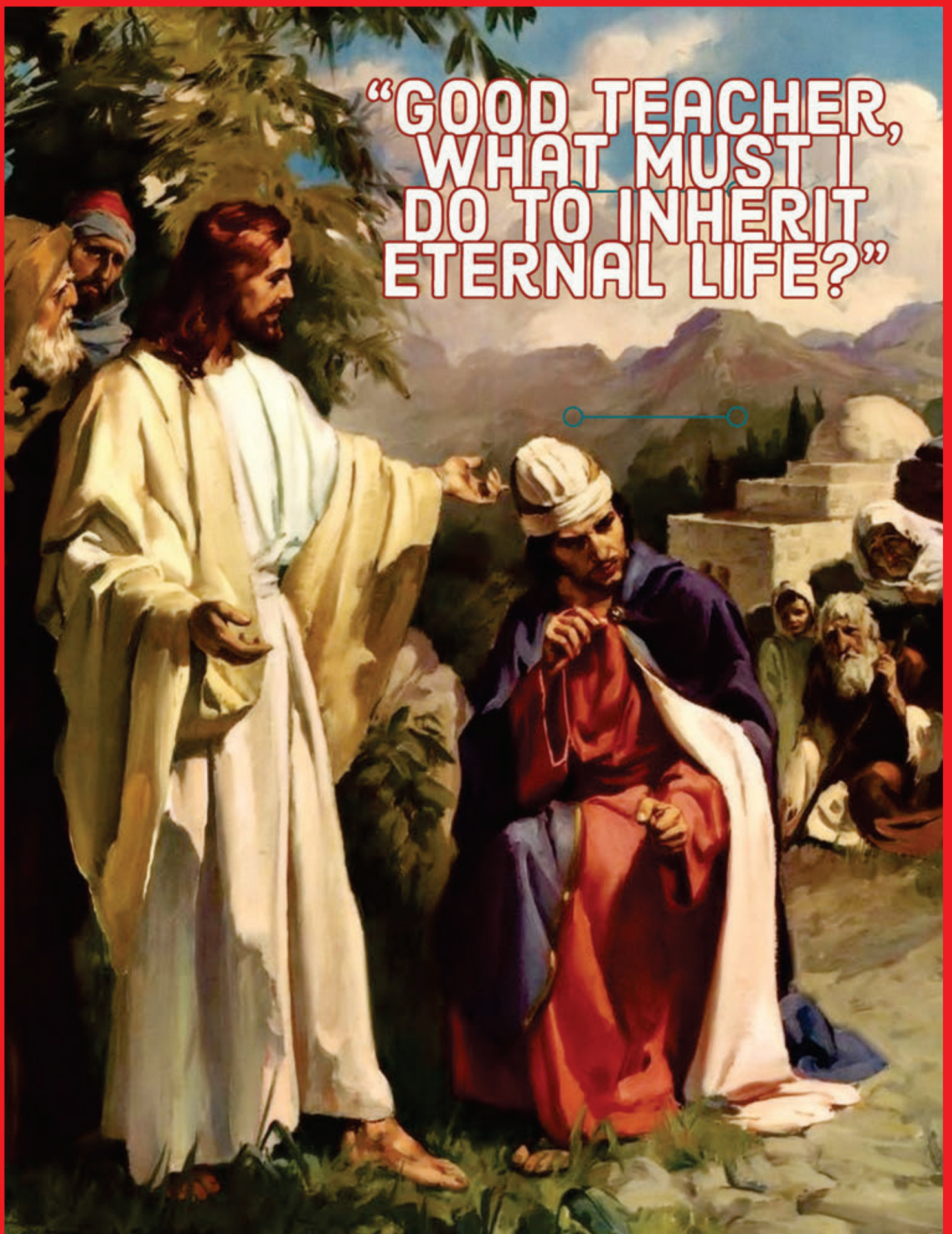


**“GOOD TEACHER,
WHAT MUST I
DO TO INHERIT
ETERNAL LIFE?”**



Mass Intentions for the Week



**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 10, 2021**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

The Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00PM Jeanne A. Harrington—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Marilyn Fox—Memorial
9:00AM Jameson Hassett—Memorial
10:30AM Stephen P. Lynch, Sr. —Memorial
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11—COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday; St. John XXIII, Pope
8:30AM Marcia & Elia Durel—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday
7:30AM Hak-Jin Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday
7:30AM Mariano Salgado—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday; St. Calistus I, Pope & Martyr
7:30AM Albert & Lorraine Tavani—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Fr. Donald J. Bouressa—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Weekday; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
8:30AM Dr. Samuel J. Ianacone—39th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00PM Andrew Rockett—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Jeanne Scott—3rd Anniversary
9:00AM Fr. Donald J. Bouressa—3rd Anniversary
10:30AM Al Behbehani—Memorial
5:00PM Confirmation Mass



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Dear Parishioners:

This Monday, we will observe Columbus Day. In 2021, it is the cause of celebration and pride, especially for Italian Americans. However, it is also the cause of upset and protests for others. Some have even changed the name from Columbus Day to “Indigenous People Day.”

In 1492, when Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue, and then landed on these shores, he introduced the Catholic Faith and Western Civilization to America. It was the beginning of the creation of the society in which we now live.

Many view it as one of history’s great triumphs. But “the woke” who have decided to cancel Columbus insist it was a great tragedy. In fact, in the City of Providence, the statue of Columbus, vandalized last year, now remains in storage.

Yet, there are still parades, and Masses celebrated to honor Christopher Columbus. These celebrations go on despite the wrath and protest of politically correct censors of the cancel culture. They seem to have little toleration by those who view Columbus with pride and in historical context.

Robert Royal, the author of *Columbus and the Crisis of the West*, asks: “*If the arrival of our civilization and religion on these shores—whatever later evils ensued—can not be calmly discussed, let alone defended, what are we now as a people?*”

Indeed, there are tragic chapters in the history of the European conquest of the New World. There are sad chapters in the history of any nation.

Acceptance of slavery and racism mars our American history.

Therefore, we must acknowledge that European discoverers brutally subjugated native Americans. But it was not their Catholic faith that motivated them to do so. On the contrary, many Catholic leaders strongly protested the mistreatment of native tribes, showing how it violated the principles of Catholic teaching and morality.

Columbus Day became a federal holiday in 1937. However, local celebrations by Italo-Americans began many decades earlier. In the late 19th century, those celebrations provoked a backlash from the anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic Know-Nothing movement.

Once again, that same ideological hostility prompts rioters and protesters to vandalize and pull down statues of Christopher Columbus. It also motivates the desecration of Catholic churches in the United States.

At least 95 incidents of vandalism and desecration of Catholic Churches have occurred across 29 states since May 2020. These incidents of violent destruction and senseless vandalism include arson, statues smashed, beheaded and limbs cut. Many churches, statues, and gravestones were defaced with anti-Catholic graffiti.

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York, annually participates in New York’s Columbus Day Parade and celebrates a special Mass on Columbus Day at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Commenting on the rise of attacks upon churches, he

recently observed:

“When people attack religion, faith, the churches, mosques, synagogues, or, worse, persons, our entire culture, society, and common good are weakened and threatened.”

These disturbed people of hate are shrewd. Nihilists and anarchists know that to wreck civilization, it is effective to target those who nobly advocate for the dignity of the human person and the sacredness of all human life—and that means people of faith and their houses of worship. While we pray for these culprits, we condemn their acts.”

So join us on Monday as we celebrate Columbus Day with Mass at 8:30 am. We pray and remember Columbus, an imperfect man who discovered our land and brought the Catholic Faith to the New World. Also, join us for Marian Devotions on Columbus Day at 7:00 pm as we offer a Rosary for increased respect for all human life and religious liberty in our nation.

Finally, we ask for your prayers this week for our Confirmation Candidates. Next Sunday at 5:00 pm, Bishop Matano of Rochester, NY, celebrates the Confirmation Mass at OLM. Pray for these young men and women about to receive the grace of the Sacrament and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Happy Columbus Day! See you at Devotions on Monday Night. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!

Father Healey



September 22 through October 31 | 40 Days for Life
 Visit 40daysforlife.com/Providence and consider signing up for a vigil. If you are unable to attend a gathered prayer vigil, you may choose to pledge a Rosary each day for 40 days to end abortion.

Saturday, October 16 | Human Life Guild Day
9:30 a.m. Mass for Life

Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence
 Bishop Tobin, celebrant and homilist.

11 a.m. Gloria Purvis, national pro-life speaker
 McVinney Auditorium, Providence

Gloria Purvis is a radio personality and Catholic commentator. She hosts a podcast from America Media, is the Chairperson for Black Catholics United for Life, serves as a consultant for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Religious Liberty, and was the host of EWTN's international radio show "Morning Glory."

October 29-31 | Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

This supportive post-abortion weekend retreat of healing is offered in both English and Spanish. Call for details and/or to register. All inquiries confidential.

Contact Lisa Cooley Coordinator of the Office of Life & Family



Columbus Day Holiday
Monday, October 11, 2021
Mass at 8:30 am
Confessions at 6:00pm
Devotions at 7:00 pm

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.

Weekly Collection

October 3, 2021

Weekly.....\$11,926.00
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Total=\$16,656.00

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October 4, 2020

Weekly.....\$14,363.00
 Annual 2020 Total.....\$131,665.00



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

Second Collections

This Week: Seminarian Education

MARIAN DEVOTIONS EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

*"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times."
 -Saint Padre Pio*

Exposition, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction





RE Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, October 10:**
Mass at 5:00PM, No RE Classes due to Columbus Day Holiday
- **Thursday, October 14 at 7:00PM:**
MANDATORY CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
for All Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors
- **Sunday, October 17 at 5:00PM:**
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Matano
- **Sunday, October 24:**
5:00PM Mass and Class for Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. *Thank you for your support!*
- **OLM Bereavement Group:** Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 21 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.
- For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at outreach@olmparish.org



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Calendar of Events

- **Monday, October 11:** No School for Columbus Day Holiday
- **Tuesday, October 12:** School Mass at 8:15am; Winter Uniforms begin
- **Wednesday, October 13:** Cross Country State Meet at Slater Park at 4pm
- **Sunday, October 17:** Confirmation Mass at 5:00PM

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Our Lady of the Rosary



FEAST DAY:
OCTOBER 7

This feast celebrates the victory of God through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of the Rosary. This feast was formalized in the 16th century.

The feast commemorates the day that the naval forces of several Christian nations defeated invading Turkish naval forces in the Gulf of Lepanto, off the west coast of Greece. The Rosary was already an established pious practice at this time. Leading up to this battle, the Pope Pius V asked Christians throughout Europe to pray the Rosary for a successful defense, and Christians throughout Europe and naval crew members on over 200 naval ships prayed. Members of the Confraternity of the Rosary were also gathered in Rome that day, praying for the victory of the naval forces.

On Sunday, October 7, 1571, a naval victory was won against the invading Ottoman Turkish fleet. Pope Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayers of the Rosary. In 1572 the pope established a commemoration in honor of Our Lady of Victory, and in 1573 the feast was changed to Our Lady of

the Rosary, celebrated on the first Sunday of October. The pope extended the feast to the universal Church in 1716, and in 1913 the feast day was fixed to October 7. The month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

“Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of Fátima! Blessed among all women, you are the image of the Church robed in paschal light, you are the honor of our people, you are the victory over every assault of evil.”

—Pope Francis, Prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima, May 12, 2017



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