



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
October 20, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Last Sunday Pope Francis canonized five saints. They were already saints, but they have been put on the official calendar and list of canonized saints, with at least two first class miracles by their intercession, verifying that they are to be officially recognized as being with God in heaven.

The most notable of these five is Cardinal John Henry Newman. Though born in 1801 and raised Anglican, converted in 1845. John Henry Newman is a saint for our times in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. St. John Henry was formally educated in the Episcopalian faith and experienced a personal crisis of faith as a teenager.

Teens today can look to him as one who not only came out of this crisis of faith, but, with a new found fervor and a sincere and constant searching for truth. The saint went back to his family's faith of the Church of England and received communion frequently, with devotion.

As a teacher at Oxford, and a writer of 40 books, Newman has the reputation of being one of the greatest intellects of his time. At the age of 21 he was ordained a priest in the Anglican Church. As one of the greatest leaders in the Anglican Church, his intellectual thrust was that faith is based on reason (faith without reason behind it is superstition). Reading the early Fathers of the Church, The History of the Papacy, he became convinced of the truthfulness of the Catholic Church. Even though he had previously written against Catholicism, he later retracted those statements of anti-Catholicism with his endless searching for the truth.

- Newman was a model of recovering from teenage rebellion against religion.
- He was a model of scholarship, as he was so disciplined to study all areas of science, especially philosophy and theology, the reason and purpose of life.
- He was a model of living a faith in the face of opposition, rejection and loss of prestige.
- He was a model of converting when it was difficult!

Few study English literature without studying the works of Newman, such as Apologia Pro Vita Sua (a defense of my way of life of conversion), and his Idea of a University, which basically maintained: Lecture, yes, but dialogue with students was essential to learning. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1846 and given a Doctorate of Divinity by Pope Pius IX. He was made a Cardinal in 1879. Newman died at the age of 89.

John Henry Newman was progressive in his Catholic theology to the point that some called him the "Father of Vatican II." His ideas heavily influenced the writing of the following three documents of the sixteen of Vatican II: *Ecumenism*, *Non-Christian Religions*, and the document on the *Role of The Laity* in the Church.

Benedict XVI, who did not like to travel, nor was he over-enthusiastic about beatifying saints (step from canonization), travelled to England for the beatification ceremony. Many accused Benedict of "poaching," making converts in Anglican territory. Benedict denied it and simply went to England to celebrate one of the Church's most famous intellects, who converted to Catholicism. Shortly after this, Benedict XVI opened the door to married Anglican priests and bishops, because, by their own volition, they were "knocking hard" on the door to enter the Catholic Church.

In the United States and in Canada there are 2000 Catholic clubs on secular campuses called Newman Clubs. So great was the scholarship and sanctity of this great saint, canonized last Sunday, that pilgrims came from the United States, England, Ireland and Canada for this canonization. So great a scholar and saint is CARDINAL JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. An abundance of thanks for your prayers for my health! Yes, the cancer surgery was very successful in that, during the surgery, the surgeon had to go back only one time to, as they say, "Get it all." The place was on the side of the face and Dr. Hughey wisely sends patients to a face specialist at the Kirkland Clinic for surgery. Two inches long and ten stitches on the outside.

Thanks so much for the prayers, meaningful to me and effective for the success of the surgery.

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**All Saints Day Mass Schedule:**

<b>Thursday, Oct. 31</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. (Vigil)</b>
<b>Friday, Nov. 1</b>	<b>6:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>
	<b>9:00 a.m. (school)</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>

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Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie, Buddy DiChiara



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, Oct. 21	Special Intention Mary Ann Culotta Sp. Int. Floyd Hosmer
Tuesday, Oct. 22	Morris Princiotta, Jr. Sp. Int. Norma Kay Sprayberry Art Klopack
Wednesday, Oct. 23	Special Intention James Joseph & Leonora Fox Josephine & Jackie Milazzo
Thursday, Oct. 24	Lena Lucia Joseph Stanton Ethel Michel
Friday, Oct. 25	Special Intention Sam Culotta Marie Winningham
Saturday, Oct. 26	Donors to OLS School Foundation Parker Mote Art Klopack
Sunday, Oct. 27	People of the Parish Marie Calandrea Julia Riepele Cabrera

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Monday at 3 PM (Share with Partner)**

**Friday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**

**Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**

**Saturday at 8 AM (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.

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**R.C.I.A.** meets every Monday night in the Parish Hall. **It's not too late to sign up!**

Please join us at 5:45 p.m. for dinner. Class begins at 6:30. Childcare is available.

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**Everyone is invited** to attend Adult Education on Sunday, October 27. Msgr. Muller will celebrate a special Mass in the Parish Hall that will meet your Sunday obligation. During this Mass he will use facts from his new book, *The Holy Sacrifice and the Sacraments for Converts and Others*, to

deepen your understanding and appreciation of the Mass. There will be no singing to allow time to explain the Mass as it is prayed. Coffee and donuts will be served at 9:45 a.m. Mass begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

### ***What's Going on in Youth Ministry?***

**Saturday, October 26:** Mark your calendar for Eucharistic Youth Congress at the Shrine in Hanceville! Open to Grades 8-12. Email [carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com) to register.

Check out [olsyouth.com](http://olsyouth.com) for our fall schedules!

### **Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, Oct. 20:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about your faith as we discuss hot-button topics! Our Life Night series "Otherworldly" will begin at 7 p.m. with a focus on The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

**Wednesday, October 23:** UNLEASHED is a Bible study for teens. Join us as we learn more about the men and women from Scripture who can inspire us in our own faith journey. Every week at 7 p.m.!

**Our Fall Retreat will be Nov. 9-10 at Camp Tekakwitha.** Learn more at [www.olsyouth.com/retreat](http://www.olsyouth.com/retreat)

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, October 20:** Join us for an issue night on Vocations! "Oxygen" will help us come to an understanding of different vocations and what it looks like to live out each vocation. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.



### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

God has called you by your name. You are a child of God. Are you aware of your strength in God? (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6)

For those who serve in civil and religious leadership, may they act and speak with integrity.

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Saturday, October 26. Together we pray the Rosary, have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Holy Mass. Our patron, Saint Padre Pio, spent his life in prayer, and once said, "What the world needs now is PRAYER!" Won't you join us? For more information, call Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

**Toy Bowl Basketball Registration** is now open for Kindergarten - 8th grade students. Please email [smahabanks@gmail.com](mailto:smahabanks@gmail.com) for the registration link or text of call Anne at 205-873-1235.

**The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast** will be held at St. Elias from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. Tickets are \$15 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at (205) 408-0308, and from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets will be sold at the door.

**The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will hold its next meeting on Monday, October 21, at the Cathedral of St. Paul. Adoration and Confession begin at 6 p.m., followed by Holy Mass at 7. There will be a ceremony welcoming new members with a reception following. All are welcome! It is a great opportunity to pray, go to confession, go to Mass and build friendships at the social.

### **October Bridge Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anne Connell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrick Rupinski
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Olga Corbin