

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2012

Mass Intentions



for the Week

Monday—October 22

Weekday

7:30AM—Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

Tuesday—October 23

Weekday/*St. John of Capistrano, Priest*

7:30AM—Gavin Lowe—4th Anniversary

Wednesday—October 24

Weekday/*St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop*

7:30AM—Pat Franzone—Memorial

Thursday—October 25

Weekday

7:30AM—Ada Pyun—Memorial

Friday—October 26

Weekday

7:30AM—Louise Kiernan & Mary Shehab—Memorial

Saturday—October 27

Weekday/*BVM*

8:30AM—R.G. Peter—Memorial

Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM—Thomas Fitzpatrick—Memorial

Sunday—October 28

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—George Ferruccio—12th Anniversary

9:00AM—Thomas Brescia—Memorial Mass

10:30AM—David Kenney—Birthday Memorial

Mass intentions are published so the entire parish family can pray the Mass intention of the Priest, for the living or the dead. Even if you cannot attend the Mass this day, please join in our parish intention during your own personal prayer time. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to schedule an announced intention at Mass as listed here. At every Mass, we should bring at least one personal intention to offer in prayer.



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Dear Parishioners:

What a wonderful celebration of Confirmation we had last Sunday. Nearly 100 of our young parishioners were confirmed in their Catholic Faith by Bishop Evans. The sun was shining, the choir sang beautifully, the Bishop provided an inspirational message for our Confirmation

Class, and the newly confirmed were radiant with the grace of the Sacrament and the power of the Holy Spirit! I offer my thanks to all who helped prepare for this day and provided a great celebration and reception. I ask you to please pray for our Confirmation Class that they may remain close to the Lord and His Church, continue to join us at Mass and put their Catholic Faith into action in their daily lives. In the coming weeks I will be writing each of them and inviting them to consider serving our parish in one of our various parish ministries.

Enclosed in the bulletin is the Annual Parish Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012. I encourage you to take it home for your review of our financial condition. Let me first thank you for your generous financial support of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, without it we could not operate. Overall the report is not too bad but there are some concerns with the operating deficits over the last two fiscal years. This year the deficit was again over \$40,000 due partly to a slight decline in weekly giving along with increased operational expenses.

Our expenses continue to rise but our revenue is dipping below what it needs to be. While this is an issue of concern, it is not a dramatic problem. Over the next year the Parish Financial Council and I will study our operational budget to look for areas where savings can be found. At the same time we need a steady increase of the weekly parish support to overcome this deficit. Therefore, as you study the report I ask each of you to prayerfully reflect upon the amount of your weekly parish giving. Are you giving what you gave last year or five years ago? As you well know from running your own household budgets, expenses do not remain steady but usually increase. In order to overcome this, we need to increase the level of weekly giving as we cut expenses. Again thank you for all your generosity, it is truly appreciated and I am grateful for your continued financial support of the parish.

In this Year of Faith as we consider the financial support of our parish, I invite you to reflect on some words of wisdom from our Holy Father. In speaking about faith and charity, Pope Benedict says: "*Faith without charity bears no fruit, while charity without faith would be a sentiment constantly at the mercy of doubt. Faith and charity each require the other, in such a way that each allows the other to set out along its respective path.*" God Bless. Go Pats, please!!!

Father Healey



Weekly Collection

Week of October 14, 2012

Weekly.....\$13,098.07
Seminarian Education Fund.....\$5,057.00

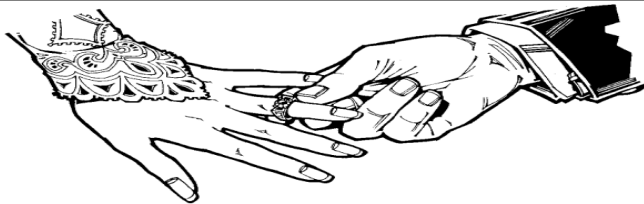
If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collections

Next Week: : World Missions Collection

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



Banns of Marriage

- II—David Holgate & Tiffany Wesson
- III—Michael Mayer & Amy Gottfried



This Week at Our Church

- Monday – 11:30AM Mass at St. Elizabeth Home
- Monday – 7:00pm – October Devotions
- Tuesday – 7:00pm – Legion of Mary



The flowers on the Blessed Mother Shrine are given in memory of Nancy Raimondo



Marian Devotions Mondays at 7:00PM during the entire Month of October

Join us in praying the Rosary with the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. October is Respect Life Month, please join us in asking Our Lady's intercession for an increase of respect for human life and human dignity in our world.

YOUTH GROUP FIELD TRIP



Youth Group Outing to the Haunted Labyrinth Sunday, October 28th, 7-9pm

Join us for our trip to the Haunted Labyrinth (Dyer Ave, Cranston) on Sunday, October 28th. Admission is only \$10. Bus will leave promptly from OLM at 7:00pm and return for 9:00pm. All high school age OLM parishioners are welcome to join our OLM Youth Group for this activity. Permission slips needed in advance. For more information contact Father Shemek at 884-4968.



A Loss in Our Church Family

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Mary Maddalena** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in eternal peace.


Religious Education
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Grade 9 Class —Mondays at 7:00pm

Grades 7 & 8 Classes —Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Grades 1-6—Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 4:00pm

Confirmation for current 9th grade students, public, parochial and private is scheduled for **May 19, 2013 at 1:00pm with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin.** All 9th Graders who intend on being confirmed should now be registered. There is a **mandatory parent meeting** for all grade 9 families on November 5th at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Please call or e-mail Mrs. St. Jean for information at 884-1061 or olmreled@cox.net

Ushers Needed



Are you a man or a woman who is 18 years or older? Would you like to serve parish as an usher at Weekend Masses?

Help serve your Parish!!!!

If you presently serve as an usher, served in the past as an usher or would like to serve now as an usher, please join us for an **OLM Usher Training Session on Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00PM** in Church. For more information, please call Fr. Healey at 884-4968.

Altar Servers Needed



Would you like to join the few, the proud, the Our Lady of Mercy Altar Servers? Are you a boy or girl in Grade 4 or above? New Altar Server training will begin in November. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office or ask your OLM Teacher or RE Teacher for an application and parent permission form today! **Sign up for Altar Server Training !! Consider serving God and your parish at Holy Mass, Patriot Quarterback Tom Brady did and served as an altar server at St. Gregory's in San Mateo, CA! Why not you?!**

Praise Him

**Benefit Concert
October 27th & 28th
LaSalette Shrine**



Join us for a **FANTASTIC CONCERT** of religious and Caribbean music, "**PRAISE HIM!**" will be presented at LaSalette Shrine on Saturday, October 27 at 7:30pm and Sunday,

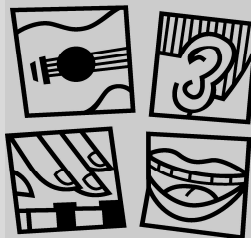
October 28th at 2:00 and 6:30 pm. Presented by and proceeds for the **MISSIONARIES OF THE POOR**, an international Catholic charity dedicated to helping the poor. Tickets available by contacting Don and Sue Carcieri or Alison Carcieri-Cassidy at 401-533-2927 or by visiting the website, www.missionariesofthepoor.org.



**Attention All
Boy Scouts &
Girl Scouts**

If you are interested in working on a **Catholic Religious Award** this year please contact Mrs. Jane Burley at 643-1350. The first meeting will be Monday, October 29 at 6:30pm. For more information on Catholic scouting and religious awards please visit www.ymcyoprov.org and follow the link for Catholic scouting.

MUSIC



MINISTRY

We are back from summer vacation and beginning the new year in music ministry. We are looking for parishioners who are interested in music ministry at OLM. At present the Choir, Choristers (children), Handbell Choir and Cantors are in full swing. If you think you might be interested in sharing your talents and efforts in any of these activities, please contact Brother Roger to discuss your interests. You can see him after Masses in the choir loft or call and leave a message for him at 884 - 4968.