



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

June 28, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Bishop Seven Raica.

This past Tuesday at St. Paul's Cathedral more history of the church in Birmingham was made. The Diocese of Birmingham was founded in 1969 with Bishop Vath as the 1st Bishop. Tuesday after Bishop Baker did a fantastic job for almost 13 years as the 4th Bishop of our diocese, he, with the appointment of the 5th Bishop, turned the diocese of Birmingham over to our new **Bishop Steven Raica.**

Tuesday's installation of the new bishop was a long and impressive ceremony. The Pope's representative, the Papal Nuncio was present with the official announcement from Rome. The head of the archdiocese of Mobile, Archbishop Rodi, was there. Likewise, some abbots and other bishops. We saw and heard much from our new bishop; and as we thank God for Bishop Baker's almost 13 years, we sensed that we were favored by Rome with another very intelligent and devout bishop.

Let me quote from a paragraph from the front page of the ONE VOICE of last week. This was written by Bishop Baker.

"Leadership is never easy in any time of church history, but it is especially challenging in these days of pandemics and civil unrest."

Bishop Baker went on to speak of the spirituality of Bishop Raica with great words of welcome as he said at Vespers the night before and he repeated them at the installation Mass.

One could see the new Bishop's dedication to God and others from his sermon and manner.

Bishop Raica will be 68 in November and seems to be in perfect health and full of enthusiasm. He has a doctorate in Canon Law and is multi-lingual, English, Italian, sign language and some Polish with some French, Spanish and some German. When I spoke to him about his academics, he pointed to his heart and said that it is what is in his heart that is important. On his coat of arms are the words: Sursum Corda (Left Up Your Heart).

With so much gratitude to Bishop Baker, we wholeheartedly welcome Bishop Raica as the 5th Bishop of Birmingham.

Mission Cooperative Sunday: One of the many great things in our diocese is the tradition of helping foreign missions once a year by what we call MISSION COOPERATIVE SUNDAY. That Sunday is today, the last Sunday of June every year.

Father Remke is the director of the Propagation of the Faith and heads up Mission Cooperative Sunday. In the ONE VOICE last week he explained the appeals of the five recipients from the total collected from the diocese.

I am not a fan of "second collections" and I know of the financial uncertainties of our country at this time. Still, I know the importance of helping the church in countries with extreme poverty and spiritual needs. We have a connection with the following recipients.

One of the recipients is Archbishop Joseph Marino, originally from Birmingham, former student of mine from John Carroll. He is the Pope's representative of many dioceses, one of which is wallowing in poverty and is one of the five recipients. Two of the other five bishops who have made an appeal with us are from India who send us priests. Another bishop is from a new diocese in Kumba, Cameroon, Africa, who has sent us Father Frankline and promises another priest in a couple of months. One of the dioceses from



Mass Intentions

Monday, July 6	Special Intention James Holt Jr. Marie Cerniglia
Tuesday, July 7	Special Intention Tim Carlisle Vincent & Pasquale Cerniglia
Wednesday, July 8	Special Intention Norma Purdy Gina Fontana
Thursday, July 9	Randall Dixon Special Intention Mary Holt Special Intention Anna McDavid
Friday, July 10	Special Intention Special Intention Tim Carlisle Special Intention Katherine McDavid
Saturday, July 11	Donors to OLS School Foundation Diana Cusimano Fontana Lena Caruba
Sunday, July 12	People of the Parish Melanie Gilchrist Claude Dirgo



Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann

Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Kennie Skellie, Buddy DiChiara,, Alan Pizzitola, David Johnstone, Edward Thornton, John Coleman, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Martha Masucci, Debbie White, Ann LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Lillie Higgins, Harriet Dupree, Claudia Tombrello.

What's Going on in the Youth Ministry

Food for Our Journey, "We are serving almost 700 meals a day, seven days a week. The OLS food drive every Wednesday is vital to our ability to serve the homeless and food insecure in our community. We are handing out close to 700 bottles of water a day, so we

really need water. Also we are getting constant requests for socks and masks. If you have clean, gently-used or new socks, we need them. If anyone has access to masks of any kind, we would love to have them. We thank all of you who have donated so far and look forward to seeing all of you who can donate every Wednesday (drop offs accepted from 9-10:30 a.m.) in the parish parking lot." Christine Golab, Executive Director.

Life Teen High School

Rising freshmen, you are now invited to all events with high school! Make sure to get on the email list and follow @olsyouth on Instagram for details!

Community Nights: Join us every Thursday in Homewood Park from 6-7:30 p.m. for dinner, games, and discussion. Hand sanitizer will be provided, and social distancing is necessary.

Congrats, Seniors! We are so proud of you! Watch our Senior Slideshow on our OLS Youth YouTube channel to see some of our favorite memories.

Edge Middle School

Sundays, June 28 at 3 p.m.: Meet us at Patriot Park located at 710 Oak Grove Road, West Homewood for Summer Kick-Off! Join us for Oodles of Noodles, a social involving pool noodles! Please wear a mask and follow social distancing! Email to let us know you are coming. Consider bringing a gift of baby wipes and/or diapers for our expecting CORE member, Casey!

Monday - Thursday 4 p.m.: Join us for "Catch Up with Carol" on our Instagram at olsedge for a daily dose of truth, beauty, and goodness!

