

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28, 2012

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday—October 29

Weekday

7:30AM—*Pro Populo*

Tuesday—October 30

Weekday

7:30AM—John Gardner—Memorial

Wednesday—October 31

Weekday

7:30AM—Deceased Members of the Colgan Family—Mem.

Vigil of the Solemnity of All Saints

5:00PM—Hope Conway—Memorial

Thursday—November 1

The Solemnity of All Saints

7:30AM—Christopher Angelo—Memorial

9:00AM—James Potter—Birthday Remembrance

7:00PM—Special Intention

Friday—November 2

All Souls Day

7:30AM—Deceased Members of the Frank Almonte Family—Mem.

7:00PM—Deceased Parishioners of OLM—Memorial

Saturday—November 3

Weekday/St. Martin de Porres, Religioius/BVM

8:30AM—Thomas Mulvery—Memorial

Vigil of the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM—Joann Vito—Memorial

Sunday—November 4

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM—Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary—Mem.

9:00AM—Patricia Cunningham—Birthday Remembrance

10:30AM—Vincent Lanna—Memorial



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Dear Parishioners:

The month of October is coming to an end and so we await the celebrations this week of Halloween, the All Saints Holy Day and the Feast of All Souls. As we turn the calendar to November, we are called by the Church in to pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

November begins with the great feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation for all Catholics, and a day we recall in faith all those who are known officially as saints and those saintly people known only to God. I hope you make every effort to come to one of the four Holy Day Masses this week.

On Friday, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls, when we recall all our beloved dead and all the souls in purgatory. Prayer for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy and it is an essential part of our witness to God's love and mercy. Prayer for the dead both honors the memory of the dead and expresses our continuing love of them by assisting them to be freed of any temporal punishment due to sin and to reach their lasting home with God. Let us pledge our prayers for our beloved dead as we recall 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."*

In a very special way on Friday night at 7:00pm we gather to pray for our fellow OLM parishioners who have died in the last year. I invite you to join the families of these good souls as we gather as a parish to pray for all those who grieve and to offer Mass for the repose of the faithful departed of Our Lady of Mercy. A reception follows in the OLM School Cafeteria. If you cannot attend, please remember to pray for them and for all the dead during this All Souls' Month of November.

On Halloween night I will be giving candy out to any children from Our Lady of Mercy and from the local neighborhood in costume. Trick or Treaters are welcome to stop by the Third Street Rectory door from 6:00pm until 8:00pm for an old fashioned, full-size candy bar! Of course, for those parish children who come to the All Saints Vigil Mass on Tuesday night at 5:00pm, there might just be an extra treat! So please stop by if you are heading out for tricks or treats on Halloween!

A Day of Adoration and Prayer for Election 2012 is scheduled for this Monday, October 29th. Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 7:30am Mass and all throughout the day parishioners are invited to stop by Church and spend some time in prayerful adoration before the Eucharistic Lord. In a special way we pray for all candidates for public office and for our town, state and nation as we prepare to vote. We conclude the day with October Devotions including a homily on "Faithful Citizenship" by Father John Codega. Hope to see you in Church this week. Happy Halloween! Happy All Saints!! God Bless.

Father Healey





Weekly Collection

Week of October 21, 2012

Weekly.....\$11,514.47

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

This Week: : World Missions Collection
Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection

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



Happy Halloween!

Candy will be passed at the Third Street Rectory Door on Halloween night, Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00PM to all parish and neighborhood children dressed in costume.



Banns of Marriage

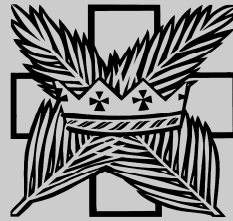
III—David Holgate & Tiffany Wesson



A Loss in Our Church Family

We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Loretta Jusczyk and Marliese Franek** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in eternal peace.



A BLESSED ALL SAINTS DAY!

All Saints Day

A Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, October 31

Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Thursday-November 1st

Holy Day Masses —7:30AM, 9:00AM & 7:00PM

All Souls Day

Friday, November 2nd

7:30AM Mass

7:00PM Mass for Deceased Parishioners of OLM



ALL SOULS DAY

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?!**



This Week at Our Church

Monday — 7:00pm — October Devotions

Tuesday — 7:00pm — Legion of Mary

Thursday — 4:00pm — Bereavement Group



The flowers on the Blessed Mother Shrine are given in memory of Alfred & Julia Mastrachio



Religious Education NEWS

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

BAPTISM CLASS



All families scheduled for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, November 11th **must attend** Preparation Class on Monday, November 5th at 7:00PM in Church. Please contact Fr. Shemek at the Parish Office (884-4968) if you cannot attend.



Outreach Update

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The schedule for the ongoing Bereavement Support Group meetings is the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Meetings are held in the sitting room of Mercy House, 57 Second St.

HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION

The OLM Food Pantry is gearing up for the upcoming holiday season. The traditional holiday favorites are needed. Boxed mashed potatoes, pasta, cranberry sauce, gravy, yams/sweet potatoes, stuffing, pickles, olives, canned meats, quick breads, fruit, hot chocolate, brownie mix. The regular standard items are needed as well. Juice, coffee, pancake mix, syrup, puddings/jello, baked beans, tuna, cereal.

Ushers Needed



Are you a man or a woman who is 18 years or older? Would you like usher at Mass? Can you smile and welcome people? Then this ministry is for you!

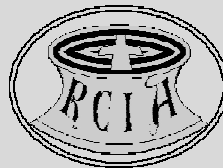
If you presently serve as an usher, served in the past as an usher or would like to serve now as an usher, please join us for an **OLM Usher Training Session on Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00PM** in Church. For more information, please call Fr. Healey at 884-4968.

No pay but great spiritual benefits.



Attention All Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

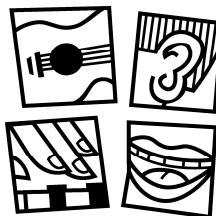
If you are interested in working on a **Catholic Religious Award** this year please contact Mrs. Jane Burley at 743-1350. The first meeting will be Monday, October 29 at 6:30pm. For more information on Catholic scouting and religious awards please visit www.ymcyoprov.org and follow the link for Catholic scouting.



Are you a Non-Catholic interested in becoming Catholic? Are a Catholic who hasn't received all your Sacraments? Why not explore becoming a Catholic or becoming a fully initiated Catholic? The Our Lady of Mercy Rite of Christian

Initiation Program (RCIA) is looking for you. Contact Fr. Healey at 884-4968 for more information.

MUSIC



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

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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.