



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

April 26, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

As Church history unfolds, historians will see, standing out, the LENT and EASTER of 2020. It truly reflects the suffering and resurrection of Christ. We live today with the suffering of the death and sickness of loved ones. We live the mortification of cabin fever, as we are not to leave our homes, except for absolute necessities. There is the suffering of the loss of jobs and family reunions. We experience the challenge of trust, and hope that God will bring good from suffering and the loss of the normal lifestyle in this country.

We suffer the loss of not gathering together for the Eucharistic worship in our churches and the challenge, again, that God really loves us and has not left us. HE IS RISEN. In a great way, this simulates the reality when Jesus rose from the dead. He gave His followers 11 recorded apparitions. For the most part, He was not seen and they lived by faith and trust. During this time of the Coronavirus, we are living with faith and trust that God "knows what He is doing" and He writes straight with crooked lines.

We probably live more by faith during this Lent and Easter of the devastating virus that has brought loss and suffering to so many than the faith and trust we had in other years. They asked Pope Francis how he is reacting to the present pandemic, and his most beautiful answer was: "I AM PRAYING MORE!!!" There is our example; our visible head of the Church admitting that he is more in touch with God than during normal times.

Like the early Church, we are so convinced of the life after death that we live more by faith and trust in the greatness of following in the wake of Christ into the eternal life of perfect happiness.

We might be tempted to ask: Where is God? Does He really love this masterpiece of

creation? The answer is in the Gospels and in Job of the Old Testament and in the very nature of love, itself, which is the willingness to sacrifice for another.

If we accept suffering in life as the will of God, this is an act of LOVE OF GOD. Jesus, Himself, was caught up in this, hence the crucifixion. In John's Gospel (Chapter 15) Jesus says the greatest love is to lay down one's life for one's friend, and "you are my friends."

Another reason God might have to allow this scourge on us is that there are more acts of charity to others at this time than in ordinary times. First responders accept risks and work harder for others, and so do food banks, during this time more than any other time.

Those who suffer these days should look forward to heaven, promised to us by the resurrected Christ.

During these difficult times we need to live with more faith and trust in the loving God, and like the Pope, PRAY MORE to overcome this Coronavirus.

The whole Book of Job tells us that we will be tested, and if we do not rebel, and pass the test with faith and trust, there is an enormous reward waiting for us in the end (Job, Chapter 42).

Congratulations to Anna Rose and Lee Maniscalco on being married for 70 years, which was marked this past Easter. I taught their children at John Carroll. Great family!

Congratulations to Lee Styslinger, III (CEO of Altec), named as a member of the President's Economic Revival Advisory Council. Lee and his own family and parents are members of St. Francis, and his brother, Mark, and his wife and children are strong members at OLS. Lee's father, Lee, Jr., (Founder of Altec) and I were in the seminary together over 70 years ago. Again, another great family.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Daily Mass will be Live Streamed at 7:30 a.m. beginning Monday, April 27.



Mass Intentions	
Monday, April 20	Special Intention Anita Noto
Tuesday, April 21	Joseph & Kathleen Milan Special Intention Tommy Priola Dr. Bill Stephens
Wednesday, April 22	Special Intention Sp. Int. John & Mary Catherine Tombrello Bill Pickard
Thursday, April 23	Special Intention Sp. Int. Maria Burczyk Lena Lucia
Friday, April 24	Special Intention Tommy Priola Marie Dirgo
Saturday, April 25	Donors to OLS School Foundation Rose Maggio
Sunday, April 26	Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens People of the Parish Bob Grundhoefer Bob Grundhoefer

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:
Monday at 10 AM (Share with Partner)
Monday at 12 Midnight (Adorer Needed)
Tuesday at 11 AM (Adorer Needed)
Friday at 8:00 AM (Share with Partner)
Friday at 11 PM (Adorer Needed)
Saturday at 11 AM (Share 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 Carpi at 643-0248.

Pray for the Sick: Stephanie Murdock, Barbara Crowder, Casey O'Brien, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie, Buddy DiChiara, Mary Laurie Bracken, Ann LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Lillie Higgins, Harriet Dupree, Pat Salamone, Alan Pizzitola, Jude

Tombrello, Claudia Tombrello, Robbie Baldwin

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sundays: 7-8 p.m. Edge and LifeTeen are meeting virtually every week! Just go to projectym.com/watch to join in! We also have small groups available throughout the week. Email Ginny or Carol for more info on how to join!

Ginny: youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com
Carol: msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com

Camp Hidden Lake & Covecrest: As of right now, we are moving forward as planned. Registration links are available! Deposits can be made, but payment in full will not be expected until departure date!

Check out olsyouth.com for more details!

Life Teen High School

Wednesdays: Join us for lunch via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. every week! We are also going Live on Instagram 3x a week to give you saint facts, play games and get your prayer requests. **Instagram: olsyouth**

Edge Middle School

Thursdays: Join us for "Anchored", a series on Faith, Hope, and Love. Links are made available weekly on our website and Instagram. Watch any time on Thursday and chime in on our small group in the Catholify app for discussion and a weekly challenge.

Weekdays: 4 p.m. Log on to Instagram @olsedge for a daily dose of truth, beauty, and goodness on Catch Up with Carol, Monday through Friday!