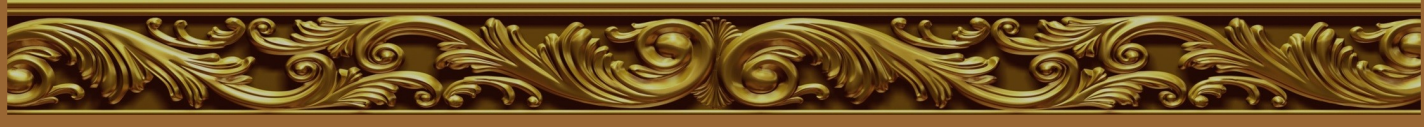


*'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'*

LUKE 18:13





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*Mass Intentions*  
 for the Week  
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**THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 OCTOBER 27, 2019**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00PM Gary Bizjack—Memorial

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27**

*The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Memorial

9:00 AM Catherine Grimes—35th Anniversary

10:30AM Bruna Vitelli —Month's Mind

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28**

*Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles*

7:30AM Special Intention

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Edward & Dolly Healey—70th Wedding Anniv.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Hope Conway—10th Anniversary

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Rodolphe Lincourt—Memorial

*Vigil Mass of Solemnity of All Saints*

5:00PM Rita McGoff—Memorial

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

*The Solemnity of All Saints*

7:30AM Catherine Grimes—35th Anniversary

9:00AM Leroy D. Aaronson —Memorial

7:00PM Patricia Hagerty—Month's Mind

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

*All Souls Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

8:30AM Christopher Angelo—15th Anniversary

12:00PM Souls in Purgatory

*Mass of Anticipation for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00PM Alfred, Julia, & Alfred Joseph Mastracchio—Mem.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

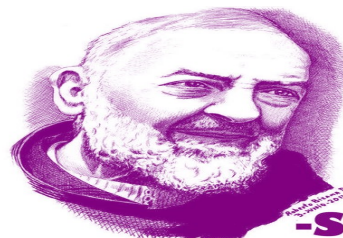
*The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

9:00 AM James Riley—4th Anniversary

10:30AM Deceased Parishioners of OLM

5:00PM Janet Forcier—Memorial



**We must  
 empty  
 Purgatory  
 with our  
 prayers.  
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

It's hard to believe that October is coming to an end! So now we anticipate the month of November. It is a month in which we especially remember the dead, as it is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, *"even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise."*

The Church has always taught us to pray for those who have gone into eternity. Even in the Old Testament prayers and alms were offered for the souls of the dead by those who thought *"well and religiously concerning the resurrection."* It was believed that *"they who had fallen asleep with godliness had great grace laid up for them"* and that *"it is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."*

The month of November begins with the great Solemnity of All Saints Day on Friday, November 1st. It is a holy day of obligation and we have four masses at OLM: 5:00pm Vigil, 7:30am, 9:00am School Mass and 7:00pm. On this great feast we celebrate all those who have attained heaven who we call saints both known and unknown,

Pope Francis suggests: *"The Feast of All Saints, then, is not celebrated only in honor of those who have reached the goal and attained to heaven. It is also for the many simple and hidden*

*people whom we may know, and who, through everyday holiness, help God to carry the world forward."*

We also mark the solemn commemoration of the dead on All Souls Day, November 2nd.. In a very special way we remember all those who have died, and in particular we pray for the souls in Purgatory. We will have two All Souls Day Masses at OLM on Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:30am and 12:00pm. You are invited to join us for these solemn Masses.

Also, please know we honor all our beloved dead throughout the month of November. Your All Souls envelopes with the names of your own beloved deceased family and friends are remembered at Masses in November.

On Sunday, November 3rd we remember, in particular, all our fellow OLM parishioners who have died over the last year. Their grieving families are to join us at this special Mass of Remembrance.

As we pledge our prayers for our beloved dead, we are reminded of the words of Saint John Chrysostom in the 4th Century: *"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."* Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI teaches: *"We commemorate all of the faithful departed, who have 'gone before us marked with the sign of faith and... who sleep in Christ' (Eucharistic*

*Prayer I). It is very important that we Christians live a relationship of the truth of the faith with the deceased and that we view death and the afterlife in the light of Revelation."*

The Our Faith, Our Future Parish Capital Campaign has begun with a great and enthusiastic response. Many parishioners have attended our campaign receptions to learn more about this vital effort for our parish and diocese. I thank the many volunteers who have been helping and also the many parishioners who have pledged such generous gifts thus far.

There are more campaign receptions scheduled this week. I urge everyone to attend and learn more about the campaign. We've inherited a great legacy of faith and sacrifice in this wonderful parish of Our Lady of Mercy. The witness of those who came before us calls us today to continue in the same spirit of sacrifice and faith. Please pray for the success of the campaign, attend a reception, and consider making a sacrificial gift for Our Faith and Our Future.

Please note next weekend is Daylight Saving Time and clocks fall back one hour. So next Saturday the 5pm Mass falls back to 4pm start time and Confessions to 3pm until April 4th! Next Sunday set your clocks back and enjoy the extra hour of sleep!!

See you at Devotions! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*

*Father Healey*



*If God knows everything, then are we really free?*

Given a choice between two options, God already knows which of the two we will choose. If God already knows what we will do before we do it, then we must do that action. If we must do the action, then we are not really free. Therefore, we are not really free.

This ancient argument tries to fit together human freedom and divine foreknowledge. Some strategies have compromised either human freedom or divine foreknowledge. For instance, to preserve the fact that God knows all things, past, present, future and possible, some deny that humans possess freedom (e.g. Fatalists and Calvinists). Others, to preserve human freedom, deny that God knows all things, particularly future events (e.g. Process Theology). We can, however, harmonize the two without denying human freedom or divine foreknowledge.

We need to keep in mind that God exists outside of time. For God all things, all people, all atoms, all times, all events, etc. are present to Him in the one eternal Now. There is no past, present or future for God. Furthermore, knowledge of an action, does not necessitate that action. I may have some secret insight that you are going to the store tomorrow, but my knowledge of your choice, does not necessitate your going. In this answer knowing a choice, does not necessitate that choice.

A possible counterargument goes as follows: While human knowledge does not necessitate action, divine knowledge does, because God knows things infallibly, and hence that action must necessarily occur. While I may know that you have chosen to go to the bookstore tomorrow morning, my human knowledge does not necessitate you going. Anything known by God, meanwhile, must necessarily happen, because he possesses infallible knowledge.

To answer this counterargument we return to the distinction between God and time. Because God knows choices outside of time, he knows them as necessary events, but those events are still contingent (i.e. non-necessary) events within time. In other words, we know our past choices as necessary choices, insofar as they can no longer be changed (the past is the past), yet looking back to them we can see that they were free choices. The fact that they cannot be changed now, does not mean that they could not be changed. Likewise, God being outside of time infallibly knows all choices, but inside of time they are still future non-necessary/contingent choices on our part. St. Thomas Aquinas writes: "Hence it is manifest that contingent things are infallibly known by God, inasmuch as they are subject to the divine sight in their presentatilty; yet they are future contingent [choices] in relation to [our choice as the cause]."

# Weekly Collection

**October 20, 2019**

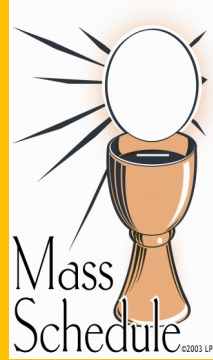
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| Weekly.....              | \$11,234.00 |
| EFT.....                 | \$1,915.00  |
| <b>Total=\$13,149.00</b> |             |
| Outreach.....            | \$382.00    |
| World Missions.....      | \$3,836.00  |
| Annual (to date).....    | \$82,892.00 |

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 Support!  
May God Bless Your Generosity!***

**Second Collections**  
**Next Week: Building & Grounds**

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



**SATURDAY EVENING  
MASS TIME CHANGE**

The 5:00PM Saturday Evening Mass moves back to 4:00PM start time beginning on Saturday, November 2nd. Saturday Confessions move from 4:00PM back to 3:00PM start time on Saturday, November 2nd.

**All Souls Day Envelopes**



**All Souls' Day**

All Souls envelopes should be returned by November 2, 2019. All the names of the beloved dead inscribed on All Souls Envelopes will be remembered at Masses during November. Please return your All Souls envelopes in the weekly collection basket.





Religious Education  
NEWS

- All RE Classes meet this weekend and next (November 3rd).
- First Communion Parent Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 7pm in OLM School Gym



Outreach  
Update

- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, November 7th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **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)

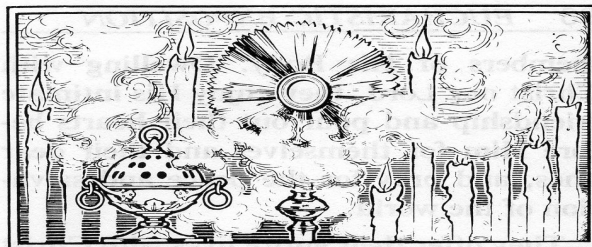


THE MEN OF  
ST. JOSEPH

**The Men of St. Joseph meet next Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 7:00am in the OLM Rectory Meeting Room.** All adult men of OLM are invited to join us for discussion, prayer and fraternity as we seek to strengthen our spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For more information contact the Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at [associatesh@olmparish.org](mailto:associatesh@olmparish.org)



**Marian Devotions**  
**Monday, October 28**  
**at 7pm**  
**Rosary, Adoration,**  
**& Benediction**



**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**  
**Friday, November 1, 2019**  
Exposition following 9AM First Friday Mass  
Adoration All Day with Benediction at 6:00PM



**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- **Wednesday, October 30:** Pre-K Trick or Treat
- **Friday, November 1st:** All Saints Holy Day Mass at 9:00am.

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## All Saints

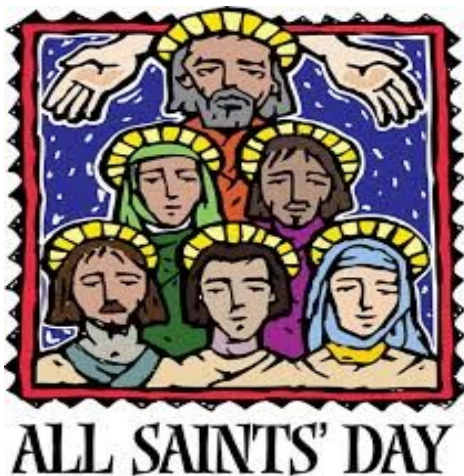


The solemnity of All Saints began in the Eastern church in the fourth century as a feast of all the martyrs and was celebrated on an unknown day around the time of Easter or Pentecost.

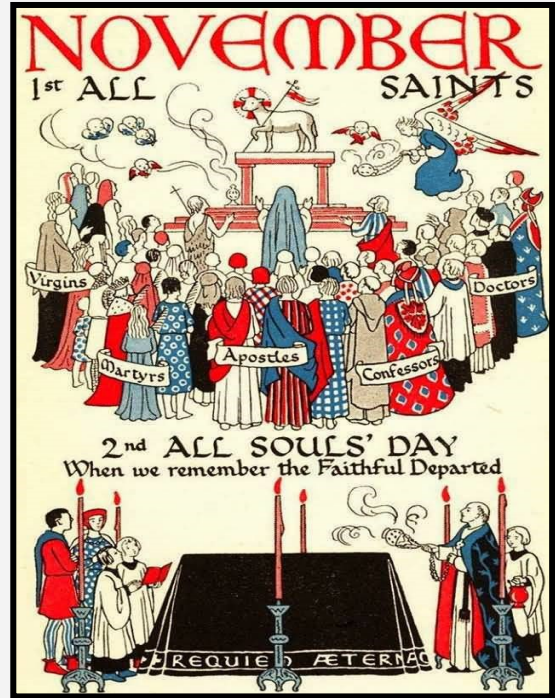
In the year 610, the Western church adopted and expanded the feast to include nonmartyrs and the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrating it on May 13, the date on which the Pantheon, the former temple of all the Roman gods, was dedicated anew as a Christian church.

Sometime between 731 and 741, Pope Gregory III dedicated a chapel in the Vatican Basilica to all the saints and declared the first day of November to be their official feast day.

This day celebrates not only those men and women who have been canonized but all who have lived according to the will of God and died in his grace.



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### Mass Schedule at OLM

All Saints Day, November 1st  
*A Holy Day of Obligation*

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Vigil Mass of All Saints at 5:00pm

Friday, November 1, 2019

Holy Day Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

All Souls Day, November 2nd

*The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

Saturday, November 2, 2019

All Souls Day Masses at 8:30am & 12:00pm

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