

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." -Mt 21:31



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Mass Intentions
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**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Mass of the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Matilda & Augustine Manocchia—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Josph & Joan Zola—Memorial

10:30AM Darlene Doyle—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30AM Peter J. D'Abrosca—40th Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Weekday

7:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hirschberg—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

7:30AM Thomas F. Sheerin—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

Weekday; St. Faustina, Virgin: Bl. Francis X. Seelos, Priest

7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday; St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

7:30AM Bruce Hirschberg—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30AM Past & Present OLM Rosary Makers

The Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Mary & John Daly—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Denise Solomon—Memorial

9:00AM George Babu—Memorial

10:30AM Daniel C. Murphy—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday's Feast Day Mass with Bishop Henning was a beautiful celebration. The music was magnificent, the altar servers were terrific, and the large crowd of parishioners was enthusiastic! The Bishop preached a powerful message on mercy and blessed our new front doors! We thank Bishop Henning and all those who worked so hard in making our Patronal Feast a glorious occasion.

All our prayers for fine weather for our golf tournament didn't work! Tropical Storm Ophelia brought rain and more rain on Monday. There was no golfing on Monday for our 144 golfers at the OLM Saints and Scholars Open. Instead, we had a nice luncheon with raffles and a silent sports memorabilia auction. Each of our registered foursomes received a certificate for golf at Quidnessett Country Club, so they get to play golf after all! We thank Lee Mita the chair of our Golf Tournament for another great job!

Wednesday's Holy Hour of Mercy was a prayerful time of adoration and reflection. I am grateful for Father James Ruggeri, who presided and preached an outstanding reflection. Celebrating our parish patroness in such a prayerful way is always an inspiring and uplifting occasion.

I thank the many people who came to our Act of Mercy on Thursday evening. We filled dozens of backpacks with much-needed supplies for the homeless. I thank Doug Green, our OLM Outreach Director, for his hard work in making this happen. OLM's great mercy and

charity affect a great number of our impoverished brothers and sisters across our state and beyond.

I thank you for your support of OLM Outreach. Oktoberfest on Friday was a wonderful ending to a fantastic week of faith, family, and fun! I thank the OLM Staff and volunteers who helped make it a great event. We had a large crowd enjoying German food, beer, and music! It is a fun event for families and our parish family to gather and celebrate!

Of course, Oktoberfest is a celebration that anticipates the coming of October, which begins today. October is a month dedicated to Our Mother Mary and the Holy Rosary. Each Monday night during October, we gather at 7:00 p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the Rosary, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

During this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, please join us for Devotions on Monday nights and pray the Rosary more frequently. Take those Rosary beads in your pocket or hanging over the bedpost and put them to work! As St. Padre Pio said: *"Pray the Rosary frequently. It costs so little, and it's worth so much!"*

October is also Respect Life Month. It is a time for Catholics and all people of goodwill to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

Enclosed in the bulletin is a statement by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, the Chairman of the US Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life

Activities. It is an excellent reflection on why the Church's entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value.

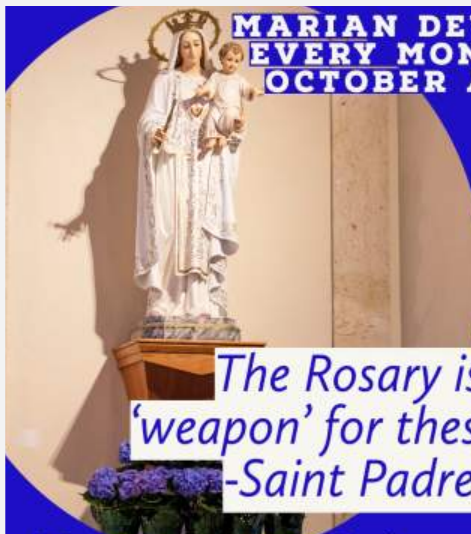
In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now legally protect the child in the womb. In contrast, other states, including Rhode Island, have expanded access to abortion up and until the birth of the child.

At this critical moment, we have new opportunities and responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called "choice," but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. St. Teresa of Calcutta said: *"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love but to use violence to get what they want."*

Our Church supports expectant mothers and mothers with infants through St. Gabriel's Call. Also, Project Rachel provides spiritual support for those mothers suffering after abortion. This month, the proceeds of our OLM Outreach Collection will go to directly support these charitable Pro-life works of the Diocese of Providence.

In addition to our charity, I urge you to take up your Rosary and join us for Devotions on Monday nights as we pray for a culture of life. Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Pats!

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS
EVERY MONDAY IN
OCTOBER AT 7PM**



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

**Exposition, Adoration,
Rosary & Benediction**



First Friday Adoration

*"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now."
-St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

Friday, October 6, 2023
Exposition at 12:00 PM
Adoration All-Afternoon
Benediction at 6:00 PM
Adorers are needed. Sign up online

Weekly Collection

September 24, 2023

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| Weekly..... | \$9,659.00 |
| EFT..... | \$3,991.00 |
| | Total=\$13,650.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$207.00 |
| Annual Parish Collection..... | \$51,772.00 |

September 25, 2022

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| Weekly..... | \$14,269.00 |
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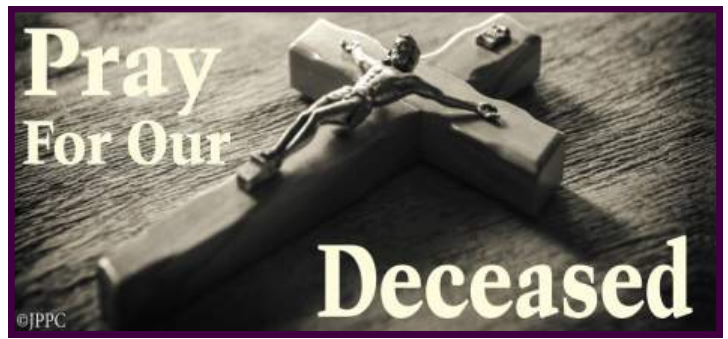
Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds Collection
Next Week: Seminarian Education Fund

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

Pray For Our Deceased



In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Charles F. "Bud" Moran, Jr.** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



Religious Education NEWS

2023 Confirmation Class Schedule

Final Confirmation Class

Sunday, October 1st at 5:00PM Mass
& 6:00pm Class

Confirmation Devotions & Confessions

Monday, October 23 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 5:00pm
The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans
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Calendar

- Wednesday, October 4: Blessing of Pets & Animals at School Dismissal in School Parking Lot
- Friday, October 6: OLM School First Friday Mass at 9:00am
- Monday, October 9: Columbus Day Holiday. No School today.

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Pray the Rosary
to End Abortion



Outreach Update

• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• **OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 4:00pm** in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

• **For more information,** please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

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