



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

October 4, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Today is FOLLOW-UP SUNDAY. Every year, when we have the Catholic Charities drive, we are missing over half the pledges that the diocese expects of us. Other churches are the same, and it might be worse this year because of the virus.

Many send their pledges directly to the diocese and, as the presses are rolling on this bulletin, we don't know many have sent in their pledge to the diocese. We only know that so many people are still praying over what they think the Lord expects them to pledge to Catholic Charities from that other 5% to complete the ideal of 10% of our income that we pledge to God each year.

I talked to someone yesterday who said that, at the end of the year, his accountant will figure out the 10% pledged in all kinds of directions. He also said to me, "You know you can't out do God in generosity. I have tried it and it does not work. He always seems to be more generous to me than I am to Him." I said to him, "John, I feel the same way about my relationship with God."

So, this is the annual "Follow-up Sunday," and I am doing my duty to remind everyone to think what we might pledge to the 13 agencies of the diocese to keep the parishes running in unity and help those in need.

Yes, even the help for unwed mothers is covered, if they ask for help from the diocese to deliver their unplanned baby and offer it for adoption. We need to remind our teens that they should not depend on it being that easy. I was a chaplain at a home for unwed mothers in Washington, D.C. for three summers during my Catholic University days. I have seen the struggle women go through to

sign away their own flesh and blood when they thought it was that easy.

Incidentally, the feelings of grief are far worse when they consent to having their baby destroyed. I was the chaplain in this home during the 1960's, and since Roe v. Wade, people who want to adopt have a most difficult time finding a baby, because now it is legal to kill the unborn person. Now that the medical community unequivocally states that a pregnant woman is carrying a person, it is in fact direct murder. It is most difficult to accept that direct killing almost a million babies a year in this country is less serious than other social evils we might have.

Unfortunately, our teens will not make the Right to Life March in Washington this year because of the social unrest and the virus. There will be local and national demonstrations, but, obviously, curtailed in size due to the Covid-19.

Blessings and best wishes and stay healthy,
Father Muller

SUNDAY NURSERY IS BACK

The Sunday nursery will be available during the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



Donald Taccone, Anthony Schilleci, Elizabeth Ann Ricco, John James Ricco, Angelo Cashio, Mamie Carruba, Ellen Scalise, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Debbie White, Ann LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie



Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct. 5	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Genie Tallon
Tuesday, Oct. 6	Special Intention Lee Maniscalco Lee Maniscalco
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Walter Cooney Lee Maniscalco Mary Laurie Bracken
Thursday, Oct. 8	Special Intention Mary Claire Brouillette Bob Hall
Friday, Oct. 9	Special Intention Nan Brown Jude Tombrello
Saturday, Oct. 10	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lee Maniscalco Edward Thornton
Sunday, Oct. 11	People of the Parish Lena Carruba Lee Maniscalco

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 12 PM (Unfilled)**
- Monday at 7 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 2 AM (Unfilled)**
- Wednesday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Friday at 9 AM (Not Filled)**
- Friday at 1 PM (Not Filled)**
- Friday at 7 PM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 8 PM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 3 PM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 4 PM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 6 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 10 PM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Sunday at 11 AM (Not Filled)**
- Sunday at 12 PM (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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

A training schedule has been set up for altar servers who are in the 4th grade and higher. Only 4 new altar servers will be trained during any training session. In order to be scheduled for training log into "Sign-up Genius" and enter kentgraeve@gmail.com. For questions or additional information call 205-999-3474.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is now having LIVE ONLINE Weekend Experiences! Learn to become the best version of yourselves together! Alabama's next VIRTUAL Weekend is October 23-25 on Zoom Meeting. You can find more information or register online at www.wvme.org or by calling Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.



Octoberfest Open House

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Octoberfest Open House Meeting on Wednesday, October 6, at 6 p.m. on the top level of the parking

deck. All men of the Parish are invited to find out what the Knights here at Our Lady of Sorrows are all about, while enjoying some great German food and fellowship.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Parents are encouraged to sign up to help with meals and praying for our youth ministry this semester. Please check your email for those SignUp Genius messages!

For complete calendars, check out www.olsyouth.com.

Life Teen High School

Sunday, Oct. 4: 7 p.m. Dinner, games, and "Connect" small groups will start tonight! Parents, we encourage you to provide a meal this semester. Thank you for helping our ministry thrive!

Wednesday, October 7: Wednesdays are back! We will have two missionaries from The Culture Project speaking to us via Zoom about Human Dignity. You can join us in person for pizza and the talk or participate from home on Zoom.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Oct. 4: Join us for "Legend." We will learn more about the historical impact and influence Jesus has had on the world. Bring a chair and wear a mask. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and pickup is at 8:30 p.m.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Let go of worry. Go to God in prayer. Then the peace of God will dwell in your heart and mind. Ask God to show you how to follow Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-9)

For this faith community, may we reverence and respect others as we participate in the building of a holy and just society.

Her Choice

Birmingham Women's Center

Invites You to Join their

Heroic Love Campaign and

Virtual Fundraising Event

Thursday, October 22nd at 7 p.m.

HerChoiceBirmingham.org/HeroicLove

This year, in place of our traditional banquet, we invite you to join us online for an inspiring Gospel of Life Event. Our staff, volunteers, and clients, over the past year and throughout the Pandemic, have demonstrated heroic love through their presence. We have seen 90 abortion minded mothers choose life and 350 births overall. We have also continued ongoing support of mothers and rendered post abortion healing. Please go to HerChoiceBirmingham.org/HeroicLove to learn more, donate and invite others to participate. Call 205-447-8796.

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me during my recent illness. Your kind words and generosity mean so much.

Pat Condon