



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 11, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Roger McLaughlin was at OLS for the Holy Sacrifice on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Sept. 15, 2018). He wasn't feeling well, but he went anyway. After Mass his family took him to the emergency room. He had suffered a slight stroke. They eventually discovered an inoperative brain tumor, growing fast. Last week on the Feast of All Saints, the Lord took him to Himself.

I do not think it was an accident that, on the dawn of All Saints, Jesus placed another one on the roll of the saints in heaven.

It is with fond affection that I write about Roger, because we have known each other for 30 years. When I went to School Board meetings, Roger was the president of the School Board. In those days, someone prophetically told me that if I did not have a school foundation, I would not have a school in 20 years. People like John Kearney, Don Giardina and Patti Reid sold grapefruits and oranges on Greensprings to start the foundation. The school is now at an all-time high. However, it was Roger McLaughlin, who so wisely invested the foundation money of \$10 million in 25 years and made in excess of an extra \$12 million by wise investments.

Twice I said in public at school functions that, in honor of Roger, now that he has gone to his eternal reward, I will not approve a raise in the tuition as long as I am pastor. When I said this at a school Mass, parents began to pray for my longevity, and Mrs. Dorn turned to the P.T.O. president and said, "Well, I can start making out the budget for next year right now!"

For years Roger and I kept the purse strings tight on the school requests, and our great principal, for the past five years, has loosened those strings each year. On one occasion,

Mrs. Mary Jane Dorn gave me a ride to my doctor, and when she drove me back, as I was getting out of the car, she said, "Just a moment, please. I need more money from the School Foundation." When I narrated this to Roger, with his great sense of humor and a smile, he said to me, "The next time you need a ride to the doctor, let me take you!" But, he opened the strings to the purse anyway, and willingly.

Roger has five wonderful daughters and a dear wife of 52 years. She was in nursing school across from Notre Dame, and Roger, attending Notre Dame, made a choice pick. They both championed the Faith and Catholic schools. No wonder Roger was so involved and handled the foundation with such care.

Roger served his country for Jesus in the Marines. He then worked for 30 years for Bellsouth. He has also served on the diocesan finance committee. He was a familiar person at the 6:30 a.m. daily Mass, and was awarded the top service award by the Knights of Columbus this past 4th of July Festival. He received the Holy Anointing and the Papal Blessing less than 48 hours before his entry into heaven.

The School Foundation is now in the investing expertise hands of Mr. Joel Barlow. Most of us know Kara Barlow, his wife, a patroness of OLS School and John Carroll High.

November is the month the Church reminds us to pray for those who need our prayers, as they are in a state of purgation. In the Book of Job, God told the three "friends" of Job, who rashly judged him, that they would not be forgiven unless Job prayed for them. This is a great reminder that our prayers can help others. Do not forget to walk through the Columbarium and see familiar names, and offer that prayer, again, for those who might need our spiritual help.

Next week I will write on Fr. Underwood, who died at the age of 97, lingering those last years, and how Pope John Paul II made an offering at the age of 65 of those last years of

his life, in case his mind, in lingering, could not make that daily offering. It became a reality for him in his eighties.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! It's not too late! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 6 p.m., class at 6:30 every Monday in the Parish Hall.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 12	Special Intention Lena DiChiara Annie Diergo
Tuesday, Nov. 13	Anthony Smeraglia Sam Latham Josephine Sicola
Wednesday, Nov. 14	Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Allen McDonald Annie Diergo
Thursday, Nov. 15	Special Intention Frances Latham Joseph Schilleci
Friday, Nov. 16	William Lee Brown Donald Taccone Annie Diergo
Saturday, Nov. 17	Donors to OLS School Foundation Annie Diergo Allen McDonald
Sunday, Nov. 18	Marion Smigelow/People of Parish Annie Diergo Allen McDonald

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 4 PM (Need Committed Adorer)

Wednesday at 10 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 11 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.



Frank Simonetti, Jeanette Gutkowski, William Pickard, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Margie Cole

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Nov. 18. Our speaker will be John Elson. His topic *The Letters of Padre Pio*. The gathering begins in the **Family Life Center** at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

ATTENTION LADIES!!! The OLS Ladies Altar Sodality invites you to our Fall Luncheon **RAINDROPS AND ROSES** on Friday, November 16. Holly Mackle, Curator and Author of *Same here, Sisterfriend* and her sisterfriends will bring us along as they laugh their way through the misadventures of authentic motherhood. Full of wit and charm, Mackle and company will guide us through a collection of hilarious and vulnerable tales written by moms who have seen it all. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. for the teacup auction and lunch will be served at 11:30. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from any sodality/guild member.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has placed grocery bags in the vestibule for those who would like to contribute to the Catholic Center of Concern. You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 15. Thank you in advance for your most generous contribution.

Parish Thanksgiving Rosary

A Rosary will be prayed, in thanksgiving for our many blessings, On Wednesday, November 14, at 10 a.m. in the Church. Benediction will follow the Rosary. **All**

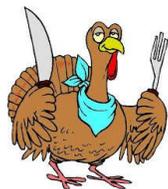
members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. Please bring your family members and friends. You may also place any written personal intentions in a prayer basket. The Rosary will be led by the OLS Altar Sodality.

Please join Our Lady of Fatima Guild Thursday, November 15, for our monthly guild meeting. We will meet at the FLC and help with the set up for the Fall Luncheon. Set-up begins at 8:30 a.m. with our monthly meeting & lunch at 11:30 a.m. Contact Jane O'Brien at jane.ob@icloud.com with any questions.

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday, November 12, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Please bring your sandwich; dessert and drinks will be provided. Don't forget your donations for the Catholic Center of Concern. Hope to see you there. All are welcome to join us.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive next Sunday, November 18, in the Parish Hall from 8 a.m. – 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.



The Knights of Columbus will be smoking turkey breasts at the OLS pit to help kick off the Thanksgiving weekend. Each breast is \$35 and can be ordered by calling or texting 267-1116. Please leave a message with your name, phone number and how many you need. The turkeys will be wrapped and ready for pickup at the pit between 2-6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st – the day before Thanksgiving.

OLS School News

You Can Help Us Feed the Need

OLS School students are participating in a new service-based event and fundraiser called FEED THE NEED. Students will pack 10,000 meals to feed needy children in a third-world country and in our own community, and raise money for our school at the same time. If you would like information on becoming a corporate sponsor of this event, please contact Wendy Thornton at wthorntonlaw@gmail.com.

Yes! It's Pizza with a Purpose...

Be sure to pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the church and take it to **California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) at The Summit** to help raise money for **OLS School!** On **NOV. 14 AND 15 CPK at The Summit** will donate 20% of the cost of your **CARRY OUT** order for dinner or lunch to our parish school. Plus, if you plan to cater a special occasion like a work lunch or Bible study, CPK will also donate the same percentage **ANY DAY** between **NOV. 12-16 for catering orders**. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

The OLS PTO is continuing their shoe drive. We are just over halfway to our goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes. We will continue to collect gently worn, used and new shoes of all sizes through November 30. The collected shoes will be sent to Haiti. The shoe collection boxes are located near the back entrance of the school and in the foyer of the Family Life Center. Be sure to look for the big white box with the red shoes and please keep filling up those boxes!

The Ave Maria Shoppe will be open every Sunday during the morning Masses until December 16. We have beautiful Advent wreaths, candles, Christmas ornaments and nativity sets. We also have books of saints as a learning tool for children during the month of November, which is dedicated to the saints.

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Saturday, November 17, at 10 a.m. This month we are meeting on the third Saturday – as well as the month of December – as the fourth Saturdays fall near Thanksgiving and Christmas! Won't you join us for an hour of prayer, Rosary, Adoration and Mass? What a great month to come and pray to our Patron Saint – Padre Pio – in this month of SAINTS! For more information about our group, contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Camp Chaperones Needed

We are looking for 10 chaperones for our Camp Covecrest (July 8-14) and Hidden Lake trips (July 15-20)! 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.

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Nov. 11: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. We will attend Adult Education together in the Parish Hall.

No LifeTeen tonight! Please pray for the 50+ students currently on our Fall Retreat!

Wednesday, Nov. 14: Haiti Interest Meeting for all current Juniors, Seniors and their parents at 7 p.m. in the youth room. Our Haiti Mission will be March 23-30. Come learn more about this amazing opportunity!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Nov. 11: "Rest." Join us for an Edge Night Issue Night on Death and Grief. We will offer encouragement to teens who have experienced loss and grief and demonstrate how to deal with these in light of the Resurrection and hope for heaven. Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman, Alabama is hosting an Open House on Sunday, November 11, from noon until 6 p.m. Anyone interested in private boarding or day school for grades 7-12 is invited to attend. To reserve a spot call (256)255-5890 or email admissionsbp@gmail.com. Visit the website www.stbernardprep.com or follow on Facebook.

The Italian-American Heritage Society

will have its next meeting on Sunday, November 11, at 2 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Parish Hall. All of Italian heritage are encouraged to join. Meetings are normally on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 at Our Lady of Sorrows. The goal of the IAHS is to increase awareness of the sacrifice our ancestors made in immigrating to this country and to preserve their memory and honor them and their contribution to this area and our nation. For questions or more information, please call Mary Jo Fritts 205 222 3443.

Mark your calendars! Everyone is invited to hear Jack Sacco, 1974 graduate of John Carroll Catholic High School, discuss his Pulitzer Prize nominated book, *Where the Birds Never Sing*, the story of his father's involvement in WW II, which ultimately led to the freeing of prisoners in Dachau. Jack was recently invited to the White House to present his book to the President. The book is in the process of being made into a movie. Admission is free. Open discussion and book signing with light refreshments will follow. Please join us on Thursday, November 15, at 7 p.m. at John Carroll Catholic High School!

October Bridge Winners:

- 1st Mike Millican
- 2nd Lil Bruzzese
- 3rd Pat Rupinski



The Great Feast of Christ the King

is November 25.

**The Novena begins
November 16th and
ends November 24th.**

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice, and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One! Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against You. Jesus, you are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have Mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in your great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; may Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth! Amen.

Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be