

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Mass of Anticipation for the Feast of the Transfiguration
 5:00PM Justine Fabry—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Joan Burke Ferri—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Mary Picozzi—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Weekday/St. Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
 7:30AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest
 7:30AM Marion Hart—36th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta Of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
 7:30AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—46th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Claire, Virgin
 7:30AM Deceased of the Pundys & Dikinis Families-Mem.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday/ST. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; BVM
 8:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Harriet Paroline Downey—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Silvio Cardillo—28th Anniversary
 10:30AM Deceased of Dwyer, Martin & McGlynn Families-Mem.





Dear Parishioners:

This year the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord falls on a Sunday. So we take leave of the Sundays of Ordinary Time we have been celebrating the last few weeks. The Feast is celebrated at all Sunday Masses and includes the readings proper to the feast itself.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: *“Jesus’ Transfiguration takes place on a high mountain, before three witnesses chosen by himself: Peter, James and John. Jesus’ face and clothes become dazzling with light, and Moses and Elijah appear, speaking of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. A cloud covers him and a voice from heaven says: ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him’*

Moses and Elijah had seen God’s glory on the Mountain; the Law and the Prophets had announced the Messiah’s sufferings. Christ’s Passion is the will of the Father: the Son acts as God’s servant; the cloud indicates the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when he ‘will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body.’ But it also recalls that ‘it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God.’”

Next Sunday, August 13th, we take up the Annual Peter’s Pence Collection. Peter’s Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the Catholic faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of our sharing in the concern of the Successor of Saint Peter for the many needs of the Universal

Church and for the relief of those most in need.

The practice of providing material support to those charged with preaching the Gospel, thus enabling them to devote themselves completely to their apostolic mission and to care for those in greatest need, is as old as Christianity itself.

By the end of the eighth century the Anglo-Saxons felt so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father.

The offerings we donate to the Holy Father through the Peter’s Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects. The Pope, being Pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and of the faithful in grave difficulties especially the poor, needy children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war, disease or natural disasters.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XV stated the following about this important annual collection: *“Peter’s Pence’ is the most characteristic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome’s charitable initiatives in favor of the universal Church. The gesture has not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the Pope and attention to the needs of one’s brothers and sisters.”*

If you look to the back of the Church you will see the statues of Saint Pope John Paul II and Our Lady of Fatima above you. Both of these beautiful

images were generously donated to the parish. Now thanks to Paul Anderson we were able to place them in Church so that we might all be inspired by them.

St. John Paul II and Our Lady of Fatima are intimately connected to one another. The assassination attempt upon the saintly Pope took place on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima in 1981. Two bullets hit St. Pope John Paul II, and he was badly hurt. He was rushed to the hospital where he required a 5 1/2 hour surgery to save his life. He survived and a year after the attack, in thanksgiving for her protection, he placed a bullet fragment from the attack in the crown of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal. May they both intercede for our parish!

You may also notice new chairs in the sanctuary. They were newly upholstered along with all the chairs and kneelers we use. The “new” chairs are a gift from the Mt. St. Rita Chapel that recently closed. They bear the mark of the Cross of Mercy. They are a nice compliment to the newly upholstered old chairs and kneelers in our sanctuary.

In the midst of so many summer distractions and our going to the beach, golfing, taking vacations, boating and watching baseball, we recall our duty to help the poor and the needy through Peter’s Pence! Thanks for your generous support and bountiful charity

Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox!

Father Healey



What are some of your book recommendations?

First of all, a big thank you to our summer seminarian Hiep for taking the time to write the question and answer column for the bulletin while he was here. Not only did it allow him to put his theological education to use, it also gave everyone a break from me! But it is good to be back.

When I was in High School I remember that we were assigned each summer a book or two to read. It was always interesting what the school would choose for us (what sticks out in my mind are the dystopias they had us read like *Brave New World*). When I got to seminary the summer reading assignments ended of course, but a whole world of Catholic literature opened up to me. It was always interesting to go into the room of a seminarian, or a priest, to see what kinds of books he had (really to see which ones were missing from your own book shelf). There were of course the classics: a Bible, a scripture commentary, the Code of Canon Law, and of course several books that you put on the shelf and tell yourself that you will get to them eventually.

The question here today is: what are some of the essential Catholic works? There are many options out there, but I would like to suggest just a few of the classics. I have split them up into two categories: spiritual works and works of literature. Spiritual works are more direct in their exposition of the faith, whereas literature elaborates on the mysteries through a narrative.

Classic/Spiritual Works

- Introduction to the Devout Life*, Saint Francis de Sales
- The Imitation of Christ*, Thomas a Kempis
- The Spiritual Exercises*, Saint Ignatius of Loyola
- Treatise on Virtues*, Saint Thomas Aquinas
- True Devotion to Mary*, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort
- The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, Saint John of the Cross
- The Art of Praying*, Romano Guardini
- Jesus of Nazareth* (Vols. 1-3), Joseph Ratzinger/Pope-Emeritus Benedict XVI
- The Priest is not His Own*, Fulton Sheen
- The Fire Within*, Thomas Dubay

Literature

- The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis
- Brideshead Revisited*, Evelyn Waugh
- The Brothers Karamazov*, Fyodor Dostoevsky
- Orthodoxy*, G.K. Chesterton
- Come Rack! Come Rope!*, Robert H. Benson
- Diary of a Country Priest*, Georges Bernanos
- A Canticle for Leibowitz*, Walter M. Miller Jr.
- Leisure: the Basis of Culture*, Josef Pieper

These are just a few of the many good works out there. I highly recommend these books which can be read by anyone. Happy reading!

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

July 30, 2017

Weekly.....	\$8,843.00
EFT.....	\$1,859.50
	Total=\$10,702.50
Outreach	\$322.00

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 generous support!


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



Second Collection
This Week: Building & Grounds Collection
Next Week: Peter's Pence

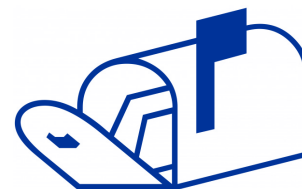


OLM Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm
Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm
Please plan accordingly.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are lovingly donated in memory of Marie Oliverio. In your charity please remember her in your prayers.

All cards or notes to our Summer Seminarian should be sent to the following address:



Mr. Hiep Nguyen
St. John Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton, MA 02135



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioner **Elinor T. Burnett** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.



●**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of donated non-perishable food items especially during the Summer months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support. ●For more information, contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or at outreach@olmparish.org



Register Today for RE Classes This Fall

●Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 year. **Registrations are now only done on-line at:**

<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/>

You may also access the link on the Parish Website: www.olmparish.org and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. We accept children in Grades 1-8.

Prayer to Our Lord of Transfiguration



God you have scattered the darkness with your light and have poured your light into my heart so that I might look upon the radiant face of Jesus Christ. Nourish in me the desire to contemplate your beloved son.

O God, according to your plan, you have called me to holiness by your grace that you have revealed in Jesus Christ. Your Gospel shows me the way so that I can share in your mission of glorious splendor of unending life.

Loving Father, you have so loved me that I have been called to be a child of God. When Christ comes, grant that I may be like him.

O Christ, before your passion and death you revealed the resurrection to your disciple on Mount Tabor. I pray for your church that labors amid the cares and anxieties of this world, that, in its trials, it may always be transfigured by the joy of your victory.

O Christ, you took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. We pray for our bishops and priests that they may inspire in your people the hope of being transfigured at the last day.

O Christ, you gave light to the world when the glory of the creator arose over you. I pray for the men and women of good will that they may always walk in your light.

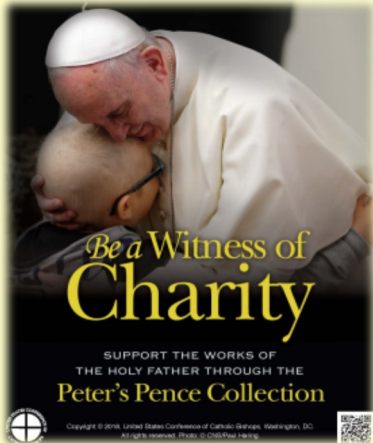
O Christ, upon the mountaintop you let the light of your face shine over Moses and Elijah. I ask your blessing upon your people who call on your name, who want to belong to the kingdom of light and life.

O Christ, you will reform my lowly body and make it like your glorious one. I pray for my brothers and sisters who have died, that they may share your glory forever.

God, our Father, in the transfigured glory of Christ, your son, you strengthen my faith by confirming the witness of your prophets and by showing me the splendor of your beloved son. Help me to become an heir to the eternal life with him, who lives and reigns with you and The Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Peters Pence Collection
for the Holy Father's Charity
August 12/13, 2017



Next weekend's second collection is for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to

join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters.

The Peter's Pence Collection has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic Church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need.

In his 2016 *Urbi et Orbi* address, Pope Francis reminds us, "*The Lord enables us to see with his eyes of love and compassion those who hunger and thirst, strangers and prisoners, the marginalized and the outcast, the victims of oppression and violence.*" By opening our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world, we can open our hearts to the call of Pope Francis to support his charitable works. Your donations are a witness of charity and help the Holy See reach out compassionately to those who are marginalized. All contributions to this collection provide assistance to victims of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease. ***Thank You For Your Generous Support!***

Peter's Pence Collection
Be a Witness of
Charity



Join us in helping the Students of St. Patrick's Church

Once again the OLM Outreach is helping the school children of St. Patrick's Parish & School, Providence with our Annual Back Pack Drive. We are collecting supplies beginning this weekend until the weekend of August 13th. Fully packed back packs will be delivered the week of August 13th directly to St. Patrick's Church.

Supplies needed: #2 pencils, blue & black ink pens, 24 count crayons, 10 ct. markers, glue sticks, packages of white lined paper and 3 inch binders.

All donated supplies can be put in the collection containers in the Church Vestibule or left at the OLM Outreach Office. If you prefer to donate to this cause, make check payable to OLM Church and write "Backpack Drive" in the memo.

If you would like to volunteer to assembly back packs or help deliver them, please contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director, at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Mass at 1:00PM

Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

Bishop Tobin, Celebrant & Homilist

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who are observing 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2017 are invited. Join us for this celebration of marriage at Mass as we renew marriage vows. A reception for guests and family follows in the Cathedral Hall. If you are interest you must register via the OLM Parish Office **by September 8th** by calling 884-4968 or sending an email to parish@olmparish.org