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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ August 16, 2015

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses..... 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

September—May..... 5:00 PM

Daily

Monday - Friday..... 7:30 AM

Saturdays & Legal Holidays..... 8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass..... 5:00 PM

Holiday Masses..... 7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact one of the parish priests prior to birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound or hospitalized.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

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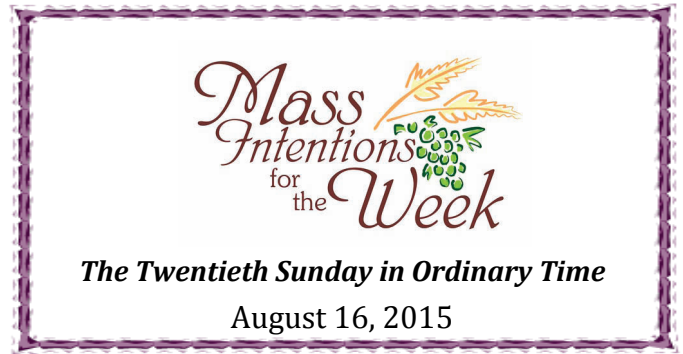
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The Mass of Anticipation for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Anne Matricciano—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Ferruccio Family-Mem.
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:30AM Brian Brice—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

Weekday
 7:30 AM Isabella Almonte—Memorial

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Weekday
 7:30 AM William E. Coyle, Jr. —Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Weekday/St. John Eudes, Priest
 7:30AM Deceased Members of the Pundys & Dikinis
 Families—Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Katherine Alexander—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

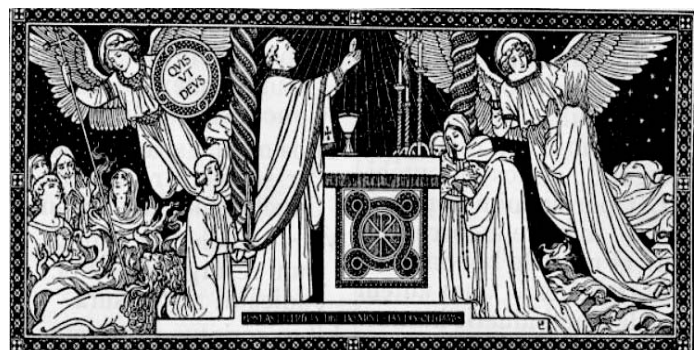
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30AM John Douglas Eberhardt—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM John & Dorothy Donahue—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM John & Sigrid Walsh—Memorial
 9:00 AM Katherine Alexander—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

I wrote too soon about the sidewalks last week. Due to the big storm on Tuesday, the work on the sidewalks was delayed. The Town was busy cleaning up all the down trees and limbs and couldn't complete the sidewalks as planned.

It was quite a storm last week that brought down trees, limbs, and electric wires. We lost power here at OLM for most of the day on Tuesday. Thankfully it came back on late Tuesday evening. I hope you and your homes weren't too severely impacted by the storm. And now we look forward to seeing completed sidewalks this week.

The storm surrounding Planned Parenthood continues unfold. Every new video released further demonstrates the depth of depravity of that organization. Sadly the efforts to defund Planned Parenthood went down in defeat in the U.S. Senate last Monday.

Unfortunately, our two U.S. Senators voted against defunding Planned Parenthood and have thus far even failed to condemn the group's gravely immoral and depraved actions. I urge you to speak up in defense of life and contact your elected officials in support of life.

It is not simply a political issue but a moral issue and so we must continue to speak out in defense of life. The innocent unborn need our voice. Defunding Planned Parenthood is one step in ending this grave moral evil in our nation.

The respect of human life, most especially the innocent unborn children, should be a priority for us and for our elected officials. Pray for an end to abortion and for the increased respect of human life.

Cardinal O'Malley of Boston rightly described Planned Parenthood's harvesting of body parts as part of our "throw-away culture." Indeed it is! Without our voices and without our commitment to pray and action, the voiceless unborn continue to be treated as just another commodity to be bought and sold.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has also lamented the throw-away culture. He stated: *"The victims of such a culture are precisely the weakest and most fragile human beings – the unborn, the poorest people, sick elderly people, gravely disabled people... who are in danger of being 'thrown out,' expelled from a machine that must be efficient at all costs."*

On a happier note, you can read in this weekend's bulletin about Brother Brian Bennett. He is from Our Lady of Mercy and his parents Dudley and Kathy are active parishioners. Last Saturday on the Feast of Saint Dominic he formally entered the Novitiate of the Order of Preachers (Dominican Friars).

He received his Dominican habit as he begins the process of prayer and study with his fellow Dominican Novices. We offer congratulations to Brother Brian. Let us pray for him and his novice

class, may their time be fruitful as they prepare to serve the Church as Dominican Friars.

Next Sunday night at 4:00pm we invite all our OLM high school aged young adults to come to a Kick-off Cookout. It takes place on the OLM School field and should be a great time to get together and discuss the upcoming year. Our OLM Youth Ministry Coordinator, Michael LaChimia, is organizing the event for our parish youth. If you or a member of your family is in high school we invite you to stop by for some good food and good times.

Finally a word of warning to all parishioners. It has come to our attention that a couple of people are "pan-handling" outside Church. This has occurred before and after daily mass and also during some Church meetings. We ask that you not give these individuals anything and certainly do not give cash.

Instead ask them to see the parish priests or OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green, at Mercy House. We are always ready to help those in true need. The generous support you give to the monthly Outreach Collection is designated to help such people in need. If you are approached, please let us know so we are aware of it. Thank you for your cooperation in dealing with his sensitive issue. Have a great week. Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Was the Assumption a Holy Day of Obligation this year?

On August 15, the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. On that day we recall that at the end of her earthly life, the Mother of God was assumed—body and soul—into Heaven. It is a reminder to us that Mary teaches us our dignity and our destiny. What happened to her is an anticipation and a promise of what is possible for us. She enjoys already what is possible for the baptized who persevere in faith and charity.

Ordinarily, the Church obliges attendance at Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption. Like other obligatory holy days, such as the Solemnity of All Saints or the Solemnity of the Mary, Mother of God, the Church requires Catholics to attend Mass on the Assumption.

However, when the Assumption (15 August) falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the Church does not require Catholics to attend Mass. The same is true for All Saints (1 November) and Mary, Mother of God (1 January).

The reason for this practice is simple: attendance at Mass two days in a row, especially for Catholics in parts of our country who have to travel some distance to attend Mass, could be a burden. For that reason, the bishops only require attendance at Mass on the Immaculate Conception (the patroness of the United States) and Christmas (the Church's great feast) even when they fall on a Saturday or Monday.

It is true that obligatory holy days arose when the Church enjoyed a certain secular power. To this day in much of Europe these solemnities are secular holidays where businesses are closed, and thus the obligation to attend Holy Mass is easier to fulfill.

However, Christ gave the Church the authority to specify how Christians worship God. Bishops in union with the Pope have been given authority from Christ to make these determinations (Mt. 18:18). The Bishops of our country thus ordinarily require attendance at Mass for the Assumption but did not do so this year.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to associatepastor@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

August 9, 2015

Weekly.....	\$11,785.50
EFT.....	\$1,763.50
Total=\$13,549.00	

Peter's Pence.....	\$3,596.00
Outreach.....	\$755.50

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!



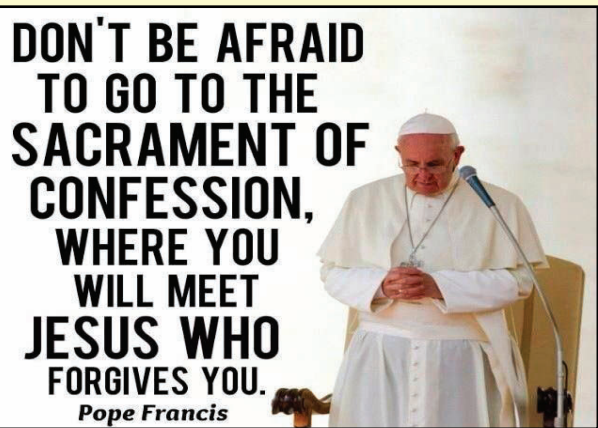
We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Rachel St. Jean and George P. Scobie** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.

Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM

Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM





Religious Education NEWS

Please register for RE Classes today. Registration forms available online or at the Parish Office. Please note that late fees apply for late registrations.

See you at Mass during these summer months!



Outreach Update

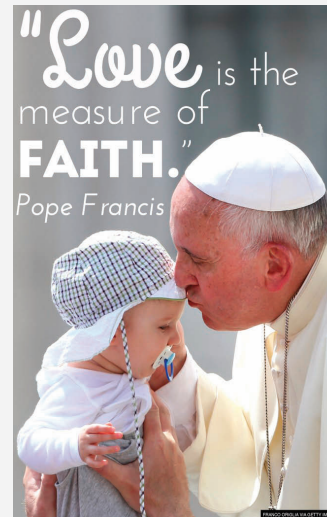
●THE OLM FOOD PANTRY is always in need of donated food items. Our food supply is low at this time of year but the demand increases. Please place all donated non-perishable food items in the box located in the Church vestibule. **Thank you for your support!** ●The OLM Bereavement Group is to meet on Thursday, August 20 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those suffering from the death of loved one, grief, loneliness or isolation are most welcome to attend. Contact Doug Green for more information.



Upcoming dates to remember:

- Tuesday, September 1st: First Day of School!
- Friday, September 4th: Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Opening of the School Year at 9:00AM
- Wednesday, September 16th: PTG "Back to School Night"
- OLM School "Mum Sale", beginning on Thursday, September 17th!

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



Thank you for your generous support of our Holy Father's charitable works in the Peter's Pence Collection. Your generous contributions will be combined with those of our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. Your generosity is an act of solidarity with the universal Church, answering the call to be a witness of charity.

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Help a Needy Student with School Supplies



Fr. James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Smith Hill section of Providence has asked for help from the Parishioners of OLM. He is seeking much needed back-to-school supplies such as pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, notebooks, folders and binders.

Fr. James hopes to fill 100 or more backpacks for needy students in his parish. If you wish to support this effort by OLM Outreach please place all your donated back-to-school supplies in the vestibule of Church. We hope to deliver backpacks full of supplies by the end of August. If you would like to donate funds for this effort simply put a check made payable to OLM Outreach with "St. Patrick's Backpack Drive" in the memo and place it in an envelope marked "Backpack Drive" and put in the weekly collection basket. **All donations are to be used to buy backpacks and supplies for the needy students of St. Patrick's Parish.**

Thank you for your support.



Kick-off COOKOUT
Sunday, August 23rd at 4PM
OLM School Field



Join us for a kick-off cookout for the upcoming year. Good food and good times for all OLM High School aged parishioners. If interested please email your RSVP by Friday, August 21st to Michael LaChimia, OLM Youth Ministry Coordinator, send emails to: mlachimia@olmschool.org

Congratulations to our newly baptized :



Gloria Jean Goudie,
and her parents, Brett and Jean-Nicole.

Henry David Holgate,
and his parents, David and Tiffany.

Natasha Alice Shepherd,
and her parents, Warren and Martha.

Eva Marin Zagryn,
and her parents, Tyler and Lauren.

“Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called children of God, for so indeed they are.”—The Rite of Baptism

Prayerful Congratulations, Brother Brian!

Brother Brian Bennett formally entered the Novitiate of the Order of Preachers for the St. Joseph Province last Saturday on the Feast of Saint Dominic. Brian is the son of OLM Parishioners, Dudley and Kathy Bennett. Founded by St. Dominic in 1218, the Friars are known for their preaching, teaching and pastoral work throughout the world. Brother Brian begins his time of prayer, discernment and formation for the Order of Preachers (Dominican Friars) at the St.

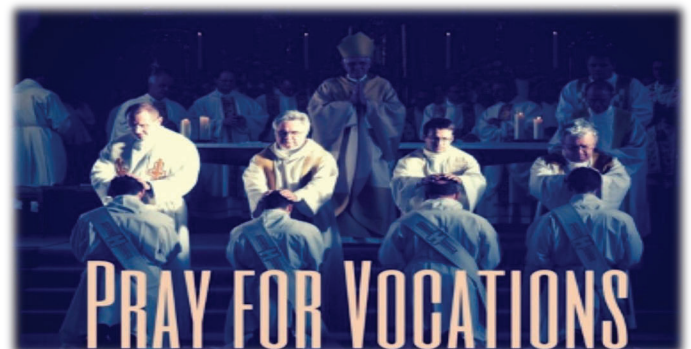
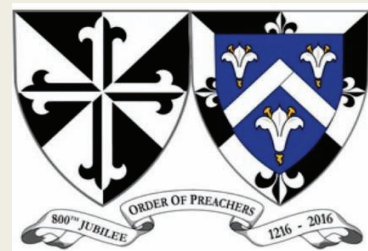


Gertrude's Priory in Cincinnati, Ohio under the direction of Father Francis Belanger, OP who serves as the Novice Master. Father Francis is also a native son of OLM. His parents are OLM Parishioners, Bob and Ginny Belanger.

Please pray for Brother Brian and his novices!

If you wish to send Brother Brian a note of congratulations and offer your support and prayers, please send to:

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