



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

May 31, 2020

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People,

On the highway there was a sign that read: TOGETHER WE WILL BEAT THIS THING. We all know what we are supposed to conquer, but the word "together" is so meaningful. It cannot be only half the world trying; it has to be everyone protecting themselves and others. Most of us say the Chaplet, and so many times we pray:

"For the sake of your sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Yes, this Coronavirus has spread throughout the whole world and every country and, seemingly, every person is affected by it one way or another.

Yes, I do get mail, and without revealing the identity of the physician, I am going to now quote his letter:

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*Fr. Muller,*

*First of all, I would like to praise you on the steps you have taken to provide as much safety as possible for parishioners as they try to worship. As a physician, I certainly know these are difficult times.*

*The church is extremely clean, and the ushers are doing an excellent job of spacing people. I felt very safe in that regard. I was somewhat disturbed by the relatively low percentage of parishioners who were wearing masks. At one point, early in the Mass, a gentleman behind me and to my right side suddenly let out a violent sneeze. I glanced back and noticed he had no mask. Had he been sitting directly behind me, even with one pew in between, a sneeze like that would*

*have thrown viral particles in my proximity. I'm sure he probably was not sick. This is probably allergies, but it does bring home the point that the purpose of the mask is really to protect other people from your sneezes and coughs rather than to protect you from theirs.*

*I'm afraid this is going to ramp up again in the Fall. In addition, church is one of those places where you can continually hear people coughing and sneezing, because, for the most part, it is quiet.*

*Secondly, the people just can't seem to help themselves when it comes to gathering outside after and talking, and I understand that. I used to enjoy that myself. But, once again, when they do that, they are increasing their risk and the risk of others of being infected.*

*I would ask that you consider making masks mandatory at Mass. Obviously, this would be for the congregation only. Some people will say that their children won't wear them, etc., in which case I would say, if they can't wear a mask, they don't need to be at Mass right now. Children, particularly very young ones, are walking petri dishes when it comes to diseases. I say that in a humorous way, but it is true.*

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I cannot make this mandatory, but the doctor certainly makes a point. Outside of your own family:

1. Wear a mask in crowds.
2. Keep the 6-foot social distance.
3. Avoid unnecessary crowds. This virus can live for a couple of hours in the air.

This is charity towards others.

Above all, everyone should pray for the overcoming of this virus. We need a vaccine for all, and Dr. Fauci was on television as I was writing this, saying he hopes we have a vaccine by the end of the year.

It is we people of faith who must carry the burden of plenty of prayers. “Lord, have mercy on us and upon the whole world.”

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. A very wonderful couple, after decades of happiness in the married life, asked me to bless their marriage after Mass on their anniversary. They met me in the Sacristy, and I prayed a long blessing on this couple, who were both wearing their protective masks. After the blessing, without taking off their masks, they kissed each other with a long deep kiss. I am still thinking if this was the irony of “still wearing the mask.”

No, I am not going to reveal their identity. Keep guessing.



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?***

#### **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! Spots are available for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Contact [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

#### **Life Teen High School**

**Wednesday Book Study:** Our freshman girls are reading *I Choose the Sky* by Emily Wilson. Join us every Wednesday at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

#### **Edge Middle School**

**Sundays at 4 p.m.:** Watch the LifeTeen livestream with us! We will follow it up with Zoom Groups! Email [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

**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!



Monday, June 1	Special Intention Henry Hanna, Sr. Cecilia Ragusa
Tuesday, June 2	Special Intention Ronaldo Carballo Ronaldo Carballo
Wednesday, June 3	Special Intention Melanie Gilchrist Sp. Int. Gracie Barranco & family
Thursday, June 4	Special Intention Ronaldo Carballo Sp. Int. Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore
Friday, June 5	Special Intention Ronaldo Carballo Sp. Int. A. J. & Charlotte Rumore
Saturday, June 6	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Donald & Marcelle Taccone
Sunday, June 7	People of the Parish Melanie Gilchrist Sp. Int. Nap & Sandra Barranco & family

**The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus** are planning a Flag Retirement Ceremony for Saturday, June 13. We will be collecting faded, worn, and tattered flags under the parking deck from 12:00-6:00 p.m. The Boy Scouts will perform a flag burning ceremony on top of the deck at 6:30 p.m.

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**Congratulations to the  
Recipients of the OLS  
School Outstanding  
Christian Service Award**

OLS students Charles Farr and Maggie Von Hagel are the recipients of the coveted 2020 Outstanding Christian Service Award. The annual award is traditionally given by the school to a boy and a girl of the graduating eighth grade class who have shown a Christ-like example in their everyday life. The honorees were chosen based on their constant service to others, as well as their outstanding Christian attitude and behavior. Congratulations to both of these fine students! *We are growing our children in knowledge and faith...Experience the Difference!*



**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Come, Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize, and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel. (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)  
For the Church, that we may entrust the Holy Spirit to lead us.