



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
June 10, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The last time I bought a car (with 98,000 miles on it) it looked so shined up by the previously owned car dealer that Mr. What's His Name said to me, "Father, what's up with that new car?"

Two Sundays ago Bo Lovell let me drive his car, a 6 year old Hyundai. Since my car had serious break downs three different times on the highway, motor burned up, transmission burned up, and alternator suddenly quitting, I asked if he could find a 6 year old Hyundai like his. I put Chuck Deering, Sr., on the search and also John Tombrello. Chuck found the year and model in Florida, and John found one here for \$28,000. Far too rich for my blood! Bo Lovell found one for half of that price in town.

Being preoccupied with other problems, I bought the car, even though it looked new. BUT IT IS 6 YEARS OLD! Still, I am getting this: "What's with the new car, Father?" The caretaker at the farm said to me, "That car...that's what other people who come out here drive. You and I do the work, driving in narrow places to fix the fences. That car is 'too much!'"

When Bishop Vath, first bishop of Birmingham, came to us in 1969, he would write a weekly column in the diocesan paper. Twice he wrote about his garden and the compost of organic material that composed the compost. Someone criticized him and said they wanted to hear only spiritual things in the Bishop's weekly article. I listened and resolved my articles would always have the spiritual dimension. But look at the above! I broke my resolution.

Since I have broken my resolution, let me go on about dear Bishop Vath. He would ask for the organic contribution to his compost. I would bring him four bags of horse manure in

the trunk of my car to his residence on Tuscaloosa Avenue. On one occasion the bishop was here at OLS and he said, "If you have those four bags of organic material in your trunk, here are my keys. Just put them in my trunk."

Four weeks later, when Bishop Vath went to the airport to pick up the Apostolic Delegate, he opened the trunk to place the Delegate's bags therein. He then saw those four bags and the Delegate asked, "Well, is this the treasuries of the Church?" Then the good bishop proceeded to blame the priest who put that manure in his trunk. I reminded the bishop that he gave me the keys to the trunk of his car. This was my story and to this day I am sticking with it.

As the delegate visited various dioceses and was picked up at the airport and different bishops would place his bags in the trunk of the car, the Delegate loved to tell the story of the bishop of Birmingham who carried horse manure in the trunk of his car.

I keep insisting that unless Bishop Vath had given me the keys and told me to do it, the manure would not have been in there to greet the Delegate at the airport four weeks later. I should have learned from Christine LaRussa, who steps in and takes the blame whenever there is a blame and neither Mrs. Dorn nor myself are willing to accept it. Christine claims that is what she was taught as a job description for the DRE of the school from her predecessor, Pam Culotta.

In the vestibule are 500 pictorial directories. Some pictures are very interesting. Not all are current. Some, like my car, are 6 years old. There will be another 500 next Sunday. Please take one.

Construction for the two story storage building will start very soon. This is mostly storage for the Youth Ministry's portable dividers for classes in the gym. Construction trucks will be parked on the rectory side of the Family Life Center during this 90 days of construction. Youth membership is growing thanks to Ginny and Carol (also Eric and

Charles Ferlisi and others). The third floor does not have room for all the teens on Sunday nights. The new adjustments in the gym, with acoustical partitions, seems to be the great solution.

Vacation is great, but a vacation from God is tragic. Keep and spread the faith.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 11	Special Intention Sp. Int. Rosemary & Sam Savage & family Lena Carruba
Tuesday, June 12	Special Intention Sadie Sharbel Senk
Wednesday, June 13	Special Intention Special Intention Lena Joan Rietta Josephine Sicola
Thursday, June 14	Michael Cannova Sp. Int. Kelly Bowness Dr. Joseph Schilleci
Friday, June 15	Special Intention Anne Butera Ross J. Rumore
Saturday, June 16	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Kelly Bowness Dr. Joseph Schilleci
Sunday, June 17	People of the Parish Maggie Scarpulla Dolly Barranco

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at 11 AM (With a Partner)**
- Friday at 9 AM (With a Partner)**
- Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)**
- Friday at 9 PM (With a 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.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Wed. June 13: 4 Square Tournament! Game night and dinner 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the FLC.

Every Thursday in June from 10:30-11:30 a.m. girls will be reading *Go Bravely* by catholic author Emily Wilson in the youth room.

Fri. June 15: Join us for 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast!

We are looking for chaperones for our Camp Hidden Lake trip July 16-21. This is an incredible way to grow in your personal faith and connect with the teens in our parish. Must be 21 years or older and Youth Protection certified through the diocese. Contact ginny@olsyouth.com for more details.

Edge Middle School

Tues. June 26: Meet at the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. for Drive-In Movie Night! We will be headed to Coyote Drive-in in Leeds. Ticket is included. Bring your own snack money and a blanket to spread out on. Movie TBD.

OLS Boy Scout Troop 237 will be heading to Camp Sequoyah for a week of fun-filled activities today. Please keep the boys in your prayers for a safe trip. If you are interested in high adventure, monthly camping, building catholic charter and learning new life skills, contact Don Tighe, Scoutmaster, at dtighe@gmail.com. Scout meetings are held every Wednesday from 6:30- 8 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The OLS Women's Sodality is looking for volunteers to bake delicious cakes for our annual **4th of July Cake Booth**. Pick up your FREE cake mix and container after any of the Masses on the weekend of June 16-17. Bring your baked cake to the OLS School Cake Booth either July 3rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or July 4th from 8 -10 a.m. Thank you!

Fourth of July Festival Volunteers— You Can Sign Up Now

It's hard to believe that the festival is almost here. This year the Signup Genius website will be the preferred method to sign-up to volunteer for each area of the festival. By entering the email address below, you can access the site to find the volunteer activity you are looking for and sign-up. Once you sign-up, each volunteer will receive an immediate email reminder and a second reminder 2 days before your chosen volunteer slot. We ask that children get their parent's permission before signing up.

Here are the simple instructions for desktop computers (navigation will be slightly different on a cell phone):

- Go to www.signupgenius.com
- Once on the website, click on the magnifying glass in the upper right hand corner.
- Then click on "Search by Email"
- Enter the email address greg.pierre.bhm@gmail.com and click on the "I'm not a Robot box".
- Click on the Search button.
- You will then be directed to the various sign-ups

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer but don't have internet access, please contact Greg Pierre at 907-5605.



Trash and Treasure Needs You!

We are now accepting:

Household items	Toys
Collectibles	Bikes
Holiday Items	Art
Jewelry	Rugs
Camping Gear	Religious
Tools	Linens
Books	Appliances(working)
Gardening	Crafts
Luggage	Lamps
Yard Items	Electronics(working)
Clothing – clean, <u>gently used</u> , and on hangers if possible	

Donations may be dropped off at the school gym at the bottom of the steps. **Last day for pick-ups is June 26th and the last day for donations is July 1st.**

If you need a large furniture item pick-up, call Bill Miller at 478-6936.

Items we are NOT able to take at this time include:

Broken/non-working items
car seats past the expiration date
mattresses
Sleeper sofas
cribs
pianos
Large tube TVs
Large appliances

We appreciate everyone's time and donations. For questions, please call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695. Thank you!!

TNT Work Hours:

Mondays and Weds 9-2
Thursdays 4-8
Saturdays 10-3