



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

November 1, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

We live by reminders. We keep calendars, jot things on note paper, or put notes into the cell phones. The Church has a calendar and REMINDS us of those issues we might forget.

Praying for our relatives, friends, and benefactors in purgatory is one of those issues for which we need reminders. The Church calendar tells us, starting with November 2, that November is the month we put a special emphasis on those in purgatory who would love to have our prayers and good works offered for them.

In the Eucharistic prayers at every Mass, after the consecration and offering of Jesus to the Father, we pray for the universal Church, and then AT EVERY MASS, we pray for those:

“...who have fallen asleep in the Hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy. Welcome them into the light of your face.”
(Eucharistic prayer #2)

Those whose names are on the altar are remembered at every Mass during November, with twelve extra Masses just for those names on the altar.

What is also important is that in our private prayers we do not forget relatives, friends, and benefactors who have died and might be in purgatory. Often, I am asked to celebrate Mass for a saintly person, and I tell God this offering is in their honor and just in case they are in purgatory. God just doesn't tell us who

is in purgatory and who isn't, except for canonized saints; they are not in purgatory.

Purgatory is a firm teaching of the Church. There is a great reading in the Book of Wisdom which indicates many do not go to purgatory, while we know many do.

I personally think to myself: THE MORE ONE BELIEVES IN HELL, THE MORE ONE BELIEVES IN PURGATORY AND GOD'S MERCY. Also, the Church teaches firmly that our prayers, especially the Mass, can help the souls in purgatory. How much help is up to God.

Spiritual writers say that rather than a horrible torture chamber, purgatory is probably a time of making up for those missed opportunities to give ourselves to God with all our hearts, minds and strength. There is a clear reference to purgatory in the Old Testament:

“It is a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.” (11 Maccabees 12:43-46)

...and in the New Testament:

“Nothing defiled will enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Rev. 21:27)

Yet the Scriptures tell us “charity covers a multitude of sins.”

Only God knows the numbers of those in purgatory. He and He alone is the Judge. I have coined a phrase for my convert class:

“The more you believe in hell, the more you believe in purgatory.”

Food Drive: Every year we collect groceries for the Catholic Center of Concern on the occasion of Thanksgiving. The Parish also

sends the Center 50 turkeys. Last year we collected 700 bags to help feed those who will not eat as well as we will on Thanksgiving. Please pick up an empty bag in the vestibule and fill it for those less fortunate.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. I want to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the Altar Sodality for the Hospitality boxes, which fed 145 people. They boxes were great!

The Knights finalized the proceeds of the pandemic-weakened 4th of July Festival. The School received \$12,000.00, the Parish Charity Fund received \$12,000.000 and the Knights kept \$12,000.00. What a generous Parish!

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.



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

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has placed grocery bags in the vestibule for those who would like to contribute to the Catholic Center of Concern. You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 19. Thank you in advance for your most generous contribution.



Monday, Nov. 2	Special Intention Angelo & Rose Maggio Brian Criswell
Tuesday, Nov. 3	Genie Tallon Lee Maniscalco Brian Criswell
Wednesday, Nov. 4	Ruth Rapier Clara & Bertoldo Baquiran Mary Claire Brouillette
Thursday, Nov. 5	Deceased Priests of the Diocese Deceased Priests of the Diocese Deceased Priests of the Diocese
Friday, Nov. 6	Mary Claire Brouillette Jude Tombrello Vincent & Joseph Corsentino
Saturday, Nov 7	Donors to OLS School Foundation Josefino A. Martinez Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, Nov. 8	People of Parish Judith Lora Rosalie & Dennis Phillips

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?

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. Complete the survey on our website to let us know you can come!

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, Nov. 1: No Meeting Tonight. Join us in Adoration at OLV from 3-5pm as we pray for an end to racism and racial injustice, as well as the upcoming election.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Are you feeling stressed or anxious? We are diving into Fr. Jacques Philippe's book *Searching For and Maintaining Peace*. Books & 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, Nov. 1: No Meeting Tonight. Join us in Adoration at OLV from 3-5pm as we pray for an end to racism and racial injustice, as well as the upcoming election.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds? Remember, those who are great are those who serve. How do you serve others? (Matthew 23:1-12)
For those who serve the Church through ordained ministry and religious life, may they be humble and sincere of heart.

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.

*Virgin Mary,
patroness of America,
please prepare our hearts as
we take part in this year's
elections. Help us to humbly
receive the wisdom of the
Church, and to accept the
importance of Her teachings
in our lives and voting
decisions. Guide us as we
choose leaders who will best
uphold the common good and
the dignity of all.
In your Son's name, Amen.*