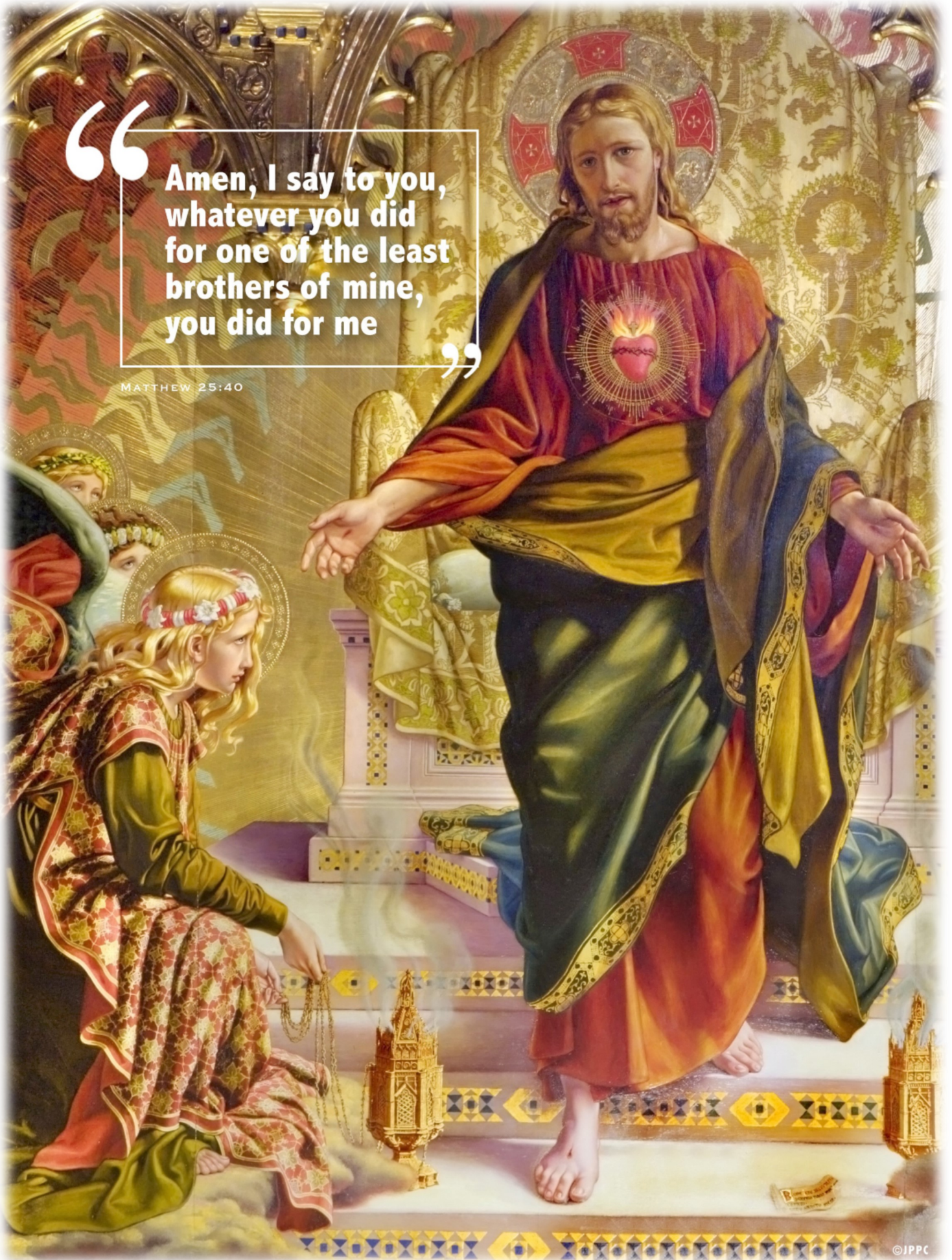


“ Amen, I say to you,  
whatever you did  
for one of the least  
brothers of mine,  
you did for me ”

MATTHEW 25:40





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*Mass Intentions*  
  
*for the Week*  
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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
 NOVEMBER 25, 2018**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

*The Mass of Anticipation for Christ the King*

4:00PM Celia Campopiano—Memorial

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

7:30 AM Betty J. Readey—1st Anniversary

9:00 AM Joan Montaquila—18th Anniversary

10:30AM George V. McKenna—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

*Weekday*

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Frank & Teresa Heran—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—19th Anniversary

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Barbara Calk—Memorial

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

*St. Andrew, Apostle*

7:30AM Mary E. Healey—39th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1**

*Weekday; BVM*

8:30AM Fr. Antonio Pavia—Memorial

*The Mass of Anticipation for 1st Sunday of Advent*

4:00PM Dina Coelho—Memorial

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

*The First Sunday of Advent*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Theresa Kissane—Memorial

10:30AM Stanley Zienowicz—Memorial

5:00PM Fr. Joseph Cazenavette—1st Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

I hope your Thanksgiving Day was a time of happiness and joy for you and your family. It is always an occasion to gather with family and friends and celebrate God's bounty and blessings in our lives. I traveled from RI, with my two sisters, to our sister's home in Saratoga, New York for Thanksgiving Dinner.

It was truly a joyful day to be with my family. This year was especially joyful as we are awaiting the birth of my sixth grand-niece in late November. As I write this I am hoping my niece doesn't give birth during the Thanksgiving meal! God is good and we give Him thanks for the blessings of life, family and faith!

Thanksgiving is over and so to is the Church's liturgical year. We begin the holy season of Advent next weekend. It seems to get more difficult for us to celebrate Advent, a season of patient and prayerful anticipation. The world around us with its rampant commercialism starts with Christmas in October. It's on the radio, television and in the stores!

Hopefully as Catholic disciples we can enter in the true meaning of Advent by rejecting the commercial Christmas so common in the world around us. It's an annual struggle, and also a yearly debate, about Advent as we rightly ask: "*Why do we start to celebrate Christmas so early?*"

The decorations are up in late October and the carols begin before Thanksgiving. Lots of folks have put up the tree. Little

time is dedicated to prayerful preparation of our Saviors' birth.

It used to be that the tree would not go up until Christmas Eve. Carols would never be heard until the week before Christmas. It also included days of fast and abstinence during Advent and even Christmas Eve was a day of penance! We so looked forward to Christmas because we waited!

Many suggest there's nothing we can do about it! Society begins the Christmas season on Halloween, and ends it on December 25. Our Church starts preparing for Christmas during Advent with purple vestments, advent wreaths, and no carols or decorations in church. And She begins the Christmas season with Mass on Christmas Eve, and ends it on the Epiphany (the Sunday after New Year's).

What to do? Well, we can't put the toothpaste back in the tube, as much as we might be nostalgic for a very serious Advent. We'll have to make some peace with our culture's way-too-early, and too commercial, celebration of Christmas.

But, we mustn't forgo a Advent altogether! Spiritually, it's part of our Catholic life and, even from a human point of view, we'll enjoy Christmas a lot more if we wait. Remember the old adage: "Pleasure delayed is pleasure enjoyed!"

What can we do to prepare for the great feast of Christmas? We can add more prayer and silence to our daily life amidst the hectic and noisy schedule before the holiday. We can also make a good, sincere confession before Christmas!

We might try to pay attention to the daily Mass readings for Advent, preferably, of course, at Mass itself; but, even if you can't attend, look them up online and meditate on the Readings from the Bible

We might consider making more acts of charity for the poor and needy. Perhaps not spending as much on ourselves and our own families but putting the poor and needy on our list. Our OLM Outreach is always in need of extra support during the holidays.

We know our culture starts celebrating Christmas way too soon and usually quickly forgets about Advent preparation. But, at least we can try to fight the temptation to give up on Advent and instead strive to live it in our daily lives in the coming weeks.

Let's strive to live the noble sentiments that abound during this time of the year: friendship and fellowship, generosity and charity, family unity and reconciliation, helping the poor and hungry, gift-giving, happy memories, and more goodwill towards all.

Wherever, whenever and however we choose to do it, please do Advent! It is far too important to forget and forsake! Without a doubt, Christmas is going to be a whole lot happier and joyful if we truly prepare and patiently wait. Advent is coming, prepare the way!

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

*Father Healey*



### *How do we know God?*

Usually questions about God revolve around proving his existence. For now let us assume his existence. The question today is how do we know anything about God. The difficulty lies in trying to use human concepts and ideas and apply them to God. Thomas Aquinas gives us the classic method of knowing God called the triplex via: remotion, eminence and affirmation. This way helps us to consider the distance between God and creatures. It is meant to purify our concepts and ideas about God. So we would say that God is not “good” as we understand “good” in this world. In order to understand Thomas it is important to remember the distinction between: modus significandi and ratio significandi. In short, the perfection (in this case “good”) belongs most properly to God, but our mode (modus) of signification falls short (from a linguistic POV this helps explain why we do not have to completely throw out intellectual activity/concepts/words).

For Thomas we can never leave our creaturely way of knowing things; it is a part of our very nature. The perfections which we attempt to name of God are ultimately derived from creatures and need to be referred back to as such. The Triplex via is an unbreakable whole; we need to use all three methods in order to understand God. Without causality (affirmation) there is nothing named. Without remotion one mingles God with creatures. Finally, without eminence one neglects the distance between us and God.

For Aquinas this is based on the anthropology of the human being (our body and soul are not two different things or substances, but one substantial form), the distinction between grace and nature, and the imago dei. Human beings need mediations (i.e. learning about God through his creatures) throughout their intellectual journey to union with God because of the naturalness of body and soul. The body does not impede the soul actions; rather it is most natural to it. Likewise grace does not destroy nature, but builds on it. Finally, being made in the image of God human beings follow God’s way of knowing and loving. In short, mystical union will follow natural knowing, but stretch it. Our mode of knowing always stays the same for Aquinas. The triplex via then, is not, for Aquinas is a way for the mind to rest in the highest form of knowledge about God in this life.

## Weekly Collection

**Collection results from last week are unavailable due to the Thanksgiving Holiday print deadline.**

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

### **Second Collections**

**Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection**



## Advent Study

Ladies who would like to prepare for the real joy of Christmas are invited to join in a weekly study of the meaning of Our Lord’s incarnation. We will meet

Wednesday’s (Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, 12th, & 19th) in the cry room from 12:30-2pm to study the Gospel texts and related themes. Women of all ages welcome—bring your wisdom to share with others! For further information, please contact Genevieve at 886-5106.

### **Confessions at OLM**

**Mondays 6:00PM—6:45PM  
Saturdays 3:00PM—3:45PM**



### Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, November 26th:** School resumes after Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Tuesday, November 27th:** OLM School Assembly at 8:15am
- **Friday, November 30th:** Dress Down Day in support of the *Keep the Heat On Fund*

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● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

● **Christmas Outreach:** We are in need of gift cards to Walmart and Stop & Shop for our outreach efforts for the holidays. Please deposit in collection basket in envelop marked "Outreach".

● **OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:** Thursday, December 6th at 4pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to join us for support, prayer and discussion.

● **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

## Vienna Boys Choir Holiday Celebration

McVinney Auditorium  
Providence, RI  
December 3, 2018 7:30 PM



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NO RE Classes this Sunday, November 25th due to Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

***Happy Thanksgiving to All our RE families, students and teachers!***

## **Prayerful Congratulations to the 2018 OLM Confirmation Class**

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### **Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

*Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them The fire of your love.  
Send forth your spirit,  
And they shall be created:  
And you will renew The face of the earth.*

## Christ the King



**N**ow celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the solemnity of Christ the King was originally observed on the last Sunday of October.

Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, it was one factor in the church's response to the political turmoil leading up to World War II.

This feast with its emphasis on Christ's second coming and final sovereignty over all creation is the perfect note on which to end one year and look forward to the next.



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