



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

July 26, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

As most of you know, God suddenly called Mary Claire to heaven. She is our patroness of Perpetual Adoration.

Ten days before she died, she wrote me this letter. I feel free to share it with anyone who has had a Eucharistic devotion in the Chapel of Our Savior. She would love to have it continued. Please read this letter prayerfully.

Dear Fr. Muller,

Prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic, I went to the Chapel every day, first to pray and then to do the daily, routine organization of the Chapel. It grieves and saddens me to say that I will no longer be able to be coordinator of the Chapel of Our Savior. The uncertainty of the Pandemic has changed everything for all of us.

It has been my greatest joy and privilege to be responsible for having the Real Presence of Our Lord 24/7 and over 300 Adorers eager to keep Our Lord company for almost 28 years (August 15, 1992). With the Live Adoration camera and Eric's live stream website, we have over 2 million people from over 99 countries praying with us until the Pandemic hit.

The testimonies and prayer requests we have received from all over the world has been so inspiring to me personally. When Fr. Patrick Pullicino from the UK was to be ordained on July 16, 2019, he asked permission to have a photograph of the Blessed Sacrament on our altar to put on his ordination cards. He sent me a thank you note with 25 beautiful Holy Cards of our Adoration Chapel. I heard from him again this past week. He wants to start Adoration in his new parish and wanted our help.

In 2017, Fr. Michael Doody, of Leeds, UK wanted to start an Adoration Chapel there and asked if we would send him miracles, answered prayers and testimonies of the Adorers in our Chapel. We sent him literally hundreds of letters of the blessings and graces received. The highlights of these graces and blessings will stay with me always.

I have received phone calls from all over the US and emails from France, numerous calls from Puerto Rico and London asking for prayers and relaying what a blessing it is to them to pray online in our Chapel. Some of the online Adorers are in another country, homebound, sick, on an office break, or facing a communist takeover of their country, as in Hong Kong. Catholics there have reached out to us for our fervent prayers in the struggle to maintain their sovereignty and be able to practice their faith. God is our only hope for peace.

Stephanie is God's gift to the Chapel. She is technologically savvy, very smart and she juggles her busy life with God's grace and enthusiasm.

Thanks to Stephanie, we have a seamless connection to 300+ Adorers. It has been extremely effective and well received. The transition to a new coordinator will be so much easier with this Program in place. Bo has been in touch with Stephanie and me and has a copy of the latest printout of Adorers. He is working on getting volunteers for you.

Fr. Muller, my sweet sister, Judy, lives with me. We closed the Chapel on March 15, and I have not left the house since then, and no one is allowed inside.

Judy is my main concern right now. She has Stage 4 Parkinson's Disease (of 5 stages), along with other underlying health issues. I need to be here for her and care for her. It will be perhaps months before I will be able to venture outside and not put her at risk.

Fr. Muller, our parish has really grown spiritually since you first gave your approval and support for Perpetual Adoration in 1992. How blessed we are to have your love for the Eucharist and guidance to increase our faith.

My love and prayers always,

Mary Claire

We would love to, again, have 24/7 Adoration, and we need committed Adorers. We have a system of substitutes when you can't make it. Call Bo Lovell (965-3041) if you would like to commit to an hour in the Chapel of Our Savior.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Monday, July 27	Special Intention Mary Laurie Bracken Nan Brown
Tuesday, July 28	Lee Maniscalco Jude Tombrello Cecelia Brocato
Wednesday, July 29	Special Intention Nan Brown Pat Salamone
Thursday, July 30	Jude Tombrello Jessie D'Agro Angelo & Bullard Families
Friday, July 31	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Mary Laurie Bracken
Saturday, Aug. 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation Pat Salamone Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, Aug. 2	People of the Parish Melanie Gilchrist Norma Purdy

DON'T FORGET! Tune in to EWTN on August 9, at 10 a.m. for *Bookmark*. Msgr. Muller will be interviewed about his book *The Holy Sacrifice and the Sacraments!* Re-runs can be seen on Mondays at 5 a.m. & 5 p.m. and Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



Ellen Scalise, Jerry Noto, Vincent Apicella, John Coleman, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Martha Masucci, Debbie White, Ann LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Lillie

Higgins, Harriet Dupree, Buddy DiChiara, Alan Pizzitola, Claudia Tombrello, Kenny Skellie, and Mary Jane Noto

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Night of Mercy: Join us Thursday, July 30, from 6-9 p.m. for "Night of Mercy" – a powerful event featuring Fr. Chris Alar and actor Jonathan Roumie. They will be sharing how the Lord has impacted their faith. There will be Eucharistic Adoration with music led by Danielle Rose. The live stream will be available for free! Register to get your Virtual Pass: MercyNight.com.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, July 26th: Meet us at Patriot Park at **3 p.m.** located at [710 Oak Grove Rd](http://710OakGroveRd.com), West Homewood for our Summer Social! Join us for "Him and Them," an Edge Night on The Great Commandments! Please wear a mask and follow social distancing. Email msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com to let us know you are coming! Consider bringing a gift of baby wipes and/or diapers for our Core member, Casey, who just delivered!

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



God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested – an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus? (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12) For world and Church leaders, may they work for the reign of God with an understanding heart.

Food for Our Journey update:

"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, Assistant Executive Director



Father James E. Coyle

Memorial Mass

**Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica,
JCD**

Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 12:10 P.M.

Cathedral of St. Paul • 2120 3rd Ave.

North, Birmingham AL.

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A Night of Mercy

On Thursday, July 30, from 6 - 9 p.m. ARISE Worship Ministry Birmingham and Catholify will co-sponsor a virtual, live-streamed event: A Night of Mercy.

It's EASY and FREE to participate. Just register at mercynight.com.

We will gather with people from all around the world, in our churches and in our homes, to pray, proclaim, adore and plead for Christ's abundant mercy upon us. Let us unite in a moment of worldwide adoration as we repent of our sins and turn back to Him with our whole hearts!

We will have Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, Director of the Association of Marian Helpers at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy proclaim the basics of the message of Divine Mercy and how it relates to the times in which we are living. Jonathan Roumie, the actor who portrays Jesus in the critically acclaimed TV series, 'The Chosen', will share personal testimony of the power of mercy in his own life.

We will then move into a time of Eucharistic adoration, praying before the source of Mercy Himself. Music ministry will be led by composer and recording artist Danielle Rose. We will recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet together and close the night with benediction.