



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
February 23, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

**Lent:** The older we get and the busier we become; the more time flies so fast that sometimes the most important things in life get away from us. Compared to working for heaven and that eternal union with our loving Savior, the rest is trivial, petty, and unimportant. Yet we fool ourselves and put God off at times, slipping Him in on Sundays or with short prayers during the day as some sort of obligation rather than the greatest investment of our life.

Lent is the time of the year when, the Church gives us heavy reminders to get serious about our eternal destiny. With Lent being three days away, we need to plan now for some wise spending of our time during this holy season. We need time to readjust our minds and hearts in the direction of God. Think now of the possibility of daily Mass. Here at OLS we have three daily Masses during Lent. Some of our 7:30 a.m. Mass people prepared for Mass better by waiting till 12:00 noon (ahem!). Stations are every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

**Gorrie-Regan property:** None of us really likes a person who belongs to a community and will not lift a finger to help the group when they are in need.

It just so happens that the land where the old Gorrie-Regan building was keeps looking like a "war zone." I asked Charles Ferlisi to bring Chris Eckroate of Caprine Engineering (a member of OLS) to explain the status quo to the Parish Council, and now I am attempting to explain the "problem" in this F.P.D.

The Homewood attorney tells us this land must be rezoned to "institutional" for one reason: this is Church property, which is not taxed.

Now we must go before the zoning board for rezoning to Institutional, apply for a vacation of 10 feet of Parkridge Drive and a variance to have the new parking lot 8 feet from the apartments instead of 10 feet.

Here is the clarification: Parkridge is a city street and has a 60' wide Right of Way. It is not an easement, but deeded land, owned by the City of Homewood. What we see is roughly a 40' wide road, leaving 10 feet on both sides. Gorrie-Regan used the 10' on their side and now we would like to have the city deed to us those 10' as was used for 50 years by Gorrie-Regan.

Directly across from this 10' strip is the property line between the old Gorrie-Regan building and the apartments. The law says that improvements must be 10' from different pieces of property. We are also asking the City of Homewood to give a variance and let it be only 8', which means we would be lessening the distance between the apartments and our parking lot by 2 feet. We have promised a solid wooden fence and leave nearly all of the existing bushes. Recently, we had a similar request in building the equipment building behind the Family Life Center. If I remember, OLS won that variance of 2 feet by one vote when the zoning board voted on this. According to the traffic engineer of Homewood, for regulated parking places this would mean 12 parking places. We are hoping for 43 places, and not obtaining the above two requests would bring us down to 30 places. Needless to say, parking places in Homewood cost about \$20,000 apiece.

If you live in the Homewood community, please reach out to the Council Members with the request based on:

1. This will take less parking from the Homewood Library
2. We have always shared with our neighbors:
  - a. The Exceptional Foundation
  - b. The City of Homewood Park and parade preparations.
  - c. Any other requests

You will find a flyer in this bulletin with more information, as well as a list of the Homewood City Council members. The reason John Hardin's phone number is not given is because, as a member of the OLS parish, he has a vested interest in the outcome of the vote.

If we belong to the OLS community, it is time to make a little effort to help with the parking problems on Sunday mornings and at other times. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE contact a Homewood City Council person on behalf of our cause.

One U.S. Congressman once said: One letter represents a thousand people, because people simply don't take the time to write their congressmen on important issues.

**Eagle Scouts:** Our Lady of Sorrows is honored to have four young men achieve the Eagle Scout Badge: Darby Green, Jackson Hanle, Frank Perrucci and Clayton Sloan. Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Boy Scouting. Congratulations to all of them.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Monday at 10 AM (Share with Partner)**

**Friday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)**

**Friday at 1:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Friday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)**

**Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)**

**Saturday at 11 PM (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.



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



Monday, Feb. 24	Special Intention Lena Lucia Frank Tortorici
Tuesday, Feb. 25	Bill Pickard Peter Hensel Norman Naccari
Wednesday, Feb. 26	Special Intention Pete Hensel Drew Colpack
Thursday, Feb. 27	Joseph Nelson Brouillette Jean Sertell Jennie Sciro
Friday, Feb. 28	Bill Pickard Anne Tighe Maddalena Mastropasqua
Saturday, Feb. 29	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jennie Sciro Joseph Alfano
Sunday, Mar. 1	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Nan Brown Marie Dirgo

**Everyone is invited** to attend Adult Education on Sunday, March 1. Our speaker will be Fran Henderson. His topic is "*Forgiveness: Forgive Yourself, Forgive Others.*" 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.

**The date for V.I.P. has been moved to Tuesday, March 10**, due to the Primary Election on March 3. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo.



Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us reach

our goal to package 50,000+ meals on February 29. Working together we can create a world without hunger. This is OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS of the church. Shifts are 9:30-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.

To register, go to our church website <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com>, or call the PSR office at 871-1431.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The OLS Altar Sodality will sponsor a Day of Recollection on Friday, March 13. The morning will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Adoration, Confession, Mass, lunch and a guest speaker from Casa Maria. Nursery will be provided.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be hosting their annual Mardi Gras themed **Open House Meeting** on Fat Tuesday, February 25, at 6 p.m. on the Upper Parking Deck. All men of the parish over the age of 18 are encouraged to attend and find out what the Knights of Columbus are all about. We will enjoy plenty of fantastic food, including red beans and rice, jambalaya, king cakes and muffulettas that rival Central Grocery. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many activities the Knights of Columbus will be involved in for the upcoming Lenten season and to get to know some of your fellow parishioners. If you plan to attend please email Mark Stephens at: [mark.stephens@mcleodsoftware.com](mailto:mark.stephens@mcleodsoftware.com).

**St. Joseph Altar 2020**

This year the Italian American Society will join Our Lady of Sorrows in celebrating the feast day of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Altar will be held in the Parish Hall after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 14. All are invited. We will need donations of meatless dishes, vegetables, desserts, etc. In addition to the preparation of food, we will need volunteers for setting up tables, kitchen duty and clean up. Sign-up sheets will be available in the

vestibule beginning March 1. Monetary donations are also welcome. For additional information, please contact Marie Swift at 956-6323 or Fran Robertson at 529-3336. Please leave a message if no answer.

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

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

Sunday, February 23: Join us for RISE Against Hunger! Meet for dinner in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. Pick up your teens at 9 p.m. in the FLC. Wear a baseball cap!

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

**Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, March 1:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. focusing on the importance of having community in your Catholic journey. Our Life Night series on Scripture continues at 7 p.m. God speaks to us in His Word. It's vital to know Him by reading the love letters He has written directly to us.

**Wednesday, March 4:** Join us for dinner and Bible study from 7- 8:30 p.m. Our 6-week study is on discernment!

**Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, March 1:** Join us for "The Final Mile," an Edge Night where we will come to understand that Jesus desires to bring us healing through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

**February Bridge Winners:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sally Stephens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jean Holt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mike Millican

# **HOMEWOOD PARISHIONERS: We need your help!**

The first public hearing will be for the re-zoning and will be heard by the Planning Commission on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 at Homewood City Hall. ***Prior to this public hearing, please reach out to your council members to encourage their support of both actions for Our Lady of Sorrows.***

They are:

President	Mr. Peter Wright	pwright@sirote.com	205-527-0868
Ward 1	Mr. Andy Gwaltney	andy@andygwaltney.com	205-540-8566
Ward 1	Mr. Britt Thames	Bthames1@gmail.com	205-948-6789
Ward 2	Mike Higginbotham	Mike.higginbotham@homewoodal.net	205-422-7151
Ward 2	Mr. Andrew Wolverton	Andrew.wolverton@homewoodal.net	No phone #
Ward 3	Mr. Walter Jones	Walter.jones@homewoodal.net	205-910-8501
Ward 3	Mr. Patrick McClusky	mcccluskycc@yahoo.com	205-746-4695
Ward 4	Mr. Alex Wyatt	awyattcc@gmail.com	205-807-0383
Ward 4	Ms. Barry Smith	Barryandkyle1@charter.net	205-335-0741
Ward 5	Ms. Jennifer Address	addressk@bellsouth.net	205-585-5239
Ward 5	Mr. John Hardin	No e-mail provided	No phone #



# **Lent 2020**

## **Our Lady of Sorrows Church**

### *Wednesday, February 26      Ash Wednesday*

- 6:30 a.m. Mass
- 7:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. School Mass
- 12 Noon Mass (**Monday - Friday during Lent**)
- 6 p.m. Mass (Church and Parish Hall)

### **Friday, February 28**

- 6:00 p.m.- Stations of the Cross

### **Friday, March 6**

- 6:00 p.m. -Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

### **Thursday, March 12**

- 7:00 p.m. - **Lenten Penance Service**

### **Friday, March 13**

- 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

### **Friday, March 20**

- 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

### **Friday, March 27**

- 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

### **Friday, April 3**

- 6:00 p.m. - Final Stations of the Cross of Lent 2020