

MATTHEW 16:27

*"For the Son of Man will come with
his angels in his Father's glory."*





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**THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 30, 2020**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Mass of Anticipation for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Achille Aquino—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Teresa M. Romano—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey—34th Ann.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday;
 7:30AM Kevin F. Healey—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday
 7:30AM Thomas Shannon—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Bernard St. Jean—2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

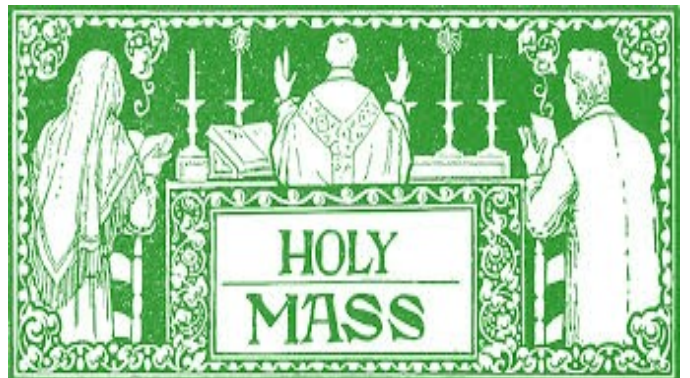
Weekday
 7:30AM Doris A. Jamieson—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday; St. Teresa of Calcutta; BVM
 8:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—16th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Fred & Evelyn Bouro—Memorial
 10:30AM Jennie Cotham—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

While public schools have scheduled their reopening for September 14, OLM School has plans to open this week. We believe it to be the best path forward in light of the ever changing situation. This coming week is a time of small-group orientations for our students and their families.

Governor Raimondo is expected to announce on Monday, August 31, further guidance regarding the reopening of schools in RI. Interestingly just last week in a news interview, the Governor said she intends to send her own two children back to their private schools. Like most private schools, they too are offering in-person class instruction.

At OLM School, we are committed to bringing our students back into our school building as safely as possible. Therefore, this week's schedule allows the students to get familiar with their teachers and classrooms. It also allows students, faculty and parents to grow more comfortable with our school's new setting and safety policies and procedures.

OLM School opens for full all-day and in-person class instruction on Tuesday, September 8. It is the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother Mary! A fitting day to resume classes in a school under her patronage!

We ask for prayers for all students and teachers as they prepare for school this fall. In particular, pray for our Catholic schools, especially the administration, faculty, staff, students and families of OLM School.

Fr. Connors has now returned to St. John Seminary in Boston for the fall semester. Classes begin this week there and Fr. Connors, in addition to teaching his many classes, is also serving as the Director of Liturgy for the seminary.

In order to avoid an outbreak of COVID-19 at the seminary, the entire faculty and student body were tested. Also, the seminary is in lockdown until the October break. The student seminarians are not allowed to go out. The resident faculty priests are allowed to leave only to celebrate Mass at local parishes. So please pray for Fr. Connors and the seminarians, may they remain healthy, stay safe, and may their academic year be fruitful.

With schools starting up, summer is coming to an end, as usual, too soon! It is a strange summer amid the pandemic with few people traveling, less family gatherings and fewer summer vacations. While Labor Day traditionally signals the end of the summer, the official first day of fall isn't actually until September 22, 2020.

In September, we usually resume our Sunday 5:00 PM Mass. However, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are postponing the resumption of this Mass until further notice.

We presently have three Masses every weekend, and attendance is not increasing. There seems no need to add an additional fourth Mass at present. Many parishioners are not attending Mass each week. We hope and pray Mass attendance increases as the summer ends.

The sanitizing of the

Church building occurs before and after every public celebration of Mass. It involves a considerable amount of time and work by our maintenance team. We do this to ensure the proper sanitization of the Church.

This cleaning and sanitizing is a costly expense, and also very time consuming. Our maintenance crew is not readily available to work on Sunday nights in order to clean and sanitize the Church properly. Therefore, it is prudent to postpone the 5:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass from our weekly schedule until further notice.

Those who have reserved Mass intentions for the 5:00 PM Sunday Mass, please know those intentions are to be satisfied at one of the three weekend Masses celebrated every week. Although this is not the customary practice at OLM, multiple Mass intentions at Mass are allowed. Therefore, one Mass a weekend is to be offered for two intentions in order to satisfy all previously booked intentions.

Please understand that all booked Mass intentions are going to be offered. If you have any questions, or concerns, about a Mass you've reserved for a particular intention, please contact the OLM Parish Office. Thank you for your patience and understanding in these difficult days.

Welcome back OLM School! Pray for the safe and happy start of school! Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless.

Ask Father

What about Mass Intentions?

The merits of each and every Mass are infinite. Hence a Mass can be offered for any number of people or intentions. If someone came up to a priest and said: "Father, please offer a Mass for all the members of my family, living and deceased." No doubt that is a large number of people, but one Mass can be offered as such: "for the Smith family."

Yet if two people came each asking for a Mass intention, then the priest would be obliged to offer one Mass for each intention. The priest could not combine both intentions into one Mass, since the people asked for individual Masses to be said. Canon 948 provides a general rule: "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted."

In 1991 the Congregation for the Clergy issued a "Decree on Mass Stipends" (called *Mos Iugiter* in Latin). In that document we find two reasons for separate Masses for separate intentions. First, satisfaction an obligation of justice towards the donors who asked for individual Masses. Second, if we combine Mass intentions then the faithful would gradually lose awareness of the importance of offering Masses and providing for the support of individual churches through donations.

What if, for some reason (such as a shortage of priests or the reduction of Masses due to a pandemic), many intentions which would have had separate Masses were combined into one Mass? Our Lady of Mercy has reduced its Mass schedule as a result of the pandemic. The "Decree on Mass Stipends" envisions this possibility and allows that a priest may combine multiple intentions for separate Masses into one Mass if the following conditions are met:

The donors must be informed and not object to the combining of their offerings before the Mass for the collective intention is celebrated. Hence, Fr. Healey wrote about this change of practice in his bulletin column this week to inform the faithful of this temporary change. Also the place and time of each Mass must be announced with no more than two such collective Masses per week. Mass intentions at OLM are published in the weekly bulletin and it is available online at the parish website.

In short, when a person asks a priests to say a Mass for a particular intention (whether that intention involves one person or twenty thousand), the expectation is that a Mass is offered for that intention and customarily not combine that with another intentioned Mass. Ideally, once this pandemic is over, OLM will return to this usual practice of one Mass per one intention.

This is an Ecclesiastical rule to prevent abuses. Theologically speaking, the merits for each Mass are infinite and unlimited. Anyone who attends Mass can offer it for one or several intentions.

Weekly Collection

August 23, 2020

Weekly.....	\$6,676.00
EFT.....	\$3,143.00
	Total=\$9,819.00
Outreach.....	\$422.00

Weekly for same week last year on August 25 , 2019

Weekly.....	\$11,521.00
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Thank You for Your Generous Support!

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



The Sunday Evening 5:00PM Mass scheduled to resume on Sunday, September 6, 2020 has been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 restrictions. All Mass intentions scheduled for this Mass time are to be satisfied at other weekend Masses. If you have questions or concerns, please call the OLM Parish Office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of **Thomas Shannon**. In your charity, please remember him in your prayers.



Religious Education NEWS

The Celebration of First Communion at OLM

Saturday, September 12th at 12noon
OLM School First Communion Class

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm.

Saturday, September 19th at 12noon
Religious Education students
whose last names begin A—L.

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 17th at 6:00pm

Saturday, September 26th at 12noon
The Religious Education students
whose last names begin M—Z.

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00pm.

Please pray for our First Communion Class as they continue to prepare to receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time. Thank you for your support!



OLM School Orientation Week August 31-September 4

Monday, August 31: Professional Development for Teachers & Staff

Tuesday, September 1: Materials Pick-Up for Remote Learning Students, 9:00am - 3:00pm; Zoom Meetings with homeroom teachers for middle school parents

Wednesday, September 2- Friday, September 4: Small Group, In-Person Orientations for all students

Tuesday, September 8: All-Day In-Person Classes begin.

Striving to be Saints & Scholars!

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www.olmschool.org



• **OLM Food Pantry** is in **need of food and paper goods** for many members of our local community. Please place all **donated non-perishable foods and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.

Thank you for your support!

• If you are need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

BACK TO SCHOOL

PRAY FOR OUR
 TEACHERS & STUDENTS



SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

Thursday, September 24, 2020

GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000

First Prize \$2,500

Second Prize \$1,000

Third Prize \$1,000

Fourth Prize \$500



Support Our Saints and Scholars

\$100.00



In order to obtain your ticket or tickets, please send a check for \$100 per ticket payable to "OLM" to Our Lady of Mercy, "See You in September" Raffle at 65 3rd Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818 or call the Parish Office at 884-4968. There is no limit on the number of tickets you may wish to purchase and the more you buy the better the odds of winning!!!

**Put your money on
the OLM Saints and Scholars!!**

*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

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Grayson Leo Accetta,
and his parents, Michaelangelo & Ashlee

"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called the child of God, for so indeed he is. In confirmation he will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion he will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his Father in the midst of the Church."—The Rite of Baptism

Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term)
we implore your mercy:
bless the students, teachers, and staff of N.,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen

