



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

August 23, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The 15th of August 2020 was a red-letter day in the annals of Our Lady of Sorrows. We had gone 27.5 years with Perpetual Adoration, starting on the Feast of the Assumption (August 15). We closed the Chapel because of the Coronavirus scare. We just reopened the Chapel on August 15!

When people repeatedly asked me when we were going to open the Chapel, I would say, "Soon." This past August 15, was the right time since it is usually the annual celebration date. Mary Claire Brouillette would have a vase of roses for all the 300 Committed Adorers and 3-5 white flowers for all those Committed Adorers who have gone to "see the Lord." This year one of the white flowers was for Mary Claire. John Tombrello and his team of 6 arranged all those flowers and, as Mary Claire said, we will leave the flowers up for a week to remind our parish of the great Eucharistic adoration across the parking lot. After this Sunday (today), Committed Adorers or their family and friends, please take the roses home (but please leave the vases for next year's celebration).

What has amazed me is the strong desire of the people to return to their committed hours. Twice I went into the Chapel for prayers and thanked the one person there (at 10 a.m. Sunday), and the emotional response was how good it was to be there. Same thing happened at 2 a.m. on Tuesday morning when the response was, "My pleasure to be here with the Good Lord."

One day last year a man followed me out of the Chapel and said how much he appreciated the Chapel. He said: What a grace from God that a sinner like me can get so close to the forgiving God.

Believe it or not, it was Mary Claire who told me we could not open the Chapel during the virus (great lesson here; the best of the saints have made human mistakes). With the constant desire on the part of the people, I put Bo Lovell in charge, with help from Stephanie Zicarelli Bannon, who contacted all the Committed Adorers, and in three days he told me only 3 hours were left uncovered. The next day those were taken.

It is no secret to me that Mary Claire in heaven begged the Lord for the grace to be given to all those people to continue to sign up for their usual hours. I did make sure that, with all of the buildings I have committed to sanitize, the Chapel would be the first and the most free of germs, with a new exhaust system and a super filter system. I only wish we could afford for every enclosed space on the campus to have the exhaust system. We are and will continue to exhaust system and purify as much as we can, as soon as we can, to keep our people safe.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. Please don't forget to vote on Tuesday for Mayor. There is an old saying: Don't mess with success. Homewood has never been so safe under the new Chief of Police, who was appointed by the present mayor. The Mayor has always been so kind to OLS and other churches. If I might repeat: Let's not mess with success!

The Dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation has been extended through Sunday, November 22. The moral obligation of keeping the Lord's Day holy remains, even for those who use the dispensation and do not go to Mass. You will find the full decree by Bishop Raica on our website www.ourladyofsorrows.com.



Carolyn Wright, Stephanie Murdock, Veta Giangrosso, Angelo Cashio, Mamie Carruba, Ellen Scalise, Jerry Noto, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Debbie White, Ann

LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie, and Mary Jane Noto

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Friday at 1:00 PM (Not Filled)**
- Friday at 7:00 PM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 8:00 PM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 3:00 PM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 6:00 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 11:00 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Sunday at 11:00 AM (Not Filled)**

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 Bo Lovell at 205-965-3041 or email us at olschapel@gmail.com.



Monday, Aug. 24	Sp. Int. John Tombrello Lena Lucia Ginny Jacka Durst
Tuesday, Aug. 25	Sp. Int. John Tombrello Charles Luke Ginny Jacka Durst
Wednesday, Aug. 26	Sp. Int. John Tombrello Mary Laurie Bracken Jackie Milazzo
Thursday, Aug. 27	Special Intention Ginny Jacka Durst Jude Tombrello
Friday, Aug. 28	Special Intention Mary Laurie Bracken Gina Fontana
Saturday, Aug. 29	Donors to OLS School Foundation Ginny Jacka Durst Mary Laurie Bracken
Sunday, Aug. 30	People of the Parish Oscar Florea James T. Holt, Jr.

OLS Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for part time employment. If you enjoy working with young children, are creative, energetic, and patient, please email Angie Dunston at mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Parish School of Religion

PSR offers Faith Formation classes for all ages from 3-year-olds through high school.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Due to current health and safety guidelines, we will offer two options: **In-person classes** or **At-home instructions**. In-person classes are dependent on government health and safety guidelines and availability of volunteers to teach during Covid. Please let us know if you can help. Please Register **ASAP**, to allow us to order materials and plan. For details about each option go to www.olspsr.com to register or call Suzanne Corso or Tracey Doyal for more information at 871-1431 or email psr@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Sacramental Preparation classes are two-year programs; enrollment in either program is acceptable. More details to come regarding these classes.

First Holy Communion – all 1st and 2nd graders should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the sacrament. The sacrament is received in 2nd grade.

Confirmation – All 7th and 8th graders should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the sacrament. The sacrament is received in 8th grade.

Do you love to share your faith with other? Consider volunteering with our PSR program. There are many ways to help from being a catechist, an assistant or office volunteer. Call Suzanne Corso at 871-1431 or email at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com.

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."

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Food for Our Journey.

Christine Golab, Assistant Executive Director

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, September 21: Mark your calendar! "Purified" featuring Jason Evert is happening at John Carroll Catholic High School at 6 p.m. This event is for teens (age 13+) and their parents. Tickets are on sale now. See olsyouth.com for more information.

Life Teen High School

Sunday, September 20: Water Wars on the parking deck! More details coming soon. Parents make sure you're on our email list! Meet the CORE team each Thursday at 6 p.m. when we go Live on Instagram: @olsyouth

Edge Middle School

Fall preparations are being made! Follow us on Instagram for updates: @olsedge

Please remember, we are still collecting groceries for the Catholic Center of Concern. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. You can leave your bags in the vestibule in the wooden benches. Thank you for your consideration.

**St. William's 50th Annual
Seafood Festival
Labor Day Weekend
The Foley Center
915 Gunter Avenue
Guntersville, Alabama**

**DRIVE-THRU ONLY
Friday, September 4, 3-6 p.m.
Saturday, September 5, 7:30 a.m. until
sold out**

**GUMBO by the Quart
Cajun Boiled Shrimp by the pound
St. Bernard's Famous Monk's Bread**



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Who do you say that Jesus is? Can you proclaim with Peter, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God?" Pray for the grace to act on your belief. (Matthew 16:13-20) For those who are seeking a Church home, may they find a Christian community that strengthens their faith in Jesus.