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little faith,
why did
you doubt?*
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MATTHEW 14:31



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**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 9, 2020**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Celestina, Felix & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Judge Vincent Ragosta—3rd Anniversary
 10:30AM Dec'd of the Dikinis & Pundys Families—Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 10—VJ HOLIDAY

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
 8:30AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—49th Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Claire, Virgin
 7:30AM Dec'd of the Berek Family—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday; St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 7:30AM John & Jack Duffy—Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Weekday; Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 7:30AM Teresa Romano—Memorial

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

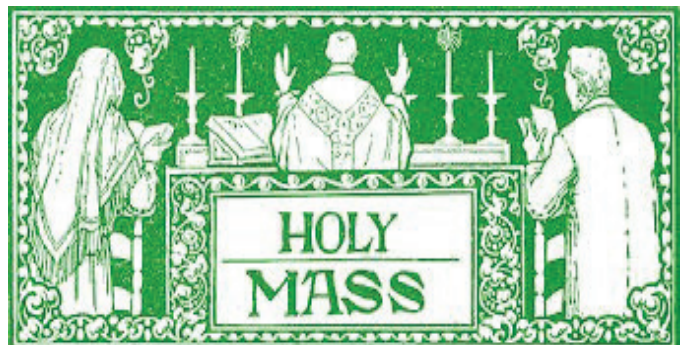
St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
 7:30AM Fr. Edmond P. Prendiville—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM
 8:30AM Marie Oliverio—Birthday Remembrance
Mass of Anticipation for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Mary Falchini—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Doris & Donald Clark—Memorial
 10:30AM Alice Filippi Bleuze—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

We are happy to report that we have rescheduled our First Holy Communion Masses postponed earlier in the spring. We are spreading them out over three Saturdays in September to keep the groups small, about 20 candidates at each class.

Our OLM School First Communion Class will celebrate together while our OLM RE Classes are separated in two. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, only their parents and immediate family are allowed to attend the Masses. However, it will be live-streamed so that relatives and friends might watch and pray for the First Communicants.

We are thrilled that this important celebration in the life of our parish is happening! We thank all the First Communion Families for their patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. Please pray for these children as they continue to prepare for the reception of First Holy Communion.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once gave a talk to a First Communion Class. He said:

“Of course, I remember my First Communion day very well. It was a lovely Sunday in March 1936. It was a sunny day, and the Church looked very beautiful, there was music. There were so many beautiful things that I remember. But at the heart of my joyful and beautiful memories is this one - I understood that Jesus had entered my heart, he had actually visited me. And with Jesus, God himself was with me. And I realized that this is a gift of love that is truly worth more

than all the other things that life can give.”

Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 25th, at 5:00 PM with Bishop Salvatore Matano of Rochester, NY as our celebrant. We are keeping this date and time and expect that Bishop Matano is still able to join us. We have over 80 candidates for Confirmation and anticipate restricting attendance at the Mass to the candidates and their parents and sponsors. The Mass is to be live-streamed for relatives and friends. Pray for these young men and women as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We are also finalizing our plans for the OLM Religious Education Program for the coming year. We will be unable to have in-person classes due to the COVID-19 restrictions. These restrictions mean that our RE families are going to have to homeschool their children in the faith. Of course, we provide the needed materials and necessary guidance for this home study.

We hope for some limited in-person instruction for the RE Students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation in 2021. We are still developing a plan that is feasible and safe for all concerned. Sacramental Preparation needs some in-person instruction, and this is most likely to be done in the Church itself.

It is important to remember that our RE Program is only an additional aid and guide for parents in the teaching of the faith to their children. They are the primary teachers of the faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches:

“Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues.

Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child’s earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.”

We encourage students and families to register now for Religious Education. Knowing the number of students enrolled in our RE program this fall helps us plan correctly. Registration is online at the parish website. Pray for our OLM RE Families!

Our goal is first and foremost, the healthy and safe return of students to RE and Church. Of course, all these plans are subject to change as the pandemic health and safety restrictions evolve. Please pray for an end of COVID-19 and the health, well being and safety of all!

Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless.

Ask Father

A Warning About Closing Down

Prudential decision making depends on considering all factors and circumstances. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic many families, schools, and businesses are forced to weigh several circumstances to make a prudential decision. These include, but are not limited to: the health and safety of children and teachers, the economic costs of virus mitigation or shut downs, and the proper way to reopen. Perhaps a bad assumption lurks in the minds of many people: if we close something today, we can simply reopen it tomorrow.

The economic downturn caused by the shutdowns may have halted part of the spread of the virus, but the lack of economic stability may have far worse effects later. For many, particularly the poor, the virus is not the only worry: a lack of income from a lost job, the psychological stress of isolation, an undiagnosed or untreated illness left unchecked, school children who suffer under inadequate distance learning, are just a few issues. These concerns often go unnoticed or ignored by those who advocate for more shutdowns, since more often than not such people have the economic or social resources to cope. For instance, one family may think it prudent to close schools again since their children can learn at home on a laptop or with the aid of a stay at home parent. Unfortunately, many in the world do not have that luxury. In fact, many families struggle to pay for necessities let alone the tools needed for distance learning. Further, both parents often must work and leave the child at home to learn on his own. In short, shutting down schools for another semester is a privilege that the rich, not the poor, can afford.

In an imperfect world we must often weigh two equally unappealing alternatives. If we shut down then we may delay the virus, but the economic and social damage may be worse in the long term. If we stay open the health and safety of people may be in jeopardy due to the spread of the virus and the possibility that it may prove particularly deadly to those under 65.

The biggest question right now for families is whether to send their children back to school. I offer one consideration as they make their decision. In the short term parents with enough resources may be able to pull their children from school for another semester or even a year. But next year, they may find, because of the economic toll, they may not have a school to send their children.



Weekly Collection

August 2, 2020

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	Total=\$14,638.00
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Due to Covid-19 safeguards, public admittance to the OLM Parish Office is limited. Please call ahead for Mass cards and spiritual bouquets.

Monday, August 10, 2020—VJ Holiday

The Office is closed for the holiday.

Mass is at 8:30AM

Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM



Confessions on Saturdays are suspended until further notice to allow for cleaning and sanitizing of the Church. For Confession by appointment please call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 to speak with a priest for an appointment.



Religious Education NEWS

The Celebration of First Communion at OLM

Saturday, September 12th at 12noon

OLM School First Communion Class

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm.

Saturday, September 19th at 12noon

**Religious Education students
whose last names begin A—L.**

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 17th at 6:00pm

Saturday, September 26th at 12 noon

**The Religious Education students
whose last names begin M—Z .**

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00pm.

Please pray for our First Communion Class as they continue to prepare to receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time. Thank you for your support!



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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The bodily assumption of Mary into the kingdom of God was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Not scripturally based, the concept of Mary's assumption developed as part of the tradition of the early church.

First thought of as her "dormition" or "falling asleep," this feast is still celebrated under the title "Dormition" in the Eastern church.

By the eighth century, Rome had changed the title of the feast to "Assumption" and had conferred upon it the more active idea of Mary's actually having been taken up into heaven in both soul and body.

Mary is not the only figure in our Judeo-Christian understanding to be taken bodily into heaven. In 2 Kings, we read of Elijah the prophet who was taken to heaven in a whirlwind.



HAIL

Holy Queen,
Mother of God

Assumption

of our **LADY** into
Heaven

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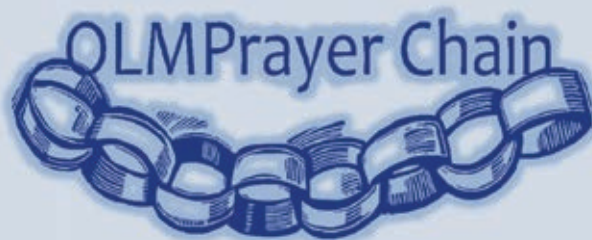
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15
Mass at 8:30am



"No one ever followed Jesus so well as Mary his Mother. No one can help us more, by her example and by her intercession"

(Behold Your Mother: Woman of Faith, no. 130).



*Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net. **If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

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