



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

March 21, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Below is an open letter to John and Elizabeth Ann Montgomery after the tragic loss of their daughter, Annie.

Dear John and Elizabeth Ann,

Fr. Frankline, OLS and I feel deeply your loss of Annie, but at the same time, I understand along with that feeling of loss is the complete faith and acceptance of God's will. We have to admit, He knows what is best for Annie and for all of us "in the long run." Still, there is that difference between grief and acceptance.

The ultimate truth is heaven waits for each of us. If we are able to know enough to exercise our free wills, we can mess up God's plan for us. Annie never had that opportunity to "go against God" in the slightest way.

The Church has canonized some 50 children around Bethlehem, whom Herod had slaughtered, thinking he could kill Jesus. These children are irrevocably in heaven. So, it is with Annie. Like the Holy Innocents, Annie had a "connection" with Jesus. Perhaps an even greater one, since with baptism, she was officially adopted by God as His own child and stood to inherit from our heavenly Father the glorious Kingdom of Heaven.

Accidents like this leave us, sometimes, with the if only litany, but when God calls, whether on the ground, in the air, or under the water, He has a reason. We could always guess at His infinite wisdom. This could be the best way to bring your family even closer together. We don't know His wisdom, but trust in Him we must. This is the faith we profess, that she was the first in your immediate family to enter the indescribable happiness of heaven. She is with God and so many prayers by so

many, especially those who have co-created her, her parents.

No prayer goes to waste, and there must have been thousands of prayers for Annie, and I am sure they are being applied to her wonderful parents.

We all are heading for the finish line, and Annie simply got there first.

Blessings and more prayers for her most wonderful parents.

Love and prayers,

Father Muller

Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost. 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.

There will be no Noon Mass on Tuesday, March 30. The priests will concelebrate the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Stephanie Murdock, Carmela Yeakle, Mary Jane Noto, Ronnie Williams, Carolyn Jefferson, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie

ATTENTION! If you are missing a set of car keys, please call the Church Office (871-8121).



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 22	Special Intention Anthony Faletta Donald David
Tuesday, March 23	Emile Lemarque Anthony Faletta Donald David
Wednesday, March 24	Sp. Int. Frances Naro Michael Renda Nan Brown
Thursday, March 25	Special Intention Nan Brown Donald David
Friday, March 26	Special Intention Anthony Faletta Donald David
Saturday, March 27	Donors OLS School Foundation John Holt Rose Maggio
Sunday, March 28	People of Parish Bob Boeneke Jude Tombrello

The Chapel of Our Savior will close on Holy Thursday for the Holy Triduum at 3 p.m. It will reopen on Easter Sunday at 1 p.m.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place on Holy Thursday beginning at 9 p.m. in the Church (after the Mass of the Last Supper) until midnight. Please sign-up for a Holy Hour. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at 1 PM (Not Filled)**
- Tuesday at 2 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 4 AM (Not Filled)**
- Saturday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Sunday at 11 AM (Not Filled)**
- Sunday at 12 PM (Not Filled)**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed but do select an hour that best fits your schedule. Please call Bo Lovell at 205-965-3041 or email us at olschapel@gmail.com.

Holy Spirit 101

We received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our sacramental baptism and confirmation, but often aren't taught how to practically yield to those gifts in our daily lives. The HS101 course combines scripture, the catechism, and lives of the saints, with practical exercises and safeguards for ministry. Come deepen your faith and awaken the charisms in our parish!

7-week small group study
Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. beginning April 6th
Family Life Center Assembly Hall

*Register at ariseworshipbham@gmail.com



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45)
For all our ministers of care with the sick and dying and their families.

The Permanent Diaconate has been present in the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama since 1973. With the arrival of Bishop Steven Raica in 2020, and at his direction, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate is looking to identify men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate for the next formation class. Although the date for the start of the new class has not been set by Bishop Raica, the Office of the Permanent Diaconate will begin to develop a list of men who are interested in obtaining more information about the formation process. It is hoped that once the current restrictions have been relaxed, and after additional review by Bishop Raica,

there will be informational sessions and an opportunity for men, and their wives, to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate and the formation process in the future. Men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate can contact Deacon Chris Rosko via email at crosko@bhmdiocese.org.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Enjoy your Spring Break and Easter! Youth Group resumes Sunday, April 11!

Please consider signing up to provide dinner or serve as a Prayer Warrior during Youth Group! We need you! Go to olsyouth.com to pick a night that fits your schedule.

LifeTeen High School

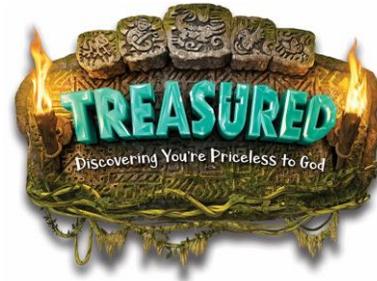
Sunday, April 11: Continuing our series "Keeping It Together and Other Lies We Tell Ourselves: A Life Night Series on Gen Z Issues." Come grow in faith and enjoy time together with your peers! We will continue to focus on the struggles we are facing and how to overcome them. If you need a professional counselor for your teen, marriage, or family, please contact tabercarlson@gmail.com. Taber recently spoke with our students on mental health and is ready to serve as needed.

Save the Date: Service Project with Sav-a-Life on Thursday, April 22. Email youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for details. Space is limited!

EDGE Middle School

Sunday, April 11: Join us for an Edge Night on Divine Mercy Sunday! "Trust Fall" will provide us an opportunity to celebrate this special feast day and apply the teachings of Divine Mercy to our own lives in a very personal way. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.; pickup at 8:30 pm. Masks required!

Our Lady of Sorrows presents



Vacation Bible School

June 7th - June 11th

9 am – 12 pm

K4 (4yrs by June 1st) – 4th grade (in coming school year)

Early Registration for OLS Parishioners only opens on March 8th. Open Registration for All opens on March 29th. **Deadline to register is April 25th. We have limited capacity, so please register early.**

We need volunteers! Rising 5th graders to adults. Please visit our website for more details including our COVID Guidelines www.olspsr.com.

Camp St. Bernard is back in 2021! We will have our traditional summer camp for boys and girls, ages 8-14, this summer during the month of June. Campers can enjoy the campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School, visit with old friends, and make new ones, all in a safe, family atmosphere. More information is available at campstbernard.com, including health and safety protocols and contact information for any questions.