



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
March 17, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Italians have a great devotion to St. Joseph. We all know God is God and infinitely above the saints, but saints give us an example and help us pray to God. St. Joseph was the model of TRUST in God. Just read the Gospel and see how much Joseph had to trust that "God knows what He is doing" and how faithful he was to the call to be the spouse of Mary.

While the Feast of St. Joseph is this Tuesday, the famous and everlasting celebration of the St. Joseph Altar was this weekend. The tradition started centuries ago in Sicily during a period of drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph and begged him to help them pray. When the rains came and the crops prospered, there was this great attitude of thanksgiving. They constructed a special altar with three levels in honor of the Trinity. The altar is decorated with all kinds of delicious food. The tradition was for people to bring food for the poor to this altar. Today, leaders of this parish function prepare the food, and people fill the church hall to eat the finest foods as they put their donations to the poor into the coffers. Theme: May we all share the theme of GRATITUDE to God for His many graces.

Blood Drive last Sunday: OLS Church leads the churches in Alabama for the largest amount of blood donated each year. Again, last Sunday, we gave 54 units of blood. Six more people volunteered, but were not qualified.

The Knights of Columbus deserve a world of thanks, preparing and serving breakfast to donors and their families. The Knight who you hear on given Sundays is John Corso. He makes the appeal at all the Masses after Communion. A million thanks to John Corso and all the Knights of Columbus for making

the program here at the church so "donor friendly."

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Noon Mass is celebrated each weekday during Lent.



Stations
of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at **6:00 p.m.**



Monday, Mar. 18	Special Intention Sp. Int. Sr. Mary Magdalene
Tuesday, Mar. 19	Sp. Int. Mary Catherine Tombrello & family Steve Joseph Anne Vickers Lena Lucia
Wednesday, Mar. 20	Special Intention Rosalie Corsentino Phillips Sp. Int. Marianne DeJohn & family
Thursday, Mar. 21	Ted Kostopulos Vincent & Joe Corsentina Sp. Int. Jude & Claudia Tombrello & family
Friday, Mar. 22	Sp. Int. Patty Echols Vincent & Joe Corsentina Roger McLaughlin
Saturday, Mar. 23	Donors to OLS School Foundation Frances & Paul Ross Ed Stone
Sunday, Mar. 24	S.I. Frances Naro/People of the Parish Frances & Paul Ross Sam Spano



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Charlie Kai Wadsworth,
Margie Cole, Melanie
Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie,
Debbie White

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at 4 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Thursday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 11 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.

Adult Ed. will not meet on Sunday, March 24 or 31. We will resume classes on April 7.



Register Now for OLS Vacation Bible School! June 10-14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. ALSO TAKING ADULT and TEEN

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION at: psr@ourladyofsorrows.com

Hello friends of Padre Pio! We will meet on Saturday, March 23, here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Benediction begins at 10 a.m., followed by Rosary and Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. George Maniangattu. All are welcome to join us. We will not meet in April, but will resume monthly meetings on May 25. For more information, please contact Angela Kolar at 205-410-2033.



“Let Us Walk In Love”

Day of Recollection

**For the Ladies of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish
Friday, March 22, 2019**

- 8:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 8:45 Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 9:00 Confessions
- 9:45 Benediction
- 9:55 Welcome
- 10:00 Mass
- 11:15 Lunch (Parish Hall)
- 12:00 Speaker Fr. Vernon Huguley

While we would love for you to come for the entire day, please come for whatever part works with your schedule. There is **no cost** for lunch; however, reservations need to be made in advance by completing the form below and placing it in the box marked **Day of Recollection** in the vestibule or by contacting Renea Lucy at (205) 529-8533 or reneaplucy@aol.com. Child care is available in the Parish Nursery. Reservations are required. Please contact Renea Lucy.

I, _____ will be attending the Day of Recollection luncheon.

Phone _____

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Sunday, March 17: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: What Does the Church Teach About Marriage? Join us at 7 p.m. for a Life Night series "Who AM I," as we learn what the Church teaches about gender identity and who we are created to be!

Wednesday, March 20: Summit Scripture Study from 7-8:30 p.m. for all current high schoolers. Dinner, scripture, games and fun!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, March 17: "Be Rooted." Join us for an Edge Night on the Fourth Commandment. We will grow in understanding of the call to honor our father and mother, as well as to honor and respect all those who have been given authority. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

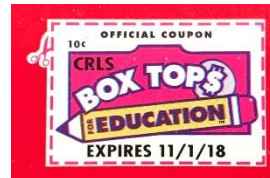
Elementary Children's Ministry

Friday, March 22: St. Patrick's Day Feast from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FLC Assembly Hall - more than just shamrocks, join us to learn more about the real St. Patrick!

The Italian American Heritage Society is hosting a St. Joseph's altar this Sunday, March 17, at Our Lady of Valley Church from 1-3 p.m. It will begin with a prayer to St. Joseph, the patron saint of Sicily, as his feast day is Tuesday, March 19. The society will be accepting monetary gifts or food, which will be placed on the altar to be given to local charities. If you would like to bring a pan of MEATLESS COOKED baked ziti, please bring in a 9 x12 disposable pan. Patrons will be eating ziti, salad, bread and dessert.

"Come Drink the Water of Renewed Love."

Give your marriage the best tune-up it has ever received. Plan to go on a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman for March 29-31, at St. Bernard Abbey. You can get more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.



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

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School

Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler
**CRAWFISH
BOIL & AUCTION**

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

Live Music by PharmHand ♥ Food ♥ Cash Bar ♥ Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

OLS TOP DECK 6:30 PM \$25