



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

December 30, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

A million thanks for all the cards, prayers, and Christmas gifts.

Important Calendar note:

1. This Sunday, December 30, is the Feast of the Holy Family.
2. Next Sunday, January 6, is the Feast of the Epiphany.
3. On January 13, is the feast of the beginning of the public life of Jesus and **THIS IS THE DAY TO TAKE DOWN THE NATIVITY SCENES.** This practice was started by Pope John Paul II, and is now the norm. We simply love to prolong the birth of Jesus with the nativity scenes.

New Year's: It is of great spiritual value to partake of the world-wide tradition to make resolutions to improve our lives at the beginning of each calendar year. The following is a list of suggestions. Some or at least one will fit each one of us:

1. More preparation and devotion at Sunday Masses;
2. Renewed dedication to reciting the morning offering;
3. Less selfishness in family life. Not always being concerned about our own problems but willing to listen to others;
4. Thinking more about our eternal destiny and heaven so that other things will fall into better perspective;
5. Realizing more that our bodies are temples of God and need to be respected and kept in good shape with:
 - a. Daily exercise;
 - b. Fewer sweets and less fattening food, less junk food;

6. Less television;
7. Doing our duty according to our state in life, as best we can;
8. Going to daily Mass when possible.

Certainly one or more suggestions can hit home. Maybe you can think of others more specific to your personal life! The only way to keep a New Year's resolution is:

1. Don't make more than one or two;
2. Ask God's help;
3. Ask ourselves at the end of **EACH DAY** if we have kept the resolutions.

Every New Year is another year of blessing whereby we have more opportunities to worship Him and to sanctify ourselves preparing for the great day when we meet Him face to face.

I wish you much happiness, health, and spiritual growth in each coming New Year.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. Many thanks to all those who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, headed by John Tombrello: Jude Tombrello, Larry Johnson, Mary Claire Brouillette, Frances Andrews, Pat Rupinski, Mary Rupinski, Andrew Rupinski, Jerry Fritz, Christina Fritz, Pat Tombrello, Jeannie Wade

P.S.S. The Tithing Drive is ongoing. We are still short almost 1000 cards, if our parish census is correct. Please, turn in your pledge card. If you consider yourself part of this parish, it is your obligation to help support it.

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.



Monday, Dec. 31	Special Intention Rosemary Fitzgerald Mickey Lorino
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Sp. Int. Fr. Wilfred Peggy Beuerlein Special Intention
Wednesday, Jan. 2	Special Intention Sp. Int. Doris Lou Cofer Sp. Int. Charlotte Rumore & family
Thursday, Jan. 3	Josephine Russo & Marie Winningham Sp. Int. Roseary Savage, Sam & family Sp. Int. Roseary Savage, Sam & family
Friday, Jan. 4	Special Intention Josephine Romano Joseph Alfano
Saturday, Jan. 5	Frank & Peggy Beuerlein Bill Stephens Matteo D'Agro
Sunday, Jan. 6	People of Parish Sp. Int. Joyce Yeager Josephine Romano



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.

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.

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!

New Year Mass Schedule

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.

High School Summer Programs in Rome, Italy

Do you know a high school boy or girl who might benefit from a real and substantial experience? The kind of experience that would propel them in the right direction, increase their confidence in the Catholic faith and introduce them to good ideas and great friends? If so, consider the ProRome high school summer programs in Italy. These programs give students something very important: a joyful and authentic experience of the Catholic faith. The boys program, Catholica Summer Program, features adventure tours of Rome, day trips throughout Italy, hiking in the mountains, swimming in the Mediterranean, fascinating lessons in Church History and daily Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. The girls program, Bella Vita Summer Program, features lessons in Art History and Italian, cooking classes, a weekend trip to Florence and Siena, private visits to Rome's most beautiful churches, museums and historic sites and daily Mass. For more information please visit www.prorome.com or contact the program director Joseph Long directly at jlong@prorome.com or (800) 280 5283. Cost is from \$3300.00, with airfare. Fundraising opportunities and chaperone positions are available.

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 Tuesday, January 1. We will re-open on January 2.