



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

August 2, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel will open on the same feast day that it was started 27 years ago, The Feast of the Assumption, August 15th. After the 5 p.m. Mass on that Saturday we will have Benediction and carry the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel of Our Savior and have the renaissance (rebirth) of Perpetual Adoration.

The spirit of Mary Claire and the spirit of those wonderful committed adorers will show itself before the good Lord for adoration, thanksgiving and the many petitions. If ever we need additional prayer, it is right now, because the Coronavirus epidemic is increasing in Europe, as well as some hot spots in this country.

There is no substitute for prayer! Struggling as the scientists are in the biochemistry labs, they need the inspiration and revelation from our good God. There is the debate whether we are praying less, with limited numbers in church, or are we praying more in despair and finally realizing our need for God. The fact is that this pandemic is showing the faithful, as well as the unfaithful, that God is motivating us to pray more. It will be our fault if we don't pray.

The need for prayer is one of the reasons we will open the Chapel 24/7. There will be a limit of only 5 people in the Chapel at a time. We have already adjusted the Chapel air flow, with incoming fresh air and a filter to kill any kind of germs that run through the system (a well spent \$3000). There are only 3 hours not yet filled, as Bo Lovell has called and is still calling those who have been committed in the past. We simply cannot have the Chapel open without committed adorers. We are endlessly grateful to those who make the commitment and those who are available for substitution when the regulars cannot make it.

Parents of school age children have my greatest sympathy as regards schooling of your children. Circumstances change almost daily. I have heard arguments on both sides of the "close schools for 90 days or the semester" debate. I hear arguments about the needs of the children and their education and the needs of some parents who have to get back to work. Above all, I hear the argument for a structured life of the children and the differences between the elementary grades and junior and senior high school. Our superintendent has met with other superintendents and she has met with our bishop over this enormous decision. The ultimate decision is that OLS School will be open for "in person" instructions. There will be a few exceptions for online instructions. We are working on distance spacing.

Mrs. Dorn and two teachers have composed a 48-page booklet of caveats and norms of safety, sanitation and distancing. Our Lady of Sorrows will conform to the diocese. No choice is the perfect choice. Parents need to work more with their children, especially when it comes to the tough decisions we have to make with the Parish School of Religion.

My sympathy is so great to parents, teachers and catechists. I lived during the WWII ('41-'45), and everyone was inconvenienced during those years. So many sacrifices had to be made for the winning of the war. So, too, all must make sacrifices to overcome this ever-spreading virus.

Our greatest obligation is to an increased prayer effort. We stream 3 different Sunday liturgies, and many cautiously come to the 6 available Masses. Masks, distancing and washing of hands seem to be the greatest way to fight this fast spreading virus. Above all PRAYER!!!!

The Gorrie-Regan building eye sore is caught up in a strange set of misunderstandings. First, two Catholics on the Homewood City Council would not vote since they mistakenly believed theirs was a "conflict of interest." Others on the City Council claimed they did not know all the benefits to the City of

Homewood, such as allowing others (The Bell Center, the Exceptional Foundation, as well as the Christmas Parade) to use our parking lot when we aren't having church services. We also would use less of the Homewood Library parking as they continue to expand their building.

Mr. John Gray, a parishioner who happens to be an attorney, has contacted City Council members and questioned why this vote went the wrong way. Mr. Brady Wilson, Knight of Columbus and parishioner, is running for an open seat on the City Council, hoping he can make a difference in some of the voting. He was also on the Zoning Board and reported that this board voted 7-0 in our favor and the City Council, somehow, did not understand all the issues. I thank the four people from our parish who are proactively working to change the council vote, which denied our building a well landscaped parking area and which would look so much better than the present trashy looking lot.

Thanks, Mr. Gray, for writing the Council members and reminding me that one member was surprised that more parishioners were not interested enough to contact the City Council members regarding this vote.

Mr. Brady Wilson asked if he could put his campaign sign up on the Gorrie-Regan property. I don't usually allow political signs, but there is a big difference between good politics and bad politics. This is not only true on a very large scale, but also for our wonderful local Homewood City administration.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

The Feast of the Assumption is Saturday, August 15th. Our Mass schedule is as follows:

7:45 & 10 a.m.
12 Noon

28th Anniversary of the Chapel of Our Savior

The Chapel will re-open after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, August 15th. This day is also the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please consider joining us in a private Novena to Our Lady beginning on August 6th and ending on August 15th.

Thanks be to God.

The Assumption Novena

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you.



Barbara Mills, Mark Stalker,
Sam Citrano, Joseph
Cummings, Maria Koski,
Stacey Koski, Ellen Scalise,
Sandra Latham, Jerry Noto,
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

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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 3	Fr. Henry Thorsen Pat Salamone Lorice Bartle
Tuesday, Aug. 4	Antoinette Schellici Melanie Gilchrist Pat Salamone
Wednesday, Aug. 5	Special Intention Norma Purdy Melanie Gilchrist
Thursday, Aug. 6	Fr. Henry Thorsen Pat Salamone John Holt
Friday, Aug. 7	Susan F. O'Donnell Pat Natter Melanie Gilchrist
Saturday, Aug. 8	Donors to OLS School Foundation Pat Salamone Melanie Gilchrist
Sunday, Aug. 9	People of the Parish David & Marian "Stephens" Heatherly Pat Salamone

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."

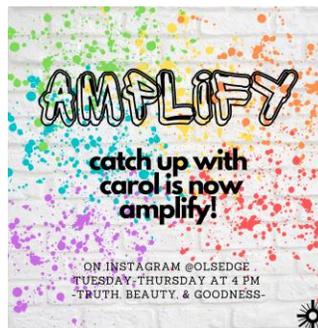
Christine Golab, Assistant Executive Director

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Small groups and book studies are being prepared for the Fall. Stay tuned! Stay connected on our Instagram: @olsyouth

Edge Middle School



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



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

"Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant." Trust God's promise. God nourishes us abundantly. (Isaiah 55:1-3, & Matthew 14:13-21)

For those who minister with those who are sick and hungry, may they find strength in God's power working in them.

Father James E. Coyle

Memorial Mass

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

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

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