



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

August 15, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is this Sunday, August 15. This feast has special meaning at OLS because this is the feast on which we started Perpetual Adoration 29 years ago. We celebrated this anniversary with Benediction before the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass on August 14, with its special intention being gratitude to God and for the welfare of the 325 committed adorers and substitutes.

I have never been in the chapel, no matter what time of day or night, without some dear friend of Jesus with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. I frequently thank them personally, especially the nocturnal ones. How often I get the response from them:

“Oh, I am the one who receives so much from this.”

Martha Dazzio said, as others have, that her hour in the chapel is the best hour of the week. Some admit being spiritually selfish and want to be there alone with Jesus, as if Jesus' attention is divided three ways if three people are present.

OLS is a most successful parish. Sometimes I think to myself, “Who runs the parish?” Me? Not really! Nancy or Judy? No, again. I am convinced that the success of OLS parish is because of Jesus in the Eucharist.

There are endless people who come to the chapel at all hours of the day and night, and it is like going up the mountain of the transfiguration to feel the extra closeness to Jesus with all of our problems and thoughts of gratitude for the innumerable blessings of life on this earth.

We are grateful to the Committed Adorers. While we thank our people at the Vigil Mass of the Assumption with the special Mass for them and a meal of appreciation, let us not forget that the real thanks go to Jesus for being with us so closely in the Eucharist, listening to us and blessing us beyond measure.

Covid-19 has not gone away and, with its Delta variant, makes us put up our guard again. This means “wearing the mask” when with others and close to them. It means first and foremost: Be vaccinated unless there is a medical excuse. I have asked ministers of the Eucharist to wear a mask. Sitting with the congregation it seems best to wear the mask at the Holy Sacrifice. We will have boxes of masks at the church doors.

The Parish Hall is a great place to participate in real time with a Mass upstairs as it is streamed in at the 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Someone suggested in an email to me that even in the Parish Hall it would be considerate to wear the mask.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

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.



Miles Huffstutler, 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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 16 Special Intention
Sarah Jane Umholtz
Sp. Int. Blaise Hahn & family

Tuesday, Aug. 17 Sp. Int. John Tombrello
Richard Hiller
Sp. Int. John David Barranco & family

Wednesday, Aug. 18 Annie Diergo
Donald & Marcelle Taccone
Larry LeBeau

Thursday, Aug. 19 Special Intention
Mark Stalker
Sp. Int. Charlotte & Terry Rumore & family

Friday, Aug. 20 Giulio Mastropasqua
Frances Rose Bourgeois
Sp. Int. Charles Anthony Rumore & family

Saturday, Aug. 21 Donors to OLS School Foundation
Frank Driscoll
Sp. Int. Tom & Kathy Nequette & family

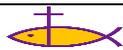
Sunday, Aug. 22 People of Parish
Phillip Rumore
Sp. Int. Vincent & Mary Ann Bruno

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)**
- Thursday at 11 AM (With partner)**
- 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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

A Canaanite woman implored Jesus to reach out to help her daughter. Jesus was stretched beyond what he thought was his mission. Will you let yourself go beyond what is "safe?" (Matthew 15:21-28)
For our Church, may we be open to welcoming people of all cultures and faiths.

PSR classes will have a delayed start date due the recent increase in Covid cases in our area. Classes will begin Sunday, September 19, from 10 -11:15 a.m. Health and wellbeing of your children and catechists are our first priority. At that time all health recommendations from local authorities will be considered for any changes to our health/safety plan as we begin classes. Your cooperation and understanding last year allowed us to have in-person classes without having to close. That is our goal for this PSR year. Visit our website for more information at www.olspsr.com or call 208-871-1431.

OLS Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for employment. If you enjoy working with young children; are creative, energetic, and patient, please email Angie Dunston at mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com. Our hours are perfect for those with children in school!

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, August 21, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, rosary, adoration, and Holy Mass led by Fr. Mugagga Epah. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at angkolar@att.net or 205-991-9554. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!

The Catholic Business and Professional Network (CBPN) will be kicking off a series of quarterly luncheons on Wednesday, August 18, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at The Club in Birmingham. The first speaker for the series will be Bishop Steven Raica. Anyone who holds a job or has ever held a job (that includes those who work inside the home), is invited to join us for this opportunity to hear Bishop Raica speak and to network and fellowship with other Catholics. Tickets for the event are \$35/person. To make your reservation simply go to www.catholicnetwork.net, click on "Event Calendar," and register. We hope to see you there.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Parent Meeting: Please stop by the Parish Hall and see us on Sunday August 22. We will be available **after each morning Mass** to share information about the coming semester and opportunities for parents to get involved. We need you to make this year a success.

Sunday, August 22: Grades 6-12 are invited to a Kick-Off Carnival on the Parking Deck outside the FLC! Come prepared to have fun, be challenged, and possibly get soaked! Face painting, competitions, cotton candy, sno cones, and more!!

Saturday, August 28, is a Catholic Youth on Mission Service Day! Email us if you are interested in working on a local mission to help our community through Catholic Center of Concern, Catholic Social Services, and Holy Family Parish. More details to come!

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, August 22: El Camino will be a weekly morning class for teens focused on scripture, small groups, and teambuilding. Be sure to register at www.olspsr.com. Our fall calendar will kick-off on the 22nd with a carnival! Stay tuned for details.

Wednesday, August 25: Our book study is back for the Fall! Girls will read *Choosing to See Beauty* by former FOCUS missionary Maura Prezsler. Guys will read *Man Enough*, a short book that focuses on St. Joseph. Every Wednesday in the youth rooms! Dinner is provided.

EDGE Middle School

Full schedule is available on the website:
www.OLSyouth.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Nazareth House Saturday Program

Catholic high school students interested in working with children and youth having intellectual and developmental disabilities, in a Saturday morning Greater Birmingham area, city-wide program of religious education, are invited to a training workshop on Saturday, August 21. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at St. Francis Xavier School. Those who participate in Nazareth House are eligible for service hours that meet the requirements for high school graduation and college scholarship applications. For more information or directions, contact Sister Mary Vernon Gentle at Mygentle@aol.com or Father Patrick Cullen at Rathmines.Cullen@gmail.com, or call 205-907-0287.

ONE VOICE CHANGES! This September, the One Voice and its mission evolves. Every registered household in the Diocese of Birmingham is set to receive a copy of the new One Voice magazine, doubling the reach of the newspaper. With a focus on evangelization, each issue will feature stories offering new perspectives on the reader's own Catholic faith and their relationship with Jesus. Be sure not to miss out: you must be a registered member of a parish. The last issue of the One Voice newspaper will be mailed to subscribers August 20, 2021. Local news will now be published regularly on the One Voice website, onevoicebhm.org. Additionally, a new One Voice e-mail newsletter will be e-mailed out every other Friday, beginning September 3, 2021. To ensure you receive the email newsletter, sign-up at bhmdiocese.org/e-news. For more information, visit bhmdiocese.org or e-mail onevoice@bhmdiocese.org.