



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 17, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Grocery Bags and 50 Turkeys: The national holiday of Thanksgiving is such a great American tradition. The Pilgrims were so grateful to God and, so, they shared a great meal with the friendly Native Americans in that history making 17th Century.

Today, families share food with each other, and, though charity begins at home, it does not stay at home. It is so much of our past tradition at OLS to share with others. The Sodality cooked 140 meals and delivered them last week to the homes of those who are homebound. Last year this parish sent 700 bags of groceries and 50 turkeys to the Catholic Center of Concern in time for others to have a feast Thanksgiving week.

I noticed a couple of "angels" in my life recently. Angel is a word that means "messenger." When I passed by the front office and asked for two brown bags for those groceries in the trunk of my car, Nancy grabbed three bags, as if to tell me, "You can do better than only two bags!"

The Holy Sacrifice and the Sacraments: Another "angel" in my life is Chris Lawler, big time "messenger" from the Almighty! I have made a modest effort to interest a publisher in the recent book on the Holy Sacrifice. Chris is God's messenger to tell me, "Do not give up."

Chris has a number of friends at EWTN and at the Friary. He has put pressure on them, and ultimately on the powers that be. He even told me that I also had to write Mr. Doug Keck, send him my book, and ask for an interview on his weekly *Bookmark* program. He is also a great part of the decision on which books EWTN would choose to publish. The result is that Mr. Keck has written me that in December we will decide on a taping date for an interview on the book that I feel should

be published. His show is aired on Mondays at 4 p.m.

R.C.I.A. Class: Life is filled with human messengers, or "human angels." Another one who keeps the messages coming to me is Anne Marie Verchot, with all kinds of updates on the R.C.I.A. program. The latest is that we are missing those six people who come into the program around November and December, usually brought in by a relative or friend.

I challenge our great Sodality and the men of the Knights of Columbus to each (Sodality and Knights) bring in three people who would like to learn more about our Catholic faith and be willing to come with them. This would take care of the missing six, for which I have been looking.

Parents connected with the school and PSR program: Please, you too, might find someone to complete the missing six for the R.C.I.A class.

Incidentally, last Monday we played "stump the priest" at the R.C.I.A. class. It was Question and Answer night. Some of the questions thrown at me were:

1. What if you disagree with some of the things the Pope does, can you still be a Catholic?
2. Why was November 2, called Poor Souls Day and now it is called All Souls Day, and does that include those for whom we celebrated the day before, All Saints Day?

Yes, there will be another session of "stump the priest" in a future class. Catholics come to refresh their faith, fallen-aways come to see if they really want to come back, and the curious Protestant loves coming for answers. Since the lectures are recorded, one can "catch up" simply by listening to the DC's.

We can brush up on our thankful thoughts to God as we anticipate Thanksgiving Day.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 5:45 p.m., small groups at 6:30, and lecture at 7 every Monday in the Parish Hall. Childcare is available.

The Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule:

6:30, 7:30, and 10:00 a.m.



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 18	Special Intention Sp. Int. Margaret Hampton Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, Nov. 19	Souls in Purgatory Sarah Schifano Lena Lucia
Wednesday, Nov. 20	Special Intention Souls in Purgatory Marcella Scozzaro
Thursday, Nov. 21	Pat. J. Piazza Pat McNamee
Friday, Nov. 22	Sp. Int. Mary Ann & Vincent Bruno & family Special Intention Special Intention Donald Taccone
Saturday, Nov. 23	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sarah Schifano Mary K. Zeto
Sunday, Nov. 24	People of the Parish Lena Lucia Sp. Int. Jude & Claudia Tombrello

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 3 PM (Share with Partner)**
 - Friday at 8 AM (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.

SCAM ALERT! Once again, someone is impersonating Fr. Muller through emails, asking for gift card purchases. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!** Fr. Muller does not email, and he certainly does not ask for anyone to purchase gift cards. If you receive a request through your email from Fr. Muller, please do not respond, but report it as Spam.

The Adult Choir is gearing up for Christmas Eve Mass and would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Adult Choir will sing at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, alongside the Children's Choir. If you would like to sing some traditional Christmas Carols with us, you are always welcome. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night from 6:30-8 p.m. in the music room. For more information, contact Caroline Spears at cspears@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, November 24. Our speaker is Fran Henderson. His topic is *The Creed: What We Believe*. 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.

A Thanksgiving Rosary will be prayed in the church on **Wednesday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m.** Benediction will follow the Rosary. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. The Altar Sodality will lead the Rosary.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild is still collecting groceries for the Catholic Center of Concern. Bags can be found in the vestibule.

You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 18. Thank you in advance for your most generous contribution.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Wednesday, November 20: Join us at Urban Air for dinner and fellowship from 6-8 p.m! **This is a FREE event open to all families with school-aged children (grades 1-12).**

Check out olsyouth.com for our complete Fall schedules!

Life Teen High School

Sunday, November 17: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about your faith as we study "Hot Topics" on formed.org! Our Life Night series "Otherworldly" will begin at 7 p.m. with a focus on the Mass.

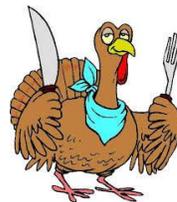
Edge Middle School

Sunday, November 17: Join us to learn more about Mary and to grow in devotion to the Blessed Mother. "Fire Inside" begins with dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Wednesday, November 20: Join us at Urban Air for dinner and fellowship from 6-8 pm!

Come to the next ARISE Night of Healing on Thursday November 21! Come be refreshed and encounter God's mercy in a beautiful evening of prayer at this month's ARISE night! All are welcome to join us in the OLS Family Life Center Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for music ministry, Eucharistic adoration, confessions and intercessory prayer. Our speaker this month is Johnette Benkovic Williams, popular host of EWTN's "Women of Grace," who will speak on "Mary, the Holy Spirit and You."



The Knights of Columbus will be smoking turkey breasts at the OLS pit to help kick off the Thanksgiving weekend. Each breast is \$35 and can be ordered by calling or texting (205)202-9358 or order online at olskoc.org. Please leave a message with your name, phone number and how many you need. The turkeys will be wrapped and ready for pickup at the pit between 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th – the day before Thanksgiving.

Position Available - OLS is seeking a dynamic, faith-filled, energetic individual to grow our children's program and implement spiritual and social activities for families in the OLS community. To apply for the part-time position as Elementary Children's Minister, email Suzanne Corso dre@ourladyofsorrows.com.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL NETWORK

KICKOFF EVENT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Family Life Center
NETWORKING & CONNECTING
WITH OUR COMMUNITY, WHILE
ENJOYING LIGHT BITES
PROVIDED BY FELLOW CATHOLICS
CASH BAR

Everyone is welcome!

OUR MISSION: Educating and forming business and professional men and women in the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church, by encouraging one another, building relationships, and deepening our faith.