



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 13, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

In 1973, the Supreme Court decreed that it was legal to kill the living baby in the womb. Two years ago, Dr. Matt Vicinanza enlightened me on what causes people to die in this country:

- Every hour 1.4 people die in the U.S. from HIV;
- Every hour 3.6 people die due to automobile accidents;
- Every hour 5.7 people die of lung cancer;
- Every hour 100 people die because they were living in the womb and the mother had them killed.

For every ten live births in this country, there are three abortions. Over one million every year. These statistics are from the Center of Disease Control of the U.S. Government.

The line to adopt children in this country is a mile long and parents who can't have children pay heavily to adopt from foreign countries.

It will take prayers and more prayers and the leadership of our Congress to stop this mass murder, which could easily bring God's wrath upon this country.

A million abortions a year will never make it right, and every one of us should pray that this country stops the legalization of killing the unborn babies. Congress needs to hear from us in whatever way possible. I think it is the Right to Life people, with their prayers and demonstrations, who have held back the wrath of God from punishing this great country that has legalized this mass killing.

I admire the 37 teens and the 8 adult Chaperones, including Fr. Balta, who are travelling to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life on January 18. We pray for their safety and spiritual enrichment to be with teens from all over the country to let the nation (Congress) know that Right is Right and Wrong is Wrong, and killing the unborn is wrong and must somehow be stopped.

My pleasant and unpleasant job:

It is my pleasant job to compliment and thank those 607 parishioners who have so generously made a pledge to God through OLS parish.

It is my unpleasant job to report that less than half of the 1500 families who belong to Our Lady of Sorrows have turned in their tithing card. Though the parish needs our support, even more, we need to give to God. I need to pledge my first part of what I earn (5% to the parish). Yes, I need to do it because I believe, trust, and love God. I honestly think this is God's will for me (very Biblical). If God is calling us as a member of the parish to fill out the pledge card, which somehow has not been done, please pledge something to your parish.

With prayers and blessings,

Father Muller

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 9 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Tuesday at 8 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Tuesday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 9 AM (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, Jan. 14	Special Intention Joseph Alfano
	Sp. Int. Rosemary Savage & family
Tuesday, Jan. 15	Forest Walls
	Sp. Int. Donna Hiller
	Sp. Int. Florence DiPiazza
Wednesday, Jan. 16	Special Intention
	Sp. Int. Chip Blackwood
	Frank Diergo
Thursday, Jan. 17	Josephine Russo & Marie Winningham
	Janice S. Adams
	Joseph Alfano
Friday, Jan. 18	Julia Riepele De Cabrera
	George Gustin
	Sp. Int. Rosemary Savage & family
Saturday, Jan. 19	Donors to OLS School Foundation
	Lena Lucia
	Sp. Int. Louise Prestwood
Sunday, Jan. 20	People of Parish
	Frank Cusimano
	Sp. Int. Elizabeth Ritchey



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

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, January 13, for *Bible Basics II: The New Testament*. Kent Graeve and Frances Smith will present. 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.



The Knights of Columbus are holding a Blood Drive this Sunday, January 13, 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.



Children's Choir will begin the second half of our year on Wednesday, January 9. Our rehearsals are from 3:30-4:30 every Wednesday in the Music Room. All children who are in the 2nd - 8th grade and members of OLS or OLS School, PSR and Homeschooled are invited to come and make a **joyful noise!** We will be singing at the 8:30 a.m. Masses on February 10, March 10, and for Easter Sunday, April 21. Come and join us as we journey to Easter! Contact Deborah Garcia at olschoirkids@gmail.com with questions.

A parish **New Year Rosary** will be prayed on **Wednesday, January 16, at 10:00 a.m.** in the church. **Benediction** will follow the Rosary. We will pray for many blessings in 2019 for our church, our community, our country, and the world. All members of the parish are invited to participate. The Altar Sodality will lead the Rosary.

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday January 14, at 10:30 in the Sodality Room. Please bring your sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

No meetings over MLK Weekend.

Life Teen High School

Sunday, Jan. 13: Addressing the Church Scandal, 7-8:30 p.m. in the FLC

Wednesday, Jan. 16: Our high school group of 43 is heading to Washington, D.C. today to participate in the March for Life. Please keep everyone in your prayers as they stand up for life!

Looking Ahead: Mission Trip to Abbeville, LA with Family Missions Company over Spring Break! (Mar 24-30). Find details on www.olsyouth.com/trips.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Jan. 13: Edge Night on The Ten Commandments - "Live Free" explores this gift from God teach us how to live freely. Can you escape from our breakout rooms? Meet for dinner at 7 pm in the FLC.

Edge is seeking new Core Team members this spring! Please contact msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Friday, Jan. 25: Calling all super heroes! 1st-5th graders and families are invited to don your capes and join us for dinner and *Hero Games* from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FLC. Please RSVP to carol@olsyouth.com.

 **Rise Against Hunger:** Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us to reach our goal to package 100,000 + meals on February 23rd. Working together we can create a world without hunger. This is open to all members of the church. Shifts are 9-11a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.
To register, go to our church website <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com> or call Suzanne Corso or Tracey Doyal at 871-1431.

The Italian American Heritage Society will host a Casino Night on Saturday, February 9, at the Bessemer Civic Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tables will be open from 6:30 – 9:30. Donation is \$30 per person, which includes food, blackjack tables, dice tables and slots. You may also purchase a chance to win up to \$10,000 and there will be many items for silent auction. CASH BAR too. For tickets and more information please call Joe Lovoy at 230-1127 or 477-9443 or Leon Chiarella at 967-0143 or 999-8570.

The Magnificat Prayer Luncheon will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Our speaker will be Father Justin Nelson Alphonse, C.P. Tickets are \$15 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at (205)408-0308, and from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets are sold at the door.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, January 26, at 10 a.m. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Prayers and Mass. Won't you join us in prayer as we begin a New Year? Padre Pio-our Patron Saint - would LOVE to have you join us! For more information, contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554. All are welcome!