



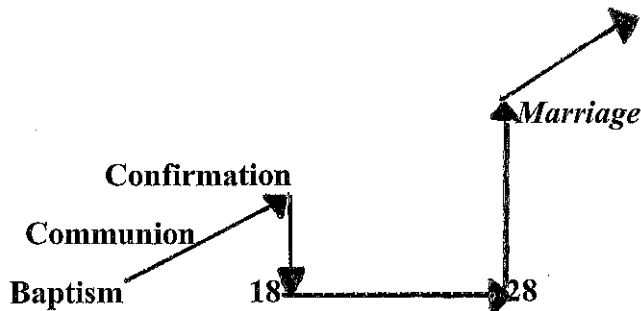
## Our Lady of Sorrows Church

October 11, 2020

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People:

Father Deering, some 14 years ago, used to be my assistant at OLS. When he was made pastor, he took a few memories from us. One example was to use portable partitions, made from laminated doors, fastened four in line on wheels. He also took the idea of writing a weekly *From the Pastor's Desk*. Last week he wrote on the valley of spiritual deaths. When many go off to college, they feel a false sense of freedom from parents and from the Church. He printed the following diagram:



One can see the dip around age 18 to 28. Yes, it starts in college for so many. Many do come back. Some do not. Those who come back have something to come back to: The Catholic faith from their parents, a Catholic School or the Parish School of Religion.

The challenge of Catholic Charities is to support CAMPUS MINISTRY so that students do not fall away from the sacraments while in college. Catholic Charities supports 16 different college and university ministries (along with the famous FOCUS programs). Ginny Dooley came back to practicing the faith through campus ministry and she, herself, became a FOCUS missionary, helping fellow college students retain their faith or come back to it.

Along with the 16 different campus ministries, Catholic Charities also supports the Catholic

school system and the Parish Schools of Religion. When we pledge and give to Catholic Charities, we are the ones who further the kingdom of God with the 15 agencies that benefit from Catholic Charities, including campus ministries and Catholic education.

Today is the follow-up of Follow-up Sunday. We have not reached the goal of \$600,000.00 assigned to this parish by the Bishop and Fr. Donohoe. The number of people who pledge is almost as important as the amount pledged. No amount is too small. So far, of 1500 registered members, we have 228 who have pledged. This will be the last of the reminders. As the saying goes: I am not trying to talk you out of anything, but, rather, trying to talk you into helping the Lord spread the word of the Gospel and help those in desperate need through Catholic Charities.

It is great to see the numbers come back to Church. However, the 10 a.m. Mass attendance seems to violate the needed space for social distancing. The Liturgy Committee has asked that we stream the Holy Sacrifice into the Parish Hall for the excess numbers. We will have an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist bring the Eucharist to those in the Parish Hall to receive Communion. This process will begin next Sunday for the 10 a.m. Mass.

The parish nursery was open this past Sunday, and people used it at the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses, but not at the 11:30 Mass.

Many thanks, once again, to those who have turned in their Catholic Charities pledge. In these desperate times, the parish has risen, again, with its great generosity, even though we are missing a number of pledges.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. R.C.I.A. Class starts on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. All are invited.



Amanda Gagliano, Bob Doyle,  
 Donald Taccone, Anthony  
 Schilleci, Elizabeth Ann Ricco,  
 John James Ricco, Ellen  
 Scalise, Tim Carlisle, Tom  
 James, Debbie White, Ann  
 LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Harriet  
 Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, Oct. 12	Special Intention Joseph Fox Shay McNamee
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Special Intention Mary Claire Brouillette Josephine Sicola
Wednesday, Oct. 14	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Walter Cooney
Thursday, Oct. 15	Special Intention Nan Brown Angelo Maggio
Friday, Oct. 16	Special Intention Lee Maniscalco Lee Maniscalco
Saturday, Oct. 17	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jude Tombrello Lee Maniscalco
Sunday, Oct. 18	People of the Parish Nan Brown Sp. Int. Kent Graeve

**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](mailto:kentgraeve@gmail.com). For questions or additional information call 205-999-3474.

**Job Opening:** OLS is looking for a faith filled part-time administrative assistant for the Parish School of Religion (PSR) faith formation program. The candidate should possess good people skills, as well as computer and organizational skills. For more information or to submit resume contact Suzanne Corso at [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com).

***What's Going on in Youth Ministry?***

**Sunday, Oct. 11:** Columbus Day. No meetings! Enjoy your weekend.

For complete calendars, check out [www.olsyouth.com](http://www.olsyouth.com).

**Life Teen High School**

**Wednesday, October 14:** Co-ed Bible Study, games, and small groups in the youth room! Pizza served at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there!

**Sunday, Oct. 18:** Our "Connect" small group series will continue on the parking deck! We will be studying Luke 15 about the Prodigal Son and how our happiness depends on Christ, no matter the circumstances around us. Please be sure to wear a mask and bring a blanket to sit on. We will also have a firepit!

**Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, Oct. 18:** Join us to discover evidence that Jesus is God and see how He inspires us to follow Him. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and pick up is at 8:30! Please wear a mask and bring your own chair. Meet us in front of the FLC.

**Annual White Mass for Health Care Professionals**

The annual White Mass for Health Care Professionals will be celebrated by Bishop Steven J. Raica on Sunday, October 18, at 8 a.m. at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, AL. The White Mass is for physicians, nurses, dentists, medical students and others who work in the healthcare field in the diocese. All members of the public are also invited to attend. There will be a light reception after Mass for those interested in learning more about the Catholic Medical Association. Please wear a mask

and follow social distancing at these events. Contact Deacon Chris Rosko ([cjrbham@aol.com](mailto:cjrbham@aol.com), cell 205-306-0522) or Dr. Celia Fernandez, ([cimrheum@gmail.com](mailto:cimrheum@gmail.com), cell 256-841-2336) for any questions.

Ladies,

As we all struggle with Covid and evil things, like abortion and corruption in our government, we find ourselves stressed out, afraid, and worried about many things, and we are struggling to keep our heads above the waters of discouragement. We may feel very alone and concerned about the future. There is one person who already knows about all these things happening. He created you and me and loves us so much and knew about what our future would be in the year 2020 (Psalm 139). Jesus came to earth, taught and healed us. He died, rose, and ascended back to heaven, leaving his Holy Spirit for all of us as he saved us from our sins but also from our worries and fears Join us in Bible study and fellowship, reading and learning to live as He teaches. We have learned how to have peace and hope through his WORD and encourage one another. Call Mary Ann Graeve 205-908-2728 for any questions and to sign up. We meet on Tuesday from 10 a.m.-12 noon in the Family Life Center. It doesn't matter if you've never even read the Bible; you will learn.

"Come unto me all you who are burdened, and I will give you rest says the lord."

### **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

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**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.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or by calling Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

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**Her Choice  
Birmingham Women's Center  
Invites You to Join their  
Heroic Love Campaign and  
Virtual Fundraising Event  
Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.  
[HerChoiceBirmingham.org/HeroicLove](http://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](http://HerChoiceBirmingham.org/HeroicLove) to learn more, donate and invite others to participate. Call 205-447-8796.