



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 26, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

March for Life: This past Wednesday 39 of our teenagers and seven chaperones, including Eric Dooley, Suzanne Corso, and Fr. Balta, boarded a bus at 4:00 p.m. and rode all night to Washington D.C. to participate in the Right to Life March. Our Youth Ministry supplied them with a list of things to bring, and I was impressed with the overseeing of these young people by Eric, Fr. Balta and others. I am proud that this many were willing to make the sacrifice to make the trip. Oh, they are not flying home; they are, again, on the bus Saturday night, with a long night trip, arriving home on Sunday morning, exhausted but rejuvenated in their faith and respect for the unborn. I was told of one Vestavia school student who had written a pro-life essay for class, inspired by her pro-life Washington visit.

As this bulletin goes to press, President Trump is scheduled to be physically present and speak to the crowd. In 47 years of marching, this is the first President to ever physically attend and speak. The March is a huge moment in history!

Even though the huge demonstration goes on for two days in Washington to mark the 47th anniversary of the deadly Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme Court to legalize abortion, Right to Life advocates do not give up. Dr. Del Hahn, from our parish, and his wife founded Her Choice, which is a strange name, but really indicates that the mother of the unexpected pregnancy has a choice to save her baby's life or terminate it.

Abby Johnson is an example of a pro-lifer who worked at an abortion clinic. She witnessed the ultrasound assisted abortion of a 13-week-old fetus and knew she had to stop working her job at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas.

When Abby realized that with over 3,000 abortion workers in 700 clinics in this country, many workers would love to leave the industry as she did, but depended on the salaries and could not make the move. So, she and her husband, after having helped 17 workers on their own, started a non-profit company to give financial help, counselling, and job assistance to former clinic workers. Their organization has helped over 400 workers from 34 states. They say this has been a previously overlooked ministry for Pro-Life.

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week is celebrated this week. Our bishop stated that a Jewish friend told him that the Catholic Church in this country has made an enormous contribution by way of Catholic hospitals and Catholic schools. Very true!

Catholic schools have challenged public schools to become better academically and challenged our parish schools of religion to increase the quality of religious education. Catholic schools not only train the intellect in the natural sciences, but also in the truths of our faith. They give the children an atmosphere of living for Christ, a motivation for living their faith. Our Lady of Sorrows is an outstanding example of a Catholic school. However, we do not forget the great contribution made by the parish school of religion. We support both programs financially to the point of whatever is needed.

How sad it is when parents do not raise their children in the faith. More often, than not, they live to regret it. I love the statement of the 8th grader who said, "The greatest thing my parents did for me was to have me baptized and, secondly, was to have me trained in the faith."

Our school and the PSR only re-enforce what the children learn at home. If volleyball, gymnastics, and soccer are more important than studying the faith on Sunday in the mind of the parent, who is or should be in control of the children, then children learn the wrong

thing from the parent as regards a sense of values.

Since this is Catholic Schools Week, I commend all those who in any way make sacrifices to send their children to OLS School and those who support Catholic education in any way.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 27	Special Intention Jerry Blackmon Mary Jane Meehan
Tuesday, Jan. 28	Special Intention Art Klopack Art Klopack
Wednesday, Jan. 29	Special Intention Sp. Int. Mary Rembert Robert Bradley
Thursday, Jan. 30	Special Intention Augustine J. Angrisano Art Klopack
Friday, Jan. 31	Special Intention Gary Wolter Angeleen Fontana
Saturday, Feb. 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation Peggy & Frankl Beuerlein Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, Feb. 2	People of the Parish Joe Carbonie Frank D'Agro

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 3:00 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.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: The Church Office will now close at 2 p.m. on Fridays. Please make note of the new schedule.

Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, February 2. We will view a well-produced, short film called "The Woman." It presents the Catholic teaching about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her role in the Church and in the lives of today's Christians. The film combines scripture, insightful commentary, quotes of saints, and sacred art. 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.

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, February 4. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo.

An Appreciation Dinner will be held for the Bereavement Committee and anyone who has helped in any way with funeral mercy meals. Please join us on Monday, February 10, at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry, you are most welcome to join us. Please **RSVP** by Thursday, February 6, to Jane DeMeis at 205-337-0023.

Join Father Bryan Jerabek and fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Birmingham on an incredible journey through Europe on August 3-12. The main event of this trip is the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Bavaria. This pilgrimage also features visits to Prague, Czech Republic, Munich, Fussen and Altotting, Germany, and Salzburg, Austria. Cost of the

trip is \$4050 and includes roundtrip airfare from Atlanta, beautiful four and five-star hotels, private motor-coach transportation and most meals. For more information please email Joseph Long at jlong@prorome.com or by phone at 540-466-6070. You will also find detailed trip information at www.prorome.com.

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!

Sunday, February 2: Please join us for Super Bowling Sunday! Meet at Vestavia Bowl. Cost is \$5 and covers dinner, shoes, and two hours of bowling. Bring your own arcade money.

Check out olsyouth.com for our complete Spring schedules!

Life Teen High School

Sunday, January 26: Faith Formation at 10 a.m., focusing on how to answer when people question our Catholic faith. No meetings for high schoolers tonight. Thank you to all of our chaperones and students who attended the D.C. March for Life!

Wednesday, January 29: Join us for dinner and Bible Study from 7-8:30 p.m. Our six-week study is on discernment!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, January 26: "Created Man/Created Woman" is an Edge Night on Masculinity and Femininity. We will split by gender to learn more about what it means to be a man or woman (respectively) and the importance of brotherhood and sisterhood. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Join the Elementary Children's Ministry for a New Year's Celebration! All children in grades 1-5 and their families are invited for a night of dinner, prayer, and fellowship!

Thursday, January 30, 6:00-7:30 in the Family Life Center Assembly Hall

Please RSVP to Virginia Beale at ECM@ourladyofsorrows.com or call/text 251-510-9044.



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

June 8-12

9-12 pm

Registration opens March 2, 2020

SAVE THE DATE: St. Joseph's Altar will be held on Saturday, March 14, after the 5 p.m. Mass. More Information to Follow.

ARISE Night

Come be refreshed and encounter God's mercy in a beautiful evening of prayer in the OLS Family Life Center Gym on Thursday, January 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The evening consists of praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration, intercessory prayer, and we always have at least three priests hearing confessions. Our speaker this month is Ryan Penney. Ryan is an Associate Producer at EWTN Radio.