



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

February 10, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

When Fr. Deering left as my associate in his early years of ordination and went to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, he stole a few things from us. That's o.k. He stole them, but left them with us. First he stole the idea of having partitions on wheels, as we have in the Parish Hall.

Another thing Fr. Deering took away was the idea of writing a weekly *From the Pastor's Desk*. To this day we exchange the letters we write to our people. Last week he wrote about 15 minutes of spiritual reading a day. This reminds all of us of the daily "staying in touch with God."

We buy 650 copies of the *Word Among Us*, and it is so good that our teachers in the School and MDO have reserved copies and use them. The best of the spiritual readings are from the Bible. Vatican II says the priest must preach on the Scriptures after they are read at daily Masses.

We cover the whole Bible with the three cycles on Sunday, and Year I and Year II during the weekdays. More and more other Christian denominations are using our Liturgical readings.

During this past week we read the Letter to the Hebrews at Mass. It is a masterpiece of writing on our relationship with God. I love those five chapters (5-10) on priesthood, Old and New Testament comparisons, those chapters on the different offerings made to God in the two different covenants. The author says that Jesus was offered once in a bloody way. We repeat that offering in an unbloody way at Mass, and it is like the mother who gives birth in pain. When the labor is over, she continues to be a mother.

Chapter 12 of Hebrews reminds us that life is like "running a race." It was a perfect example from the Greco-Roman culture of physical contests, especially running marathons, racing and keep running to the finish line, which, for our spiritual life, is heaven with Jesus.

Sin can weigh us down as we are running. We are to keep the goal line in mind; it keeps us running. Carol Zanaty once told me that she can't wait to get to heaven and see Jesus. Fr. Bill James, at Fr. Robinson's funeral, quoted First Corinthians, where it says heaven is far greater than any happiness on this earth. He ended his homily (concerning himself) with, "I CAN'T WAIT!"

When St. Paul wrote to Timothy about life, he said: "It's a race, and I finished the course. I ran the race and there is laid up for me a crown of glory."

Study each reading of the day and there is a message for life in each reading, even when, on the surface, there does not seem to be any lesson.

Someone who has the time to come to daily Mass, but does not, used the excuse, "It's a rerun!" That's right. We can never celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus enough, and, so, we keep offering Him to the Father. The Good News of our salvation can never be celebrated enough. We need to stay in touch with God and His goodness. Prayer and a bit of the Scriptures should fit into our daily lives.

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 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, Feb. 11	Josephine Russo/Marie Winningham Jake Monte Lena Carruba
Tuesday, Feb. 12	Special Intention Janice Stephens Adams Josephine Russo/Marie Winningham
Wednesday, Feb. 13	Josephine Russo/Marie Winningham Josephine Sicola Dean Romano, Sr.
Thursday, Feb. 14	Frank D'Agro Donald Taccone Joseph J. Milazzo
Friday, Feb. 15	Special Intention Bill Thomas Victor Hugh Rumore
Saturday, Feb. 16	Donors to OLS School Foundation William J. Stevens Jake Monte
Sunday, Feb. 17	People of the Parish Julie Virciglio Angelo Maggio



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

**Adult Ed. will not meet on February 17.
We will resume on Sunday, February 24.**

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday, February 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Please bring your sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. Please remember to bring your donations (paper products) for the Catholic Center of Concern.

Our Lady of Fatima will meet on Thursday, February 14, at 10:45 a.m. for our monthly meeting. Our speaker is Dr. David Todd, Chiropractor. If you have any questions please contact Jane O'Brien at 205-937-4099.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 12, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us.

Rise SM **AGAINST HUNGER** 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.

PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

February 22 - 24

Camp Tekakwitha

Retreat Master: Fr. Brett Brannen, author of *To Save a Thousand Souls*.

There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

Contact the Office of Vocations to register: 205-838-8318 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org.

Deadline to register is February 15.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, February 24: Rise Against Hunger! Feed the hungry! Both EDGE and Life Teen will meet from 7-9 p.m. to package meals for those in need. Hari should be pulled back and a ball cap is encouraged. PLEASE let us know if you plan to attend so we can prepare as many meals as possible.

Life Teen High School

Sunday, February 10: Faith Formation @10 a.m.: Discussing the beauty of the Mass. Life Night @ 7 p.m. will be part 2 of our "Belong" series; special guest speaker Fr. Leonard from EWTN.

Wednesday, February 13: Summit Scripture study! 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Pizza, prayer, and scripture!

Life Teen Mission Trip with Family Missions Company over Spring Break! (Mar 24-30) Find details on www.olsyouth.com/trips.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, February 10: "Be Named" Edge night at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Join us as we understand the importance of God's name, the respect and reverence due to God, and our identity as named children of God.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Tuesday, February 12: St. Valentine's Day party: 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Come learn about the real St. Valentine and play games that are centered on his life!



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 p.m.

NOW TAKING ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
EMAIL PSR@OURLADYOFSORROWS.COM

Visit the Ave Maria Shoppe and pick up a copy of *Carolyn: A Life Well lived with Down Syndrome*, a story written to raise the awareness of those with Down's and how they enrich our life. All proceeds benefit the Ave Maria Shoppe.

Celebrate this Valentine's Month with a gift for the person who loves you – your spouse. Make time for one another by focusing your attention on each other during the next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** on March 29-31, at St. Bernard Abbey. You can find more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Barney and Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

Mardi Gras Party! St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Adamsville invites everyone to an Adults Only Mardi Gras party on Saturday, February 23, from 6-10 p.m. Come enjoy traditional Mardi Gras food, music and dancing. Cost is \$25 per person. Hosted and benefitting St. Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul Conference. For tickets or more information contact Pat Roden at patroden@yahoo.com.