



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

November 8, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Prayer for the election was very present at OLS when we moved the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament from the Adoration Chapel to the Church for the full day. It was a wise decision, requested by our Liturgy Committee. Some hours saw some 40 people praying, and Eric Dooley, our "in-house engineer," stated that 3,277 people tuned in for the live stream, with an average of each staying 10 minutes. So, there is no telling how many took praying seriously from our streaming around the nation. **WHAT MUST BE REMEMBERED IS THAT JESUS LISTENED TO EVERY SINGLE PRAYER**, and we know the answer is "yes" or "not yet" or "I have a better plan." So, no matter what our political leanings and zealous prayer, all of us must **TRUST IN** the answer to our prayers. For so many, this takes a super amount of **TRUST!** The conclusion is that we must pray and keep praying for our country.

The fact is that our country is the envy of most of the world, and we keep saying "May God Bless America" and thank you, Lord, for this great country.

This brings us around to one of the themes of this month of November: Thanksgiving!!!! It is not a "one day thanks" that we squeeze in between family, football, and food. We need to plan now and start now with an attitude of appreciation to God for our citizenship.

THE WORD AMONG US is getting to be one of the most popular and valuable monthly publications we have ever had. We order 700 copies and put them in the vestibule. If we run out, call the office to have more ordered.

This month there are three articles on being grateful. The first article on being grateful is the "blessings of a grateful heart." In

summary, it states that some people keep a journal of five or more blessings each day, large or small. Psychologists have discovered that people who recall their blessings frequently are happier and healthier than others who do not.

We start with thanking God for being such a loving and forgiving God Who sent His Son to offer Himself for our sins on the Cross; for the promise of heaven; for our families; for friends, our jobs, and our country; and for our health, physically and mentally.

The second article concerns thanksgiving for recovery from sickness and that Jesus has made a "house call" to the sick by the many Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who bring the Eucharist to them. When recovery takes place, people tend to appreciate the Eucharist and make a greater effort to participate at Mass, which is the greatest prayer of **THANKSGIVING**.

The third article is entitled "**Six Ways to Grow in Gratitude.**" Here are the titles of each suggestion to grow in thanksgiving:

1. Begin each day with prayers of **THANKSGIVING**.
2. Pray those Psalms of thanksgiving from the book of Psalms (Ps. 34,92,100,103,107,111 and 118).
3. Spend a few minutes each evening thanking God for your blessings that day.
4. Look for God's blessings, especially amidst the difficulties of life.
5. Express your gratitude to other people for what they do for you.
6. Thank God ahead of time, for example, the prayer before meals.

Each of these steps of growth is so well explained and taught in this issue of **THE WORD AMONG US**. Each month **THE WORD AMONG US** has all the daily readings of Scriptures and prayers of the daily Masses. In heaven, we will look back with gratitude for anyone and anything that helped us arrive safely with the Lord.

CREATED FOR A PURPOSE is the title of a weeklong summer program, sponsored by the Madonna and Child Guild. We will borrow the program from our Presbyterian friends and use it here at OLS with our trained teachers.

I love the title of the program, CREATED FOR A PURPOSE. It is such a reminder of Supreme Court Justice Amy Barrett and the 1995 letter to women by Pope John Paul II, telling women that so many of them are multi-gifted, with not only motherhood, but in different ways to make God's family better by involvement and using their talents. John Paul II called it "the Feminine Genius." How fitting that the vote of Amy Barrett's nomination was set to take place on October 22, the feast day of Saint Pope John Paul III!

What a challenge to ask ourselves what was the purpose for which God created me?

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

The R.C.I.A. Classes have begun, but it is not too late to sign up. If interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, contact Anne Marie Verchot at 205-482-8627.



Ronnie Williams, Tony Schilleci, Amanda Gagliano, Carolyn Jefferson, Vivian Mitchell, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, 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 be delivering the bags on November 19.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 9	Mary Claire Brouillette Benjamin Marino Frances, Paul & Tom Ross
Tuesday, Nov. 10	Fran Lahey Lee Maniscalco Rosalie & Calpgero Calandra
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Special Intention Lena Carruba Jessie D'Agro
Thursday, Nov. 12	Special Intention Anthony Smeraglia Charles & Victoria Corsentino
Friday, Nov. 13	Anthony Smeraglia Sam Latham Josephine Sicola
Saturday, Nov 14	Donors to OLS School Foundation Randal Dixon Lee Maniscalco
Sunday, Nov. 15	People of Parish Fran Lahey Sam Latham



The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Our Lady of Sorrows on Sunday, November 15, from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

This is by appointment only. Go to www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code OLS to register.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 21. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, Adoration and Holy Mass. Fr. Joseph Mary, MFVA, will lead us in the prayers this month! What a blessing to have him with us! ALL ARE WELCOME to become a Spiritual Child of Padre Pio! We meet the third Saturday of EVERY MONTH! Won't you join us? For more information, Call Angela Kolar @205-991-9554. Pray, Hope and Don't Worry! (Social Distancing is set in place and masks are worn by all.)

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 the SignUp Genius!

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

Life Teen High School

Thank you to everyone who participated in our service project Saturday with Food for Our Journey!

Sunday, Nov. 8: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Discussing the Mass readings and how they apply to our lives. Social Night at 7 p.m. Dinner, games, and a bonfire on the parking deck.

Wednesday, Nov. 11: 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. 8: We will meet INSIDE the Family Life Center for "Humble Beginnings," and Edge night on whether or not Jesus ever got grounded. We will begin the night with some Family Feud! Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and pick-up is at 8:30. Masks are required.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Are your eyes open to the presence of God? Is your lamp lit? Are you prepared to sit, wait, and welcome God in your midst? (Matthew 25:1-13)

For those who are contemplating a call to the consecrated life, may they be strengthened in prayer.



The Great Feast of Christ the King is November 22nd.

The Novena begins November 13th and ends November 21st.

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice, and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One! Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against You. Jesus, you are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have Mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in your great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; may Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth! Amen.

Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be

Food for Our Journey

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