



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

May 10, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

Jesus repeatedly teaches us in the Scriptures how close He is to us and how important is this relationship. He gave us the parable of the vine and the branches: "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit without the vine, you cannot bear fruit without me." Then, He gave us the analogy of the Good Shepherd, representing Himself, and we as His sheep, with that relationship, whereby the Shepherd loves and protects and calls each by a personal name. At His last meal before His execution, He changes the substance of bread and wine into the substance of His Body and Blood, telling His apostles to consume this, indicating His desire for intimacy with us.

OLS is a Eucharistic parish, and like so many other parishes, there are people who passionately desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. They have complained to priests and the bishop about the closed churches for Mass.

The bishop feels the spiritual pain of the devout Catholics and has written his latest statement on the issue, which can be found on the diocesan website. He did give permission for outdoor Communion and Masses, with the condition that this is done in accord with state and municipality directives. The glitch is that Homewood is under a "lockdown." I double checked with the Mayor's office and was told how the city has closed City Hall, the Senior Center, and parks, and, so, we are included. I was reminded that on the 15th of May, the Governor will speak again on the extent of the "lockdown." Hopefully, Governor Ivey will exclude church service outdoors by way of exception, and then the above church regulations and permission will come into play.

Our obedience is not primary to the civil law, but our obedience is primarily to our local bishop, who tells us to obey the state and municipal regulations.

We look forward, as do the other four churches down Oxmoor Road, for permission for outdoor celebrations. In the meantime, the bishop stated that the obligation for Sunday Mass stays lifted, but the obligation to pray more on Sundays is not.

Our sympathy to the Gilchrist family on the passing of Melanie from this earth into the hands of God. What a saintly person is Melanie. She fought the good fight for over five years, with chemo and radiation.

When Jane DeMeis and I went to the Gilchrist home last Sunday afternoon, we were in tune with her goodness and the grief of the husband, Ron, and son, Pat, and the ever-loving mother, Georgina Smith. That being Sunday afternoon, Jane, convert that she is, viewed two streamed Masses, the 10 and 11:30 a.m., and, also, one protestant minister's sermon. She quoted the Protestant analogy of how our lives are lived like our Lord's Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter.

There are the joys of life, then there are the Saturdays in our lives, which are our day of confusion. So, it was for the followers of Jesus. The day after the crucifixion, they were so confused. Jesus worked all kinds of miracles. They thought He was the Messiah, but now he was "dead." How utterly confusing for His followers. Sometimes, with crosses in life and the frustrations, we live "confused" and without understanding. Then, there is Easter Sunday, and, yes, Jesus explaining to His followers, especially those two disciples on the way to Emmaus, why He had to suffer.

Just as the followers were confused that Saturday, we have those days, and as we love Jesus in the Eucharist, we keep asking why did this lockdown happen? I think one reason is that too many receive Jesus without much thanksgiving and appreciation. We are

“starved for a while” when our “Easter” comes, and to quote the banner in the church: I HAVE RISEN AND I AM STILL WITH YOU.

Thank you, Jane, for the unconscious reminder that we need to watch streamed Masses and say other prayers and know Sunday is the “Lord’s Day.”

Congratulations to all mothers today, and many blessings upon them. We can never do for our mothers what our mothers have done for us. It is great to zero in on the goodness of our mothers.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Monday, May 11	Special Intention Lena Carruba Sp. Int. Sandra & Nap Barranco & family
Tuesday, May 12	Special Intention Dean Romano, Jr. & Sp. Int. Britton Rember Sp. Int. Debbie & Bill Barranco & family
Wednesday, May 13	Rev. Charles Cross Josephine Sicola Margaret Monte
Thursday, May 14	Special Intention Nick Jovings Sp. Int. Jeanne & David Barranco & family
Friday, May 15	Special Intention Delores Busenlehner Stephanie Scroggins
Saturday, May 16	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lena Lucia William Michael Totten
Sunday, May 17	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Patrick Salamone & family Sp. Int. Rita & Terry Rumore & family

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 Carpri at 643-0248.



Vita D’Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Kennie
Skellie, Buddy DiChiara, Mary
Laurie Bracken, Alan Pizzitola

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Edge and Life Teen meet on Sundays from 7-8 p.m. at projectym.com/watch for a digital youth gathering! Please join us! This week the speaker is Jason Evert. Find us on Catholify in our small group at <https://catholify.page.link/FbFy> (must use link on a phone).

Summer Trip Updates:

Camp Hidden Lake (for middle schoolers) has been rescheduled for July 21-August 1. Please confirm your spot or reach out if you would like to send a teen!

Camp Covecrest (for high schoolers) is proceeding as scheduled on June 22-27. Please fill out your online forms!

We are sorry to announce that our Steubenville ATL Trip (July 10-12) has been canceled.

Life Teen High School

Wednesdays: Join us for Zoom lunch and a game every week at 12:30 p.m.!

Our freshman girls book study is every Wednesday at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

Edge Middle School

Weekdays: 4 p.m. Join us for “Catch Up with Carol” on our Instagram at [olsedge](https://www.instagram.com/olsedge) for a daily dose of truth, beauty, and goodness!

Dearly Beloved Ladies,

You are so loved and precious to Jesus (Is. 43:4). Some of us are moaning and groaning that we have no Mass, no Eucharist, and we do miss these terribly, but...The Word of God, made flesh (John 1:9) still sits on the left side of the altar, and Jesus is in the tabernacle as the red sanctuary light signifies. Read, memorize, use the word in your everyday lives. Hebrews 4:12 says it is alive and active and has Jesus' power. Afraid, lonely, losing hope? Jesus reminds us, "I'll never leave you, not even for a second" (Math.28:20). Ladies, BIBLE STUDY starts Sept. 8. Come let us learn and worship in Spirit and Truth. Call Mary Ann 908-2728.

The Catholic Center of Concern is in desperate need of groceries. If you would like to donate, you may leave them in the vestibule of the church. Below is a list of items that the Center needs at this time. Thank you.

Canned meats: Chicken – any size; Chili; Pork & beans (15 oz size)
Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or generic brands)

Sweet Peas
Grape or any other fruit Jelly and jam (18 oz jars)
Canned Fruits (pineapple, peaches, fruit cocktail, and others)
Olive oil, Vegetable oil
Dry Instant Milk
Dry Instant Potatoes (Medium size)
Rice any size
Black beans and any other type
Crackers – any type
Ramen Noodles /cups: any brand
Oatmeal (old fashioned)
Grits and Cereal -any type

Coffee – Regular or decaffeinated

Also needed:

Laundry detergent
Dish soap
Toilet Paper /Paper towel
Kleenex
Toothpaste
Shampoo, Body wash
Bar soaps, hand sanitizer
Clorox and Clorox disinfecting wipes.

