseball, dance, and girl's and boy's

basketball. Visit www.jcchs.org for camp dates, ages, and online registration.

Let the Knights do the cooking this Memorial Day Weekend! The Knights of Columbus are once again smoking Boston butts to help celebrate the upcoming Memorial Day weekend. Each butt is \$35 and will be available for pickup at the OLS pit between 3 & 6 p.m. on Friday, May 25th. Please text or call 205-267-1116 to place your order. Early orders are appreciated!

The Padre Pio prayer group will meet on Saturday, May 26. Prayers and Adoration begin at 10 a.m. and we will conclude with Mass by 11:15. Fr. Wilfred Emeh will lead us in prayers! Come and be with us and pray for souls! All are welcome! For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554. **“PRAY, HOPE and DON'T WORRY!”** Padre Pio...Pray for us!

The Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation presents the first annual **Avila Summit**. Join Catholics from around the world July 13-15 at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. Speakers include Cardinal Francis Arinze, Fr. Cassian Folsom, O.S.B., and Dan Burke. Space is filling up fast! To register or get more information, visit SpiritualDirection.com/Summit2018 today. Receive 50% off your ticket price using code AL2018.

Theology on Tap

Catholic? Love pizza? Digesting theology? We do! Join fellow Birmingham young adults each month on the second Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Bird's Bar & Pizza. We'd love to see you!

Upcoming Speakers:

May 14 – Dan Burke, NCR Executive Director
June 11 – 2nd Annual Seminarian Night