



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

July 18, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

Ann Montalbano was prayerfully ushered into heaven this past week. She is the mother of Angie Dunston and five other children.

Last Thursday, Jane DeMeis and I went to see Ann, giving her the “last rites”: Anointing of the sick, the Apostolic Blessing, and Jesus, Himself, in the Eucharist, which she was able to receive. The next day, Friday, she was able to receive Jesus again, given by Sister Madeline Contorno, friend of the family, and Saturday, all six children continued to be, for five days, by her side. With Hospice called in, the six children, locally and from Houston, Texas, Mobile, and Pensacola, were at her bedside waiting for the Lord to say, “Ann, come to me.”

The lesson to be learned here is the great example of FAITH and DEVOTION of the six children when a parent is dying. What were they doing for five days? Talking to God and to their mother. The fact is that Saturday, around noon, the children had just finished the fifth decade of the Rosary when Ann experienced that unique moment of the separation of the spirit from the body. I am convinced that Ann’s spirit went straight to God. Her life was full of love of a husband, Sam, for 68 years, and a love for those six children. All of that love coming from her great faith and love of God.

Sam and Ann Montalbano transferred to OLS because Angie Dunston, Director of Mom’s Day Out, was their caregiver, and Angie has been a devout member of OLS for some 30 years. Sam and Ann’s lives centered, by their own statement, around their FAITH, FAMILY, and then so many other things, like travelling. When their health permitted, daily Mass was their first priority!

The Rosary was also apart of their faith journey. I don’t think anyone could compete

with Sam’s ten years of making rosaries for hours every day, which were sent overseas. The total number must be a couple thousand.

The reality of all those “Hail Mary’s” is best understood with the realization that the apex of the prayer is BLESSED IS JESUS CHRIST. Yes, Biblically, it comes from Elizabeth greeting her cousin, Mary, with the words: BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB (JESUS). So, each Hail Mary is a prayer of praise to Jesus, our Savior. The human additive is asking Mary to help us pray as we say, “...pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

Contrary to many critics of our Catholic faith, we do not worship Mary. We ask her to help us pray to God. Yes, she is only human, but a unique human who gave flesh to the God-Man and who showed such powers of convincing Jesus on something (making more wine, miraculously) at the wedding feast of Cana. Jesus actually changed His schedule for the first public miracle and did what Mary asked Him to do. Can one imagine asking Mary hundreds of times to pray for us at the hour of our death and when we are dying, she turns her head the other way? At the hour of Ann Montalbano’s death she received everything the Church could give her as the Church administered the sacraments of the Anointing, the Eucharist, and the Pope’s own blessing a Catholic priest can give a dying Catholic to which is attached a plenary indulgence. One requirement on the part of the dying person is no attachment to sin

What motivates me to say all those Hail Mary’s is a quick reflection on the various mysteries connected to Jesus and the words of praising Jesus (Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus) and, also, that constant request for Mary to pray for me at the hour of my death.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. I have written the above as another of many examples of relatives praying with and

for a dying parent and, also, that we are better motivated to say that traditional Catholic prayer, the Rosary. Also, many relatives will say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy around the bedside of a dying person. We live by examples and reminders. Hence the above.

First Friday Devotions are held on the first Friday of every month at 6 a.m.

First Saturday Devotions are held on the first Saturday of every month at 7:15 a.m.



Monday, July 19	Special Intention Lorraine Duncan
	Sp. Int. John & Suzanne Corso
Tuesday, July 20	Phillip Rumore
	Sp. Int. Milazzo & Brooklere Family Jerry Noblitt
Wednesday, July 21	Special Intention
	Sp. Int. Father Balta Charlotte Zarzaur
Thursday, July 22	Sp. Int. Alan Pizzitola Sarah Jane Umholtz Robert Patrick O'Connell
Friday, July 23	Special Intention Frank Costanzo Julian T. Quintero
Saturday, July 24	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sarah Jane Umholtz Peter Quintero
Sunday, July 25	People of Parish Ann Campanotta Holy Souls in Purgatory

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Sunday at 11 AM (No permanent adorer)**
- Sunday at 12 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Saturday at 11 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Friday at 12 AM (No permanent adorer)**

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.



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



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Good and evil exist together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world? (Matthew 13:24-43)
For the global community, that together we may participate in the building of a holy and just society.

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.

**Catholic Charismatic
Renewal of Birmingham
20th Annual Conference
July 30 and 31**

The 20th Annual CCROB Conference will be held in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on July 30 and at 8:30 a.m. on July 31. The conference theme is **"I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me."** The speakers will be: **Father Paul Asih, Father Gray Bean, Father Frankline Fomukong, Jeff Anderson, Olga Coburn and Jackie Smoke.**

The registration fee for individuals is \$25 and \$65 for a family of 3 or more. Register online at www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org or mail registration to: CCROB, 1206 David Drive, Pelham, AL 35124. For further information contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947. You can also register at the conference beginning at 4:30 p.m. on July 30 and again on July 31 at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Summer is here! Visit olsyouth.com to see our complete summer schedules.

LifeTeen High School

We have a group heading to Camp Covecrest July 19-24. Please keep the teens and chaperones in your prayers!

Friday, July 30: Pool party for ALL youth and their families! Join us at the Homewood Central Pool from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

EDGE Middle School

Ice Cream Sunday, June 25: Meet at OLS at 2:30 p.m. for our next ice cream adventure! Open to rising 6-9th graders.

www.OLSyouth.com

***Remembering a Priest
Killed in the Line of Duty***

*Father James E. Coyle Memorial Mass
100th Anniversary
of his Death for the Faith*

*Celebrant, Bishop Steven J. Raica
Wednesday, August 11
12:10 P.M.*

*Cathedral of St. Paul ·
2120 3rd Ave. North, Birmingham
EWTN to Broadcast the Mass Worldwide
205-447-8796 · www.fathercoyle.org
"Father Coyle was a martyr to duty"
The Rt. Rev. Edward Allen, Bishop of
Mobile – 8/12/1921*

A Pilgrimage to the South of France

Join Father Bryan Jerabek of the Cathedral of St. Paul on a pilgrimage this November 13 - 23 through the south of France. This trip features overnight visits to some of the most incredible places and the holiest shrines found in France, including Toulouse, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Avignon, Aix-en-Provence, Cotignac, Sainte-Baume, Carcassonne and Nice. On this trip you can expect beautiful four-star hotels, private transportation, an incredible program of Catholic and cultural tours led by master guides, most meals, and daily Mass, prayers, and spiritual direction. The cost is \$4290.00 per person, with airfare from Atlanta included in the price. Space is limited to forty pilgrims, total. For more information, please visit the trip webpage at prorometours.com/france. Alternatively, please call Margaret at (434) 953-1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.