



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
December 23, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

So many thanks to those who turned in their tithing cards. The others of the parish were either out of town, still thinking, or not quite sure what their earnings will be. If we need \$2 million to operate the parish, and the pledges so far are \$1.3 million, we simply need another \$700,000 to operate. So, if you did not turn in a card, please turn in your card with your disposition. If you are unemployed, say so, etc. With 1500 families registered, there are more than 1100 pledges missing.

We can never get far from the glorious reality that the God of all the million planets and stars chose to come to small little earth, where He has creatures made to His own image and likeness. He has come to be with us, suffered for us, died for our salvation, and offers us unbelievable love. When the Savior came, He split our history in two.

Whenever I pass by the beautiful, well-lighted nativity scene in front of the church, there wells up in me these thoughts about God sending His Son:

“Thank you, Lord!
Thank you, Lord!
Thank you, Lord!”

As we turn in our tithing cards to God through His Church, we will be saying again, thinking of all the blessings we have received,

“Thank you, Lord!
Thank you, Lord!
Thank you, Lord! “

The reasons for tithing are simple and most convincing:

1. It is a way of thanking God for His many blessings.
2. It is the will of God! His plan to

support His Church.

3. It militates against greed more than anything else.
4. It makes us decide if God is first or if He is second, third, or fourth in our lives.
5. It wonderfully shows our faith, trust and love of God.

There are tithing cards in the pews. Please fill one out or take it home to fill out. I like putting the cards in the collection basket, because it is carried to the altar and handed to the priest, the representative of the Almighty.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

A Christmas Prayer

Lord, we pause here in the midst of the busyness and excitement of Christmas to thank You for coming as a baby in a Bethlehem manger to offer us salvation.

Your gift to us is greater than any present wrapped and placed under a tree.

*We thank You
and worship You
and commit to seeking You first
this day,
this season,
this year,
and every year of our life. Amen*

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 6 PM (Share with Partner)
Monday at 9 PM (Share with Partner)
Wednesday at 3 PM (Share with Partner)
Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)

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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 24 J. Huber, Susan F. & Patrick M. O'Donnell
Donald Taccone
Annie Diergo

Tuesday, Dec. 25 Elizabeth Saia/Joe Naro
Joseph J. & Jackie Milazzo
Rose & Angelo Maggio

Wednesday, Dec. 26 Julia Riepele Cabrera
Annie Diergo
Kelly Wehby

Thursday, Dec. 27 Josephine Russo & Marie
Winningham
Joseph Alfano
Annie Diergo

Friday, Dec. 28 Sp. Int. Ann Bruno
Bill Stephens
Brooks & Chase Jeffers

Saturday, Dec. 29 Donors to OLS School Foundation
Sp. Int. Paul Jones & Family
Dale Richards

Sunday, Dec. 30 People of Parish
Carol Pilleteri
Patrick McGeever



Jeanette Gutkowski, Vita
D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Charlie Kai Wadsworth,
Margie Cole

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.

The OLS Adult Choir invites you to sing with them this holiday season and beyond! They will sing for the Christmas Eve 4 p.m. Mass, alongside the Children's Choir. If you have a love of singing, a love of Christmas music, and the desire to give some joy to this wonderful parish, please come to the music room on Wednesday nights from 6:30–8 p.m. Contact Caroline Spears with questions at carolinelspears@gmail.com. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Sunday, Jan. 6: Spring Kick Off! Join us at 7 p.m. as we compete with "Tonight Show Games".

Wednesday, Jan. 9: 7pm: Pro-Life Poster Party! All high schoolers are invited to make posters for the upcoming March for Life.

Saturday, Jan. 12: Catholic Youth on a Mission continues giving back. We will meet at 7:30 a.m. to carpool to St. Stephen's for Mass and the Birmingham March for Life, followed by an afternoon of service and Catholic Social Teaching discussion. This event is open to all 6-12th graders. Parents welcome! Please RSVP to youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Looking Ahead: Mar 24-30, Junior/Senior Mission Trip to Abbeville, LA with Family Missions Company over Spring Break. Contact ginny@olsyouth.com for details.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Dec. 23: No meeting!

Sunday, Jan. 6: "Thou Shall Not Have Fun." Join us for Edge Spring Kick-Off! We will introduce our new theme on Morality, "Thou Shall." Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

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 Christ speak to us. God wants His word to guide and shape the way we think, act and pray". All are invited to hear Christ speak and have God shape our thinking by joining a Bible study. We will study the book of Revelation on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:35. The study will consist of 11 sessions beginning January 10, with the last session on March 21. Since study material must be

ordered, registration is required. To register please email:

kentgraeve@gmail.com. Questions can be answered or additional information obtained by call 205-999-3474.

The Annual Respect Life Mass and March, led by Bishop Baker, will be on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 9 a.m. The Birmingham Rally and **March for Life** will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Brother Bryan Park. For more information go to www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com or call 205-447-8796.

December Bridge Winners:

1st Lil Bruzzese
Jean Holt
3rd Bill Kelly

NEW! OLS Online Adult PRS Program

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 16, 2019 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** That's right, folks! You can learn about your faith from the comfort of your home, in your jammies, without makeup, and even on a bad hair day. If you have a computer and Internet access, that's all you need.

Education is essential in our journey of faith to enrich our knowledge and help in the places where our Catholic lives intersect with the larger challenges of the world on a day-to-day basis.

Register at **no cost** by sending your email address to OLSforAdults@gmail.com or texting it to 205.563.2210. You will receive a web-invitation by email thereafter.

We hope you can join us!

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve (Monday)

4 p.m. (Church, Parish Hall, Assembly Hall)
6 p.m. (Church)
9 p.m. (Church)
12 Midnight (Church)

The Nursery will be available for the 4 p.m. Masses.

Christmas Day (Tuesday)

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve (Monday)

6 p.m.

New Year's Day (Tuesday)

10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

If you turned in a pledge card without a printed name, please contact the Church Office. We cannot give credit for pledges without a name attached. Also, if you have never registered, but have turned in a pledge card, please send in your census card. You can fill it out on our website and email directly to the Church Office. Thank you.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th. The priests and office staff wish everyone a Merry Christmas.