



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
May 26, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Graduations and birthdays are times when we look back and look ahead. We look back to where we have been and in what direction we are moving. This is graduation season and graduates look back with a sense of accomplishment and pride, and hopefully thanksgiving to God and all who helped them graduate. Congratulations to all who graduated from all three stages of education.

I was personally honored to hand out the diplomas to 43 of the 2019 graduates of OLS School. It was a religious ceremony with the Mass as the center and the students being lectors, and gift bearers. In the sermon, the past was viewed with gratitude to God, parents, and teachers, and the future was presented as the challenge not necessarily to conquer the world but to conquer our inner spirits, to win the war within. We are making choices daily to be selfish or to be of service, to be givers or to be takers, or choose our higher selves rather than our lower selves, to make the world a better place than it was before. To quote the book of Proverbs:

He who conquers his inner self does better than he who conquers a city.

At the graduation ceremony, this great class of 2019, in a spirit of giving to future students, presented the school foundation with a \$1500 check. A zillion thanks to the generous Class of 2019!

Religious education, the raising of children in the practice of the faith, is paramount. It is the training of the soul, and willpower, with a deep relationship with God that is the most important education. In 1925, the Supreme Court of this country put it quite well:

“The first right to education belongs to the parents.”

Parents have the first right AND THE FIRST RESPONSIBILITY TO EDUCATE CHILDREN IN THE FAITH. Generally speaking, if the parents don't have the faith, the children won't have the faith. If the parents don't go to Mass on Sundays, the children won't.

Our Lady of Sorrows School has the most dedicated Director of Religious Education one can imagine. Anyone who knows Christine LaRussa would immediately agree with me.

The principal sets the tone of the school by hiring all members of the faculty and setting a personal example of the faith. Anyone who knows Mrs. Mary Jane Dorn will agree that we have the best principal imaginable. The quality of the faculty is at an all-time high.

I thank God for our Parish School of Religion and for the sacrificing parents who take seriously the Catholic education of their children. The extraordinary dedication of the teachers, under the direction of Suzanne Corso and Tracy Doyal, produce an amazing program.

Parents, please give the faith the priority when it comes to the raising of your children.

As we approach the vacation season, let us all remember that there is no vacation from God, and it is our prayer life that keeps us close to Him.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, May 27	Special Intention Theresa Cusimano Virginia & Vincent Zicarelli
Tuesday, May 28	Maddalena Mastropasqua Mona Smallwood Sp. Int. Enrique Castro
Wednesday, May 29	Special Intention Mona Smallwood Sp. Int. Andelfo Castro
Thursday, May 30	Deceased of OLS Anne Vickers Rubby Sherman
Friday, May 31	Special Intention Rosemary Savage & family Shay McNamee
Saturday, June 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation Mona Smallwood Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, June 2	People of the Parish Mona Smallwood Jim Rowland

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

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)

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.

Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving Holy Mass for Fr. Frankline's 15th Anniversary as a priest on Ascension Sunday, June 2, during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. A reception will immediately follow Mass in the Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center. Please join us!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Check out olsyouth.com for our summer schedules!

Life Teen High School

We will start our summer calendar in June. View our full summer plans on our website! E-mail ginny@olsyouth.com to join our mailing list and stay up-to-date! Rising Freshman and outgoing Seniors are invited all summer long.

If you are attending Camp Covecrest, your payments are due!

Edge Middle School

Tuesday, May 28: We will kick-off the summer at Ultra Blast Laser Combat Center! Join us for dinner and laser fun from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10. Meet us there! Please complete their online waiver.

If you are attending Camp Hidden Lake, your payments and paperwork are due!

Elementary Children's Ministry

Save the Date! Thursday, May 30. Birmingham Barons game! RSVP to ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com. Open to all 1st – 5th graders and their families.

Spring is here! Don't forget Trash and Treasure when you are cleaning out! We are now scheduling pickups for large furniture items. If you have a furniture item for pickup, please contact Mike Montenegro at 205-335-9046. We will begin taking donations at the church Memorial Day weekend! We are in great need of more volunteers for Trash and Treasure this year! Please contact Melanie Falconer at 205-281-9695 for more information about volunteering!



**Register Now for
Vacation Bible
School! Go to
www.olspsr.com.**

**The deadline for registration is May
27.**

We also need volunteers - rising 5th graders to adult. Contact us at 871-1431 or psr@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Pentecost Parish Prayer Service

Come and experience and receive more of the Holy Spirit.

Preaching, healing prayers, meditation, anointing, prayers for blessings for families, spouse, jobs, opening new doors

2 Days: Wednesday, June 5th
 Thursday, June 6th

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

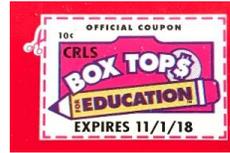
Place: Family Life Center Gym

All are welcome. Bring your friends and family!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21)
For Church leaders, may they guide us in ways of love and truth.



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!

U.S. Flags Retirement Ceremony



In preparation for Flag Day and a summer of patriotism, the members of the Monsignor Frank J. Wade, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly at Our Lady of Sorrows Church will

be holding a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, June 8. Older U.S. flags can be dropped off between noon and 6 p.m. on June 8, at the parking deck behind Our Lady of Sorrows Church and School in Homewood. A limited number of replacement flags will be available for sale. The tattered U.S. flags collected will be properly retired at 6:30 p.m. in a patriotic ceremony with local scouts. The public is invited and the ceremony will be atop the OLS Parking Deck.

**The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day.**