



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
January 12, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Baptism of Jesus: Today, we move all too quickly from the Christmas season to the public life of Jesus, starting with the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan.

The Baptism of Jesus is the first of the luminous mysteries of the rosary, and we ask ourselves why Jesus allowed Himself to be baptized by John the Baptist. This baptism was for the forgiveness of sins. John did not want to do it, but Jesus insisted. It was the first public act of penance by Jesus for OUR sins.

Jesus told the Father, by His baptism, that He was sorry on behalf of the sins of the human race. He asked the Father to give us another chance. He apologized on our behalf. His whole life was to save His people from their sins. This was His first public act of repentance for us. We cherish and celebrate this moment in the life of our Lord.

Pledge Cards: Mrs. Dorn, our great principal of OLS School, has the reputation of being one of the best math teachers in the diocese. This has prompted the superintendent to put her in charge of the Math Committee for the diocese. She told me this past week that she has the ultimate math problem. What is the problem she cannot easily solve? It is the budget for the coming year. And what is the problem with the budget? Too many x factors in the equation (math teachers would say "variables"). How many will register? How many will have multiple children discounts? How many will suddenly hit hard times and not be able to pay the tuition? How many unknown repairs, etc.? I told her that I share her problems on a different scale with the parish budget. The bottom line is

that less than half of our people have turned in their tithing cards (512 out of 1548 registered parishioners). When more turn in their cards, we will be able to take care of our parish needs and help the needy to some extent. On behalf of the good Lord, Who promises us blessings in abundance and Who will not be outdone in generosity, I say many, many thanks to the 512 for your faith, trust and love. With God's grace more pledge cards will find their way to the Church.

Decorations: It seems each year OLS out does itself in Christmas decorations. Along with the Christmas Carols, it really puts u into the mood of celebrating the birth of Jesus. We publicly thank John Tombrello and his team for all the endless work of decorating the church: Michelle Alesce, Joe Alesce, Frances Andrews, Mary Claire Brouillette, Christina Fritz, Jerry Fritz, Kent Graeve, Del Hahn, Catherine Hosmer, Larry Johnson, Mike Millican, Andrew Rupinski, Mary Rupinski, Pat Rupinski, Mary Catherine Tombrello, Jeannie Wade, Vickie Williams, and John Michael Wos.

Chrismon Tree: Many thanks, also, to Patti Kyle and her team: Antoinette Alfano, Warren Kyle, Maria Lilly, and Linda Pierre. They will dismantle the Chrismon Tree a little later. Many of those monograms are not specifically "Christmas," but also refer to Jesus in a different way, such as the Lamb of God.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



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



Monday, Jan. 13	Special Intention Bill DeLacy Josephine Sicola
Tuesday, Jan. 14	Dolores Madden Frank D'Alessandro Peggy & Frank Beuerlein
Wednesday, Jan. 15	Paul Rumore Allison Bruton Lena Lucia
Thursday, Jan. 16	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Frank Diego
Friday, Jan. 17	Special Intention Sp. Int. Charles Anthony Rumore & Family Jean Sertell
Saturday, Jan. 18	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Catherine Smitherman & Kenneth Lena Lucia
Sunday, Jan. 19	People of the Parish Floyd & Cecilia Stephens Sp. Int. Jude & Claudia Tombrello

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Thursday at 7:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 1:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Saturday at 11:00 AM (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 attend Adult Education on Sunday, January 26. Our speaker is Fran Henderson. His topic is *Christology, Part 2: Jesus Fulfilled in the New Testament*. 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.

**We will not meet on January 19.**

**Our Lady of Grace Guild** will meet on Monday, January 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Please bring your sandwich. Dessert and drinks will be provided. Please remember to bring your donation for the Catholic Center of Concern.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild** will meet on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sodality Room. Melanie Falconer will be our guest speaker.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be holding a blood drive this Sunday, January 12, in the Parish Hall. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and their families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.



## **SAVE THE DATE:** **OLS Vacation Bible School**

June 8-12

9-12 pm

Registration opens March 2, 2020

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

**Edge and LifeTeen** meet most Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All 6-12th graders are invited to grow in community with their Church family!

**Saturday, January 18:** Join us for the Birmingham March for Life and Day of Reflection. Meet in front of the FLC at 7:30 a.m. for a ride. We will return around 1:30 pm.

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

### **Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, January 12:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. We will discuss some of the misconceptions about the Church and remind you of the many ways the Church has impacted lives throughout history by establishing schools and hospitals, advancing science and medicine, and assisting the poor all over the world. We will have a Pro-Life Life Night at 7 p.m., with special guest speaker Michele Cooper, who coordinated the Diocesan March for Life trip to D.C. for five years and volunteers for Her Choice pregnancy center.

**Wednesday, January 15: Poster Party!** Join us for dinner and make pro-life posters for the March for Life trip at 7 p.m.

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, January 12:** "Protecting Life" is an Edge Night on what abortion is and why it is a big deal. The goal is to explain how both faith and reason demand that we protect unborn babies and help mothers who are considering abortion, leading teens to feel empowered to help those who are affected by abortion. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.



## **Find Out Why Our Student Families Love Us!**

You are invited to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School's OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 1720 Oxmoor Road in Homewood between 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to find out how you can empower your child's future with an affordable Catholic education!

New students and their families have the opportunity to personally meet our outstanding teachers and staff, tour our accredited school, and discover our faith-enriched community of learning and service. Applications are available now online at [olsschool.com](http://olsschool.com). Also, please check us out on Instagram and Facebook. If your child was placed on a waiting list from last year, you must re-apply for 2020. Please call our school office if you need additional information (205) 879-3237.

*Growing Our Children in knowledge and faith...Experience the Difference!*

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**The Birmingham Padre Pio Prayer Group** will be celebrating its 5th anniversary on Saturday, January 18, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. We will pray the Rosary, have Adoration and Benediction, and conclude with Holy Mass. After Mass we will celebrate our five years together with a pot-luck lunch in the Parish Hall. ALL are welcome to join us! Bring a dish to share!!! For more information call Angela Kolar at 205-991-9554. PRAY, HOPE and DON'T WORRY!