



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

November 22, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Thanksgiving Day: The first thanksgiving was started by the first president of the United States, George Washington. He wrote a well-preserved PROCLAMATION on the subject of having a special day of Thanksgiving to God for the country. Interestingly enough, there was not a word about Family, Food, or Football. It was all about giving thanks to the Almighty. Below I will quote the first paragraph and excerpts from the rest of the proclamation given in the year 1789.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection...we have established a day of public prayer and thanksgiving to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many favors of Almighty God...I assign the last Thursday of November to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Author of good in this country.

We are to unite in humbly offering our prayers to the great Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions... we are to practice true religion, virtue, and generally to ask God to grant to all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

The letter from President George Washington in 1789 has given us a great reminder to be grateful, and Jesus gave us a stronger reminder. When Jesus healed 10 lepers and only one (Samaritan) came back to say thanks, the Samaritan fell at the feet of Jesus to thank Him. Jesus' great response was not "Get up...you should not have come all the way

back." Rather, Jesus must have had emotion in His voice as He said:

Where are the other nine? Were not 10 made clean? Has no one but this foreigner come back to say "thanks" to God?

This is God, Himself, upset and disappointed.

The great lesson for you and me is:

God wants to be thanked!

There will be three Masses for those "in person," at 6:30, 7:30 and 10 a.m., and for those who will follow virtually, the Masses will be streamed into your homes at 7:30 and 10 a.m.

There is no greater prayer of Thanksgiving than offering Christ to the Father, as was once done in a bloody way on Calvary. There is also the giving of food to the poor in different ways. The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild supplies bags as reminders that we fill them up and bring them to the church, which will then be carried to the Catholic Center of concern.

Special Holy Hour in honor of Christ, the King.

Because this is one of the greatest feasts of Jesus, recognizing Him as our King, the Liturgy Committee has strongly asked for a special holy hour this Sunday in honor of Christ, the King of the Universe. The Church building, with more space than the Chapel, is the ideal place for this hour, along with the accommodations for Benediction at the end of the hour.

We pay honor to Christ, the King of the Universe and pray that His kingdom will grow. We feel the need to beg His help for the growth of His kingdom. Hence, that extra hour of adoration. Check the website for details. All are invited to show the Lord that

at OLS we have a special devotion to the King of Kings.

Lord, remember us and call us into the fullness of your kingdom.

So many thanks to so many who have wished me a Happy Birthday, with great promises of prayers, goodies, and best wishes.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. I plan to be at the Holy Hour, but I have a funeral of a longtime friend at 2 p.m. at Elmwood.

Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, January 10. We will continue to livestream Masses. The moral obligation of keeping the Lord's Day holy remains, even for those who use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.

Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule:

6:30, 7:30, and 10:00 a.m.

The Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, at 7 p.m. We will have seven priests hearing confessions. **The confessionals will be set up for social distancing and we ask that everyone wear a mask.** Please join us!

Join us Wednesday, December 2, from 6-9 p.m. for an **Advent Night of Mercy**. We will have dynamic speakers, musicians, and adoration. Hear powerful testimonies from Sr. Bethany Madonna, Dom Quaglia, Sarah Kroger and more, who will reveal to us how to "Be the Gift" to one another this Advent. Brought to you by Catholify and Arise Worship Ministries.



Mamie Carruba, Ronnie Williams, Tony Schilleci, Amanda Gagliano, Carolyn Jefferson, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Mike

Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie



Monday, Nov. 23	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Mary K. Zito
Tuesday, Nov. 24	Special Intention Sp. Int. Fran Andrews Edward Thornton
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Special Intention Jude Tombrello John Holt
Thursday, Nov. 26	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Lee Maniscalco
Friday, Nov. 27	Donald David Mildred Stephens Tullie Hollis
Saturday, Nov 28	Donors to OLS School Foundation Peggy Beuerlein The Angelo & Levio Families
Sunday, Nov. 29	People of Parish Jude Tombrello Lee Maniscalco

Rezoning for New Parking

Please pray that the Homewood City Council will vote to rezone the former Gorrie-Regan property to Institutional Zoning Classification so the property can be used by Our Lady of Sorrows. Because of Library expansion and the future potential use of Library property, there is concern that Homewood's offer to allow parishioners to use Library parking may come to an end in the future. Praise God our Parish is growing and so will the need for parking and buildings.

John Carroll Catholic High School is currently scheduling tours and student Shadow Days for the month of December. All 8th Graders and prospective transfer students are invited to Experience the Value of a John Carroll Education! Contact Tina Wos,

Admissions Director, to schedule your tour or Shadow Day. Email twos@jcchs.org or call 940-2400. Come see us in December!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to our Toy Drive. Proceeds benefit St. Barnabas Parish. Donations may be dropped off through December 6.

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!

If you are in quarantine for school at this time, we ask that you do not attend Youth Group during that time, as well. Thank you!

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

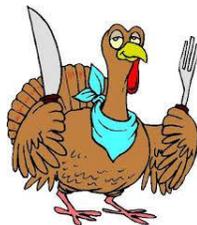
Life Teen High School

Sunday, Nov. 22: 7 p.m. Dinner, games, and Connect” small groups! The goal of this session is to help teens enter into a deeper relationship with God the Father, who always responds with joy and compassion to us and then invites us to share His heart and do the same. We will meet in the youth room tonight.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: No book study tonight. Have a great Thanksgiving break!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Nov. 22: We will meet IN FRONT of the Family Life Center for “Weight of the World,” an Edge night on whether or not Jesus ever got anxious. We will begin the night with some Family Feud! Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and pick-up is at 8:30. Masks and social distancing are required! **Please tune in virtually if you are in quarantine for school!**



The Knights of Columbus will, once again, be smoking turkey breasts on the OLS pit for Thanksgiving. They are available via pre-order for \$35 each and **can be ordered up until Monday, November 23,**

at 6 p.m. To place an order simply fill out the form on olskoc.org or text your name and order quantity to (205) 202-9358. Payments can be made via Venmo @olskoc or onsite via cash, check, or credit card. Pickups will be on Wednesday, November 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. under the deck across from the CCLC.

DECISION 2020

ARE YOUR FINANCES READY?

The Result of the Recent Presidential Election Could Impact Your Retirement. It's Time to Prepare for Today's Volatile Environment That Can Cause Disruption To Your Financial Situation

- **CORONAVIRUS AND THE ECONOMY:** Learn the latest on how your retirement assets & legacy could be at risk with the current pandemic.
- **MARKET VOLATILITY:** Strategies to help preserve your assets from another market downturn, reduce taxes and fees.
- **ELECTION-YEAR INVESTING:** Positioning Your Portfolio for the 2020 Election.

Financial Planning Seminar
Thursday, December 3rd
6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Joel Barlow, CPA, CFP

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for Thanksgiving. Have a safe, healthy, and happy Thanksgiving.