



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
September 16, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

If God has a plan for the smallest worm on the earth, why wouldn't He have a plan to support His Church? If we believe the Bible, the answer is that He does have a plan: All who earn wages are to give God the first tenth of what they earn. It is stated in the Bible, 44 times in the Old Testament and two times in the New Testament. He lets us use the other 90 percent. Can't you just hear an angel asking God, "Why let them use 90 percent? Just let them use 60 percent and tell them they are to give 40 percent back to You." God's response is, "I just want the first tenth of what they earn."

Twice a year I speak on God's plan to support His Church, and I take the opportunity to say: Thank you for your most generous pledges to the parish and to Catholic Charities.

The American Bishops recommend 5 percent to the parish and 5 percent to be given to God in so many different ways, such as Catholic education, United Way, Red Cross, and special collections. We highly recommend a good part of that other 5 percent be given to Catholic Charities. This is money given to God, administered by the Bishop, with only 5 percent going to administration. Other organized charities use about 10 percent to 12 percent of the money for administration.

Everything we have is His and we owe Him that first tenth, as He requests in the Scriptures. Still, if we do this, He promises a great reward. Personally, I am so accustomed to God's blessings, I would be afraid not to tithe. I could not readjust my life to live without His blessings.

If God is number one in our lives, then, in planning our budget, He should be given the first part of what we earn.

Catholic Charities supports the Catholic Centers of Concern. The sisters distribute money for rent, utilities, and prescription drugs to the needy. The centers also administer the many food gifts and clothes to those in need. When we give to Catholic Charities, we support future priests who are in the seminary today. We support programs for the mentally challenged, the elderly, and the office of religious education, which helps each parish with its Parish School of Religion. We also support Campus Ministers for some sixteen colleges and universities. We support the Black Ministry, we support the Hispanic Ministry and we support Catholic Family Services (adoption services, foster care for children and assistance for unwed mothers).

Being a member of Catholic Charities means we love our neighbor in so many different ways. Our neighbor has been defined as the person in need!

You should have received a pledge card from the diocese. Pray over it. Everyone should sign a card. If you are not pledging, simply write on it your disposition. We put them all in a basket next Sunday and place this offering at the foot of the altar in gratitude to God for all He has done for us and as part of the tithe we owe Him.

On behalf of the good Lord, I thank you a million times for your extreme generosity to the **parish** and to other works of charity, especially **Catholic Charities**.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. Someone has been impersonating me on email. Please know that I do not send emails or texts, and if you receive anything from me it is a scam. Please contact the Church Office if you receive one of these messages.



Monday, Sept. 17	Mary Eleanor Ceyte Sp. Int. Adele Northington & family Annie Diergo
Tuesday, Sept. 18	Frank Beuerlein Annie Diergo Sp. Int. Jonathan & Holly Hooks
Wednesday, Sept. 19	Special Intention Sp. Int. Lisa Woods Sp. Int. Virginia Renta
Thursday, Sept. 20	Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Annie Diergo Sp. Int. Mr. & Mrs. John Virciglio
Friday, Sept. 21	Special Intention Sp. Int. Cindy Woods Sp. Int. Virginia Renta
Saturday, Sept. 22	Donors to School Foundation Melvin Belala Sp. Int. Debbie Barranco & family
Sunday, Sept. 23	People of the Parish Annie Diergo Sp. Int. Jeanne Barranco & family



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

R.C.I.A. begins on Monday, October 8. Dinner is served in the Parish Hall at 5:45 p.m. and the class begins at 6:30. Childcare is provided by the Mother's Day Out program and there is no charge for these sessions or for childcare. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please join us.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at 7 PM (With Partner)**
- Thursday at 11 PM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)**
- Friday at 11 PM (Need 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.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Sept. 23. Our speakers will be Gwyn Moore and Cathy Fehr. Their topic is *Stations of the Cross with an Examination of Conscience* based on a new book by Janice Nelson. 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.

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Blood Drive this Sunday, September 16, in the Parish Hall from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. They are 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.

The Altar Sodality will gather in the church to pray a Rosary on Wednesday, September 19, at 10 a.m. All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer. We will pray specifically for a successful year for students, teachers, and school administrators. You may also bring personal prayer requests and/or prayers of thanksgiving to place in our prayer basket. Please come to pray with us!

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins Sunday, September 23, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All children in grades K-6, including those in the Parish School of Religion and those attending Our Lady of Sorrows School, are invited to attend these liturgies, which have been especially prepared for them. We will gather in the main sanctuary for the Introductory Rites and be dismissed from there to process together to the Parish Hall. Older siblings and members of the family are welcome to celebrate the Lord's Word with

us. There are a number of ministries available to the children within Children's Liturgy of the Word, including Cantors, Lectors, and Actors & Actresses for special homilies. All interested children are encouraged to participate in these ministries and to sign up with Greg Harber following the 8:30 a.m. Sunday masses, or parents may contact me via email: gharber@mindspring.com.

For more information call Greg Harber, 205-807-8055.

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all 1st – 5th graders to play BINGO on Friday, September 21, in the Parish Hall from 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided for all participants and their families. Please register at ourladyofsorrows.com/elementary-childrens-ministry. Please note that this is not a drop-off event. A parent/chaperone must stay at the event with their child/children or carpool group. Please contact Chi Ranieri at ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com with any questions.

Dear wonderful Ladies,
Bible Study began September 11. 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. 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.

Madonna and Child will meet on Friday, Sept. 21, at 9 a.m. in the Church. We will dedicate the remodeled Cry Room, followed by a Rosary. Nursery is available by contacting Ashley Peters at ashleybpeters@gmail.com.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Sept. 16: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. in the youth room. We will be studying The Creed on formed.org. Life Teen at 7 p.m. Dinner will be followed by our theme kick-off "Welcome to the Family." Learn about the importance of living out our Catholic faith!

Wed. Sept. 19: "Summit" Scripture study! A co-ed Bible study focusing on the Sunday Mass readings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Dinner included!

Registration for the Fall Retreat "Chaos" is now open! Saturday, Nov.10-11 at Camp Hargis. Step away from the stress of school, work, and "Be still and know that I am God." More details at olsyouth.com/retreat.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Sept. 16: "I Wanna Be Like Christ." Join us for an Edge Issue Night on Peer Pressure where we will learn how to grow in confidence that we are children of God. We will learn how to use this confidence and knowledge to overcome peer pressure. Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Wed. Sept. 19: Blaze Bible Study for 7-8th grade girls. Our 6 week Bible study, "Discovering My Purpose," continues. If you are interested, it's not too late to join us! Please email Carol at msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com. Meet in the FLC library (1st Floor) from 7-8:30 p.m. Pizza dinner will be served.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, September 22, at 10 a.m. Our prayers will be led by our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Frankline. This month we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Padre Pio's death and entrance into Heaven! We will have a pot-luck lunch after Mass in the Parish Hall. Please come and bring a dish to share! Last names beginning with A-J: Meat or Main Dish, K-T: Side Dish or Salad/Veggie, and U-Z: Rolls, Dessert or Fruit. We hope you can join us this month. Padre Pio...Pray for us! For more information contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

A Memorial Mass for Sister Rita Washington, SFCC, the first Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Birmingham who passed away on August 13, will be held on Saturday, September 29, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of the Universe Catholic Church. All are invited to attend.

You are Cordially invited!
Her Choice Birmingham
Women's Center
Fundraising Banquet
Tuesday, October 30th
7 p.m. at The Club
Keynote, Theresa Bonopartis –
Lumina Hope & Healing

Please make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend, but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope. To register or donate call 205-447-8796 or go to hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLS SCHOOL!

We are growing our children in knowledge and faith...look how they experience the difference.

Congratulations to our 7th grade students who qualified for the Duke Tip Talent Identification Program. They attained a qualifying score at the 95th percentile or above on a national grade-level assessment. These outstanding students are Jagger Bager, Isabella Berry, Charles Farr, Anna Grace Fuller, Grace Kingrey, Luke Parmer, Kate Tanner, Georgia Thornton, Mary Turkiewicz, and Maggie Von Hagel!

Toy Bowl Volleyball practices are underway for the 3rd through 8th grade OLS girl and boy teams. Regular season games are September 8 through - October 13; tournament/finals are October 15-20.

SHOE DRIVE. Please consider helping us reach our goal of 2,500 pairs of new and gently used shoes of all sizes by November 30. All shoes collected will be sent to Haiti. You will find two collection boxes near the back entrance to the school, as well as the Family Life Center.

BOXTOPS. 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!
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