



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
September 2, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

We priests have daily intentions when we offer the Holy Sacrifice. People make offerings for that first intention, and this is so good. Personally, I reserve two "free intentions" for myself every week for my special intentions.

After we offer Jesus to the Father and a short Profession of Faith, we pray for the Church, the souls in purgatory, and for ourselves. When we pray for the Church we mention the pope and the local bishop by name. However, my first intention of the Mass this past Monday was for Pope Francis.

When the media asked him if Archbishop Vigano's statement to the *National Catholic Register* was true, Pope Francis neither affirmed it nor denied it (one must realize the problems of the world pass by Pope Francis. Secretaries of State are supposed to filter important memos to the Pope. There are cardinals and archbishops all over the world and different reports are constantly given to the Pope). On the spot it is difficult to remember every memo and degree of sanction his predecessor imposed on Cardinal McCarrick.

Archbishop Vigano made the accusation that Pope Francis knew enough to give Cardinal McCarrick full sanctions, but did not do it immediately and released whatever sanctions given by Pope Benedict. When the abuse of a minor hit the press, full sanctions were imposed on the depraved cardinal by Pope Francis (no public Mass, no lectures, no travel. Stay at home to pray and do penance).

Some have asked for Pope Francis to retire. The Pope may take weeks or months to think and rethink about what is best for the Church.

Francis has taken strong measures of "zero tolerance," even for bishops who might have enabled the predators, so serious is the offense against the will of God. We all should pray for the Pope and for the Church and keep in mind the following:

- It is the office of the pope which Jesus established. The primacy of Peter was not for him personally, but for the good of the Church, and, as Jesus said to the first pope about the Church Jesus was founding, the gates of hell would not prevail against it.
- When Peter was martyred in the year 65 A.D., the baptized community knew what Jesus wanted and elected Linus, Cletus, Clement, etc., to the present Pope Francis.
- Pope Francis has been a great pope, and whether the resignation process on the basis of the above issue would be good for the Church, he, in his goodness and with much prayer, will ultimately make a decision.
- If the Pope does retire, the cardinals will convene and elect another pope. It is the office of the papacy that bonds Catholics together and in union with the doctrines of Jesus and His presence in the Eucharist.

When, in the summer of 1956, I was standing among 2000 people to see Pope Pius XII, I told myself, since I don't follow celebrities, I am leaving this place. Then I told myself you are not waiting to see Eugene Pacelli, you are waiting to see the direct successor of St. Peter! It is this office of the papacy that we follow, whoever is in the office of Peter at the time. The office of the papacy was not for Peter himself, but for the unity of the Church. The Catholic Church is the one founded by Christ, with 266 different men occupying the office. When a Churchman falls, it is not the Church that falls. The Church will exist until the end of time.

I had a professor in the seminary who said, "If Pope Alexander VI could not kill the Church, nobody can!"

Pope Francis is an extremely holy man, and if he made a disciplinary mistake, with the help of the Almighty he will do what he thinks is good for the Church. As the human "vicar of Christ" on earth, he deserves our extra prayers, especially at this time.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Monday, Sept. 3	Special Intention Bill Stephens Joseph Schilleci
Tuesday, Sept. 4	Frank Cusimano Sp. Int. the Corso Family Annie Diergo
Wednesday, Sept. 5	Joe Alfano Joseph Schilleci Bill Thomas
Thursday, Sept. 6	Special Intention Sp. Int. the Gagnon Family Jody Griener
Friday, Sept. 7	Sp. Int. Anthony Marino Joseph Schilleci Mary Holly
Saturday, Sept. 8	Walter Cooney Catherine Niedergeses Lena Carbonie
Sunday, Sept. 9	Zoilia & Joaquin Rodriguez/People of the Parish Joseph Schilleci Mary Margaret Niedergeses



Vivian Bonamy, Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann Huie, Melanie
Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth, Fr. John
Robinson, Margie Cole

Everyone is invited to a Healing Mass on Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Msgr. Martin Muller will be the celebrant. Frank Kelly will be the guest speaker after Mass, and the healing service will follow. Please join us.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 7 PM (With Partner)

Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)

Friday at 11 PM (Need a Committed Adorer)

Sunday at 1 PM (Need Committed Adorer)

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.

Committed Adorers and Substitutes:

Many thanks to all who helped make the 26th Anniversary of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration so beautiful. It was a glorious opportunity to express our gratitude to Our Lord for His Eucharistic Presence. To all the Committed Adorers and Substitutes, especially those special people who keep the difficult hours of the night, you truly bring blessings to all of us, the parish, the community and the people from all over the world who visit our Chapel via the Internet. We thank Fr. Muller, whose constant support and inspiring words encourages us in our commitment to the Holy Eucharist.

God bless,
Stephanie and Mary Claire

Everyone is invited to attend Adult

Education on Sunday, Sept. 9. Our speaker will be David Anders, PhD. His topic is based on his new book *The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Our Lady of Peace will meet in the Sodality Room at 12 noon on Tuesday, September 4. Remember to bring your sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. Even if you are not a member of our guild, we would love to have you. Please feel free to join us!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Youth Group Parent Meeting Sept. 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn where their involvement is greatly needed in allowing our youth ministry program to succeed.

Sept. 2: No Youth Group! Happy Labor Day!

Life Teen High School

Sept. 5: "Summit" Scripture study! A co-ed Bible study every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. Dinner included.

Sept. 9: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. in the youth room studying apologetics. Life Night at 7 p.m. called "Welcome to the Family" – a night centered on childlike faith and viewing God as our father.

March for Life registration is now open! Join OLS as we stand up for life in the peaceful pro-life march in Washington D.C. The trip will be Jan. 16-20, and the cost is \$150.

Edge Middle School

Sept. 9: "Battle Cry" – Join us for and Edge Night on Jesus' Public Ministry where we will learn more about His Proclamation of the Kingdom and His call of the Apostles. We will be challenged to recognize the kingdom of God present with us today and to respond in faith just as the apostles did.

Blaze Bible Study for 7-8th grade girls: We are starting a six week Bible Study this Fall called "Discovering My Purpose." If you are interested, please email Carol at mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com. The study will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the FLC Library.

St. Ann's Guild will meet in the Family Life Center Assembly Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 10 a.m. with Social, followed by the Rosary at 10:12. **Please note, this is a location and time change.** The business portion will begin promptly at 10:30. Our program at 11 a.m. will be a tribute to St. Mother Theresa of Calcutta, with an Indian themed lunch provided by our hostesses at 11:30. All women of the parish are welcome to join us for as much of the program as possible. RSVP to amcmahon7205@charter.net to help us with a headcount for lunch.

Our Lady of Sorrows Feast

Saturday, September 15

*Music meditation
at 4:30 p.m.*

*Benediction and Meditation on
the Seven Sorrows
at 4:45 p.m.*

Mass at 5 p.m.

*A dinner will immediately
follow in the Parish Hall at
6:00 p.m.*

**Everyone is welcome!
Join us on this
special day!**

Altar Server Training

Three dates have been scheduled for altar server training for those in 4th grade or above. Each date for training has six slots. Please reserve a date for training that works best with your schedule. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Please schedule training by going to signupgenius.com, click on the "search symbol" (magnifying glass) and enter my

email kentgraeve@gmail.com to obtain access to altar training site. Register by filling your server's name into one of the slots provided. For answers to questions please call 205-999-3474 or use the above email address.

S.T.E.P. - Systematic Training for Effective Parenting is a course for parents and others who want their relationship with children to be more satisfying. In an atmosphere of mutual support, you learn communication skills, positive discipline techniques, ways to build self-esteem and more. Over three million parents have improved their family life with STEP. STEP will be offered on Sundays from 10-11 a.m. in the Sodality Room beginning Sept. 23 through November 11, with no class on Oct. 14. STEP is being offered through the PSR office and Jane O'Brien will be the moderator. For questions and to register, call the PSR office (871-1431) or Jane O'Brien (937-4099). Space is limited to no more than 24. Both parents should attend, single parents may bring someone with them who helps with the children.

Bible Study: St. Ambrose, an early Church father and Bishop of Milan wrote, "The reason we should devote time to reading scripture is to hear God speak to us". All are invited to hear God speak by attending Bible study on Thursday evenings from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our ten-week study of the *Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, will begin on September 13, and conclude on November 15. Since study material must be ordered, registration is required. You can register or obtain additional information by writing to: kentgraeve@gmail.com or calling 999-3474.

First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children is 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 Bentley at leslie@flanaganllc.net. All food donations can be left at the OLS Mom's Day Out Nursery. Thank you!

Dear wonderful Ladies,
Bible Study begins September 18. Jesus wants a personal relationship with each one of us. He loves us so much, He died to save us from our sins. He rose from the dead and defeated the enemy and gave us life everlasting in heaven with Him. St. Jerome said if you want to know Jesus, you have to know His Word. His Word is very powerful and helps us in all of life's problems and joys. We have a wonderful, loving, happy, joyful group, and we welcome anyone, no matter their age or Bible knowledge. We begin Sept. 18, but you can join any time. Call Mary Ann at 908-2728 and leave a message with your name and number. Hope to see you there so we can share our love and joy with you.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

~Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time~

If you or someone you know is suffering with emotional and spiritual pain after an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held at the Dwelling Place Retreat Center in Brooksville, MS on September 7 – September 9th. Participation is strictly confidential. The retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, compassion and forgiveness. For more information, please contact Maria at maria_vineyard@yahoo.com or (901) 356-2259. Please visit our website @ www.rachelsvineyard.org

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 3, for Labor Day.



LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLS SCHOOL!

Take a look at how our school year is getting off to a great start...

- We have a new look! Recently, we launched our **new website** featuring a more simplified design, better functionality, and enhanced content to help you stay informed about our wonderful parish school. Take a look and *Experience the Difference* at **olsschool.com**!
- We believe prayer is such an important part of our school day, and we look forward to the opportunity to worship together each week. This week's **School Mass** will be led by class 8-W.
- A special **Back to School Dance** for Middle School was recently held in the OLS School Gym for the Birmingham area Catholic Schools.
- **Toy Bowl Volleyball** practices are underway for the 3rd through 8th grade OLS girl and boy teams. Regular season games are September 8 - October 13; tournament/finals are October 15-20.
- Congratulations to our new **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) officers**! Our very energetic PTO is a vital support to our school. This year's officers are: President Curri DiChiara, Past President Nefertari Brown, VP Hospitality Lori Dent, VP Events Beth Lowman, VP Communications Valerie Whitt, Secretary Ann Rohling, and Treasurer Casey Baldwin. Also, a big thank you to the PTO for the fun and exciting student "**Bounce Back to School**" event that included food (provided by the Knights of Columbus), fun and games!
- Our **8th - grade student yearbook staff** has been selected to provide the artistic and creative content and sale of the school annual. This year's staff is Hayzen Sims, Brooke Wallace, Lucie Schauer, Abigail Collins, Belle Buckner, Grayton Galloway, Will Ferguson, Brooks Bilodeau, Anthony Cucinotta, Aiden Lange, and J.P. Zarzaur.
- We are **collecting Boxtops** to help support school improvements & programs, and you can help! Please consider clipping Boxtops and sending them to Boxtop Coordinator at 414 Kenilworth Drive Homewood, Alabama 35209. Thank you in advance for your help!!

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School fosters the religious, academic, and social development of every child, recognizing that knowledge enlightened by faith and realized through service is at the heart of Catholic education. We're growing our children in knowledge and faith...Experience the difference! **Visit olsschool.com.**