



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 27, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Demonstration: I felt guilty last Sunday as I watched EWTN's play-back of the March for Life on Saturday, January 19. Fr. Balta and 44 other OLS representatives stood in the cold, listening to some 15 Pro-life speakers give long and short presentations.

The Catholic Church, as usual, was outstanding, but not overbearing in its representation and being pictured on EWTN. It was the evening before, Friday, that the usual Mass took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. This was packed with mostly teens, who could not believe that so many others had the same conviction that they had.

It may have been a bit cold, but no snow nor rain. I think the hundreds of thousands in the Mall paid more attention to the fascinating zeal, information, and outright passion of lifelong Pro-life supporters and converted abortionists, with different conversion stories. The medical profession was also telling us that, at conception, the fetus has its own DNA.

The Second Lady of the United States spoke Pro-life words and introduced her husband, who spoke of his many years of being Pro-life. He then introduced President Trump, who spoke on Pro-life through a prepared video.

There were black and white speakers, men and women speakers, plain citizens and congressmen, Republicans and Democrats, who each spoke of their passionate desire to end abortion. The March pleaded for more Democrats to join, claiming this is not a partisan issue, nor an exclusively Catholic issue. The opening prayer was led by a Russian Orthodox patriarch, and the closing prayer lead by a layperson, with Father

Pavone next to her, and, obviously, she was a member of his 40 Days for Life program.

Slowly, but surely, the country is becoming more and more Pro-life. It is tough progress, requiring endless prayer and support of Pro-life congressional representatives.

In Vietnam we lost 58,000, for which we have a memorial in Washington, D.C. We have lost 58 million people to abortion since Roe v. Wade. The mother did not want her child. Actually, so many mothers suffer so much with the knowledge that they killed their children after realizing that they did want them. The Church offers a healing process, which is Rachel's Vineyard.

In summary, the March for Life was pro-faith and pro-science. It is just that simple: God is the author of life and death, and He tells us THOU SHALT NOT KILL. Science tells us at the moment of conception the fetus has its own DNA; it is no other than human life.

The line to adopt children in this country is a mile long. I have counselled women who aborted their babies and those who gave birth to the babies and put them up for adoption. The happier of the two are those who would not kill the baby, gave birth and put the child up for adoption. I was a chaplain at the home for unwed mothers in Washington, D.C. for three summers. I know the plight of the frightened young lady, afraid to tell her parents, or on her own, without the wherewithal to support the child in the womb. Catholic Charities will take care of the whole bill and find worthy, adoptive parents.

Thanks to those of us who support the parish we were able to subsidize the trip for 37 teens from OLS and pay the full cost for the 8 self-sacrificing chaperones. They spent two nights on the bus and five hours in the cold to help raise the great numbers to demonstrate for Life.

10 a.m. Sunday Choir: Congratulations on the singing of *Give Me Jesus* at the offertory at the 10 a.m. Mass last Sunday. It was such

an introduction to the reception of the Eucharist. The Director gave the choir perfect phasing, in and out, swelling to make great music with the repeated refrain of pure devotion: **Give Me Jesus!**

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 11 AM (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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 28	Special Intention Marilyn Musso Mary & Jim Meehan
Tuesday, Jan. 29	Anne Butera Fred Bostany Frank Cusimano
Wednesday, Jan. 30	Special Intention Sam Salerno Sp. Int. Joe Rumore
Thursday, Jan. 31	Joseph Alfano Frank Cusimano Sp. Int. Joe Rumore
Friday, Feb. 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. Amy Smith & Family Sp. Int. Jerry & Mary Jean Romano & Family
Saturday, Feb. 2	Frank D'Agro Joe Carbonie Bill Stephens
Sunday, Feb. 3	Floyd & Cecilia Stephens Lena Carruba Dolly Barranco



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

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, February 3. Speaker TBD. 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.

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, February 5. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Come join us for faith, fellowship and fun!



Please Join us for Fellowship and Faith

PSR Family Supper and Service

Wednesday, January 30th

6:00 pm Parish Hall

**Dinner provided by
the Knights of Columbus**



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.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Sunday, January 27: Faith Formation @ 10 a.m. Life Night "Belong" series will begin tonight @ 7 p.m. The goal of this night is to help the teens recognize their experiences of isolation and loneliness and motivate them to move from isolation to solitude before God and into authentic community with one another.

Wednesday, Jan. 30: Missionaries from the 'Hard As Nails' Justin Fatica ministry will be speaking to the teens. Join us for dinner @ 7 p.m.; Speaker begins @ 7:30 p.m.

Life Teen 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, January 27: "Be Chosen" Edge night at 7 pm in the Assembly Hall. God has chosen you, and you are called to respond to that invitation. Join us to grow in understanding that the First Commandment is an invitation from God you to be in relationship with Him.

RSVP for Super Bowling Sunday! Meet from 7-9 p.m. on February 3, at Vestavia Bowl. Cost is \$5 per person and covers bowling, shoes, and dinner. Please see olsyouth.com to register.



OLS School is collecting Boxtops to help support school improvements and programs. Please clip and send your Boxtops to

Boxtop Coordinator at 414 Kenilworth Drive, Homewood 35209. Thank you!



Save the Date **OLS Vacation Bible School**

June 10th - 14th

9 - 12 pm

NOW TAKING ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
EMAIL PSR@OURLADYOFSORROWS.COM



You are invited!!

Have you ever considered sending your child to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School? Now is a great time to find out how you can empower your child's future with an affordable Catholic education! Please join us for our OPEN HOUSE this Sunday, January 27, between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

New students and their families have the opportunity to personally meet our outstanding teachers and staff, tour our accredited school, and discover our faith-enriched community of learning. Applications are available online at olsschool.com. If you were placed on a waiting list from last year, you must re-apply for 2019. For more information, please call the school office at (205) 879-3237.

Growing Our Children in knowledge and faith...Experience the Difference!

ARISE! All are invited to OLS's monthly healing and adoration service. Please join us Thursday, January 31, in the Family Life Center from 7-8:30 p.m. We will have praise and worship music, adoration and benediction, priests to hear confessions and intercessory prayer teams available to pray with you. This is a family-friendly event. Bring a friend!