



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

October 25, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Our Lady of Sorrows School was built before the church was built. Mass was offered in the library of the school when Msgr. Cazalas built the church in 1960.

OLS School, like all Catholic schools, suffered greatly from the nuns leaving the classrooms. Tuition had to be increasingly increased, and we were looking for the best of the laity to teach, and they had to be paid.

Today, OLS School is strictly top-of-the-line. A-1. We have a fantastic principal, and that sets the tone of the school. We changed principals twice when I became pastor. So, 26 years ago we were searching for another principal. We interviewed and one person applying had never been a principal. She was teaching Spanish at Pizitz Middle School, but she wanted the challenge of administration. We found her application collecting dust in the superintendent's office, and she interviewed so well that we hired Mrs. Deborah White, who was excellent for the job. After eight years she wanted to retire.

For the past 18 years, Mrs. Mary Jane Dorn has been an outstanding principal, but we must remember that great success usually comes from the leader of today **STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE PREDECESSOR**.

Last week, we sent Debbie to heaven and celebrated a great life on this earth. Debbie was attractive and humble; she wore a smile more than she didn't. In her retirement years, she spent most of her time working for charities. She was on the Board of Directors of the YWCA, the Board of Directors of Oasis, and also of Camp Smile a Mile.

The Lord gave Debbie a "sanctifying cross" to carry in her last years, cancer of the brain. With multiple surgeries and all the therapies, which she endured with heroic acceptance, the Lord called her when she gave up the chemo and radiation and looked forward to seeing Jesus.

Because of circumstances, I missed her funeral, which was private with the local pastor. However, in visiting Debbie and her husband, Michael, who, incidentally, retired early to care for his dear wife, they never forgot her love and dedication to OLS School. They talked to me about a partial, four-year scholarship fund for an OLS 8th grader to go to John Carroll. Debbie could never forget those children at OLS School, and she and Mike, her husband, did not want the School to forget the lovable Debbie.

We stand on the shoulders of those in the past, and Debbie passed the "baton" over to Mrs. Mary Jane Dorn. In football jargon, Mary Jane has been making touchdowns ever since. I knew Debbie well for eight years and visited her in her dying days. Trust me, she was so good from our human vantage point, I truly believe she is with the good Lord in heaven, and we on this earth will not forget her.

Coronavirus is not partisan. Most of the selectivity of this phantom virus comes from our precautions against it. A doctor of immunology and infectious disease from an Ivy League school reviewed the following precautions:

1. The cough. A single cough releases 3000 droplets, most of which, with gravity, fall quickly, but a few stay in the air and can travel 50 miles an hour.
2. The sneeze. Same number of droplets, but they travel four times as fast and even across the room.
3. A breath. Any number of droplets from 50 upward, with low velocity. Fewer from nose breathing than from the mouth.

4. Speaking face to face. It would take about five minutes to receive the required dose of droplets for the virus to spread.
5. Being in an enclosed space, breathing the same air as others helps spread the virus. The neat part of the elevators is that you are not in them for very long.

Meat packers have had outbreaks in 115 facilities in 23 states. Densely packed workers, who have to communicate to others with the deafening noise of the machinery in a cold room environment, have sent the price of meat higher.

Weddings, funerals, and birthday parties have people forgetting the social distancing, and the length of time with this proximity tends to claim 10% of the blame for the spread.

Religious gatherings have also been cited as an opportunity for the spread.

Thanks to the generosity of our people, we have been able to ionize all our church buildings. Ionizing is a special electrical current on our air handlers and attached to the filters. It is supposed to kill well over 99% of all germs.

We need all the help we can get to stop the spread of this terrible virus. The masks definitely help, especially if speaking to another without the social distancing. Please wear the masks, especially if close to others.

LET US ALL PRAY FOR THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL, AND PRAY FOR THE DISCOVERY OF A GREAT VACCINE THAT CAN FREE US OF ALL THE RESTRICTIONS CAUSED BY THIS VIRUS.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

On November 3, Election Day, the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration will be closed, and the Blessed Sacrament will be moved to the main Church from 8:30 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Bishop Raica has just stated that the Pope's recent statement on same-sex civil unions does not pertain to human sexuality and marriage as we traditionally know it. We wait for further clarification from the Vatican. Could it be that the Pope is saying that non-sexually active same-sex couples, with a "civil union," could raise children who might otherwise be starving to death and, also, be given a tax break by the government?



Tony Schilleci, Jessica Mitchell, Vivian Mitchell, Amanda Gagliano, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Elizabeth Ann Ricco, John James Ricco, Ellen Scalise, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie



Monday, Oct. 26	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Lula Stephens Alexander
Tuesday, Oct. 27	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Sp. Int. Irene Fike
Wednesday, Oct. 28	Special Intention Walter Cooney Todd Burelle
Thursday, Oct. 29	Special Intention Lee Maniscalco Lee Maniscalco
Friday, Oct. 30	Genie Tallon Jude Tombrello Marie Dirgo
Saturday, Oct. 31	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jude Tombrello Lee Maniscalco
Sunday, Nov. 1	Dean Romano Sr./People of Parish Sp.Int. Ellie Rembert Brayden Andrew Moore

The Altar Sodality invites the entire OLS family to pray the Rosary on Monday, October 26, at 11 a.m. in the church. Please join us as we pray for our country!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, Nov. 1: OLS Edge and LifeTeen are attending a special prayer vigil to end racism and racial injustice at Our Lady of the Valley from 3-5 p.m. Families are welcome to attend and are encouraged to meet us there. Masks and social distancing required.

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

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

Life Teen High School

Sunday, Oct. 25: Dinner, games, and "Connect" small groups will continue tonight!

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Are you feeling stressed or anxious? We are diving into Fr. Jacques Philippe's book *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*. Books and dinner provided. You can join us in person at 7 p.m. for pizza and the talk, or participate from home on Zoom

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Oct. 25: Come celebrate All Hallows Eve with us! We will have a dance party featuring DJ Sils. Come in costume! Bring a chair and wear a mask. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and pickup is at 8:30 p.m.

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for me during my recent illness. Words cannot express how grateful I am. Praise the Lord, my prayer warriors!
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November 8 | 1pm-3pm | JCCHS

Who Should Attend?

- 8th grade students (Class of 2025) & their families
- 2020-2021 Interested Transfer Students
- Anyone considering future educational options

Why Attend?

- Meet and hear from our first-class students, faculty and coaches
- Tour our beautiful campus
- Attend our Activities Fair
- Meet and hear from JCCHS Alumni and Parents

Experience the Value of a John Carroll Education!

Sister Chat

A Virtual Vocation Discernment Event
Saturday, November 7th
10 AM – 12 PM

Sister Chat is for women who are actively discerning a call to religious life. A brief presentation on the principles of discernment will be followed by Benedictine Sisters sharing how they have used those principles in their own lives. There will be time for Q & A and discussion. Call Sister Magdalena Craig at (256) 615-6114 or email vocations@shmon.org to register.