

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19, 2012

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday—August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM—Hans Schneider—Memorial

Tuesday—August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

7:30AM—Gloria Massi—Memorial

Wednesday—August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM—John Gardner—Memorial

Thursday—August 23

Weekday/St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

7:30AM—Joe Zaino—Memorial

Friday—August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30AM—Pat Franzone—Memorial

Saturday—August 25

Weekday/St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz; BVM

8:30AM—Michael Baker—Memorial

Vigil of the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM—Fred Buoro—Memorial

Sunday—August 26

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Nancy Raimondo—9th Anniversary

9:00AM—Msgr. John W. Lolio—Memorial

10:30AM—Albert Perry Burnside—24th Anniversary

Mass intentions are published so the entire parish family can pray the Mass intention of the Priest, for the living or the dead. Even if you cannot attend the Mass this day, please join in our parish intention during your own personal prayer time. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to schedule an announced intention at Mass as listed here. At every Mass, we should bring at least one personal intention to offer in prayer.



Mercy Musings

Dear Parishioners:

It was great to see so many come out for the Holy Day Masses on the Solemnity of the

Assumption this past week. Certainly those who turned out for 7:30AM Mass right in the middle of the torrential downpours on Wednesday morning are to be commended for their great witness! Unfortunately for many Catholics, Holy Days of Obligation and even Sundays seem to be more of an option than an obligation. So perhaps those of us who come to Mass each week and strive to attend Mass on Holy Days might reach out to our friends, neighbors, fellow parishioners and even our own family members and invite them to join us at Mass. In the meantime, let us commit to praying for all those who choose not to be with us at Mass that they too might come to realize what a grace and blessing coming to the Eucharist truly is for us!

Father Shemek reports a great group showed up for the OLM Family Picnic Planning meeting last Sunday and are ready, willing and able to help us have a great event on September 23rd. They came up with some great ideas and set up committees to help the Picnic run smoothly. If you are interested in helping or volunteering in any way, please see the bulletin for contact information. This is the First OLM Family Picnic but we hope that it will lead to an annual gathering for our parish family on the Feast of our Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy. By the way, we checked the schedule and the Patriots have a Sunday night game so there is no excuse for not coming to the Picnic! Father Shemek has promised to prepare some Polish food and teach us how to play soccer the Polish way! So if you can help out, please sign up and if you can't help, please show up to celebrate our faith and our community.

Next Saturday night at the 5:00PM Mass we welcome home the newly ordained, Father Eric Bennett, to Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Father Bennett was ordained a priest this past June for service in the Archdiocese of Boston but he is a native of OLM and his family are parishioners. His brother Brian is presently a seminarian studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence. It is a great privilege for our parish to have Father celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish. So I hope you might join us for the Mass and the Reception to follow in Mercy Park. Please pray for Father Bennett as he begins his priestly ministry at the Parish of St. Bridget and Gate of Heaven in South Boston. Also I encourage you to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I have no doubt that God is calling many young men and women to serve his Church, let us pray for them.

Have a great week! Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Family Picnic on September 23rd! God Bless.

Father Healey



Weekly Collection

Week of August 12, 2012

Weekly.....\$12,580.91
Mission Co-op.....\$5,058.00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collections

This Week: Mission Peter's Pence

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



A Loss in Our Church Family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of OLM Parishioner, **Edward L Verrier**, who died last week and for his grieving family .

"Let us not abandon them until by our prayers we have conducted them into the House of the Lord." —St. Ambrose



Banns of Marriage

III-Casey Flynn & Kathleen Kenniston
II-Micah Norton & Whitney Hassett
I-Luke DiNezza & Kristen Sammartino



Join us for
a Mass of Thanksgiving
celebrated by
Father Eric Bennett
Saturday, August 25th
at 5:00PM
Our Lady of Mercy Church

Reception to follow in Mercy Park

Join us as we welcome Father Eric Bennett, a native son of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Father Bennett was ordained by Sean Cardinal O'Malley on June 22, 2012. He is the son of Dudley and Kathleen Bennett, parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy. Fr. Bennett, an alumnus of Bishop Hendricken High School, studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. A priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, he presently serves as the Associate Pastor of St. Brigid's and Gate of Heaven Parish in South Boston. Join us next week as his parish family celebrates his recent ordination to the priesthood.

Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!



Prayerful Best Wishes to our newly baptized:

Aubrey Berto,
and her parents, Michael and Megan.

Chase Giovanni Porcari,
and his parents, Anthony and Juliet.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

All RE Students in Grades K-9 should now be registered for class. All Grade 9 students (public, parochial, & private) need to register as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or Sister Rose at 884-2578 ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation.



*Join us for the
1st Annual
Our Lady of Mercy*

FAMILY PARISH PICNIC

On the Grounds of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday, September 23rd Noon-5:00p.m.

Join Father Healey and Father Shemek as we get to know our parish family!

Planning for the picnic is now underway! The following committees have been formed and *your help is still needed!* Please volunteer to help by contacting one of the following committees:

Logistics:

Volunteers needed for set-up and clean-up.

Contact Chair—Dan Sullivan at 286-3943 or via email at dsdogbones@aol.com

Welcoming:

Volunteers needed for decorating & picnic promotion.

Contact Chair—Grace Murphy at 884-0458

Baked Goods:

Need volunteers to bake and bring homemade goodies!

Contact Chair—Jeannine Colasanto at 805-3436 or via email at jcolasanto@cox.net

Games:

Looking for groups, families, or individuals to help run traditional picnic games.

Contact Chair—June Fischer at 398-8062 or via email at cfojune@gmail.com

Classic Car & Motorcycle Display:

Reserve a parking spot for your classic vehicle.

Contact Rod Fischer vehicle at 398-8062 or via email at cfojune@gmail.com

Music/Entertainment:

Looking for a DJ, someone with an outdoor music system or part of a musical group.

Photography:

Looking for photography buff to help capture the day's activities and fun for the parish website.

If you can help with music or photography,
contact Fr. Shemek at 884-4968 or at frshemek@gmail.com

Committees are meeting over the next few weeks informally but we still need your help. Join us for a general planning meeting on Sunday, August 26th at Noon in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Fun for the whole family!

Save the date!