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**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 4, 2020**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Paul Toher—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Maria del Valle—Memorial
 9:00AM Janice Cotham & Phyllis Calzino—Anniversaries
 10:30AM John Giornelli, Jr.—Memorial

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Weekday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 7:30AM William Stafford, Sr.—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Weekday; St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
 7:30AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
 7:30AM Living & Deceased Members of OLM Rosary Makers

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Weekday
 7:30AM Andre Dayde—3rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

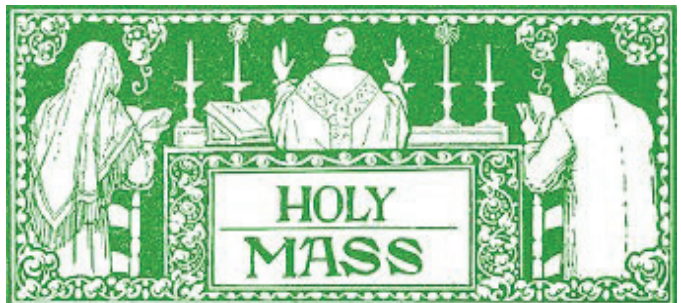
Weekday; St. Denis, Bishop & Companion Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
 7:30AM Yolande Dayde—20th Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Andrew Rockett—2nd Anniversary
Mass of Anticipation for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM John "Jack" Headley—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Charles McGowan—Memorial
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 10:30AM Bishop William A. Hickey—87th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

We thank the many OLM parishioners and friends of OLM School. They were so generous in supporting the See You in September Raffle. We sold all 600 tickets and raised \$50,000 to help our school continue its vital mission. The winners of the raffle appear in this week's bulletin. We congratulate them. But the real winners are the young saints and scholars of our outstanding parish school who benefit from your generosity.

Of course, the raffle wasn't the only way we marked our parish feast last week. On Monday, we had Mercy Devotions with an outstanding homily on Mercy from Dominican Friar, Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP from the PC Priory. We also had a solemn and joyful Feast Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans on Thursday. It was a great week honoring our parish patroness and seeking her powerful intercession.

We continue seeking the powerful intercession of our Mother Mary throughout October. Each Monday night this month, at 7:00 pm, we gather for Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary. A great way to seek the Mother of Mercy's help and guidance as we meditate on the mysteries of our Lord. *"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times,"* said St. Padre Pio.

These many years later, his words remain true. The Rosary is the weapon of our times, for we live in a time of turbulent conflict, confusion, and crisis in our world. We are still suffering from the COVID 19 Pandemic and its tragic results for so many.

It has sadly taken two hundred thousand of our brothers and sisters. Many people still suffer from sickness and isolation, poverty, and unemployment. Almost nightly, we witness the streets of our nation's cities full of protests, at times turning violent. Political debate in this election season has become bitter and nasty, divisive and contentious.

Now is the time for us as Catholics to take up more prayer, not less. It is time to seek Our Lady's help by praying the Holy Rosary. For indeed, it is the best weapon of our times. A weapon of harmony and peace, unity and charity, faith and hope. A weapon sorely needed in a time of conflict and division, suffering and pain.

Make the time this October to pray for our world and nation, our Church, and parish at Monday Devotions. Kneel before the Eucharistic Lord asking Our Lady of Mercy, Queen of Peace, to lead us ever closer to the Sacred Heart of her son.

If you cannot make Monday Devotions, please be sure to pick up your Rosary and pray at home, in the car, or even at work. Make time in your busy day to pray with the beads resting on your night table, tucked away in a drawer, hanging on your car mirror, or hidden in your pocket. Turn to our Blessed Mother and ask her help and seek her intercession.

St. Padre Pio explains: *"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon*

against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

This weekend we happily resume the 9:00 am Sunday Mass and Saturday Confessions at 4:00 pm. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Also, I ask that you continue your kind cooperation with the COVID 19 guidelines: Please wear a mask, keep a social distance, and wash your hands frequently. We ask that you depart Church promptly after Mass for its sanitizing before the next Mass.

I offer my gratitude and thanks to our dedicated maintenance staff. They work hard to keep the school and church buildings safe and sanitized. They continue their regular maintenance duties of caring for the parish plant. So stop and say thanks when you see them!

Confirmation Mass is Sunday, October 25th, at 5:00 pm with Bishop Matano of Rochester, NY. Please pray for the Confirmation candidates as they make their final preparation for the Sacrament. May they grow in faith and love, grace, and holiness. As St. Therese of Lisieux teaches: *"Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."* It's October so pray the Holy Rosary! Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless. Go Pats!!!! See you on Monday at Devotions!

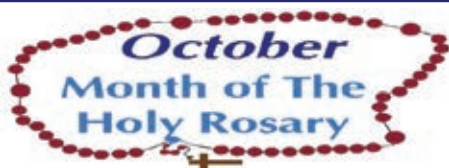
Ask Father

What is the relation between the Catholic Church and Politics?

President George Washington once said, "Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged." Washington, the other founding fathers, and the states themselves saw the value of religion in the public domain, but today the metaphor "Separation of Church and State" has come to mean the prohibition of public displays of faith (the removal of crucifixes and Biblical quotations) and the prohibition of religion in political discourse. Interestingly it is a phrase not found in the Constitution, but is shorthand to refer to the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Since 1947 there have been three contemporary interpretations of "Separation of Church and State:" strict separationism, non-preferentialism, and the jurisdictional/federalism-enhancing view.

Strict separationism prohibits the government from any religious influence or exercise (the government is to be irreligious). Non-preferentialism believes that the national government will not establish an official church of the U.S. and it will not favor one religion over another. This does not exclude government support for or influence from a particular religion. Nor does it prohibit the government from supporting piety, religiosity, and religiously grounded morality. The jurisdictional-enhancing view argues for no official church and offers protection to each state to maintain religious establishments and policies within its borders. Only one interpretation prohibits the influence of religion in politics and that is the first, which, not surprisingly, has been invoked to silence religious influence in politics.

Fr. Healey regularly lobbies at the RI General Assembly on issues of poverty, the common good, sanctity of life, and respect for human dignity. In state capitals throughout the U.S. the Catholic Church is advocating for such policies. All of us need to become more active in our local politics to make our voice heard. Those who advocate for human life and dignity, peace and justice, and religious freedom reflect biblical values which are the cornerstone of Western Civilization; and of the United States. Those oppose religion in the public square are hacking away at the very foundation upon which they stand. If anyone says to you: "your opinion is invalid because you are a Catholic and religion cannot be involved in public policies," then they are following only one interpretation of the Constitution. We can appeal to the founding fathers and to the Constitution to support us in our efforts as Catholic Citizens.



Weekly Collection

September 27, 2020

Weekly.....	\$8,936.00
EFT.....	\$3,473.00
	Total=\$12,409.00
Outreach.....	\$372.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$49,135.00

Weekly for last year on September 29, 2019

Weekly.....	\$13,409.00
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Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



**OLM 2020 PARISH
GOAL=\$200,000
PLEDGED TO DATE=\$123,646
DONORS TO DATE=274**

OLM 2019 PARISH GOAL=\$200,000

OLM 2019 FINAL=\$210,028

OLM 2019 DONORS TOTAL=484

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In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Darlene Doyle and Helen Celio** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at OLM last week.

October
Devotions



MONDAYS AT 7 PM
ADORATION & ROSARY

Religious Education
NEWS

The Celebration of Confirmation at OLM

Final Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 8 at 6pm
in OLM Church

Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Penance Service

Tuesday, October 13th at 6pm

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22nd at 6pm
Candidate & Sponsor must attend

Confirmation Mass

Sunday, October 25th at 5PM (Live-Streamed)
Bishop Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester, NY
Confirming Prelate

Only candidates, sponsors & parents may attend



Mass & Confession
Schedule

• 9:00AM Sunday Mass resumes this Sunday, October 4, 2020. Seating is limited and first come, first seated. Doors open at 8:45am.

• Saturday Confessions at 4:00PM resume this Saturday, October 3. Doors open at 3:45pm

NB: Please observe social distance and wear face masks. Please depart church building immediately following Mass to allow proper time for sanitizing the church building for next scheduled Mass.

Thank You for your kind cooperation.

CONFESSIONS
at OLM



Mondays at 6pm

Saturdays at 4pm

Congratulations and Prayers

OLM Religious Education

First Communion Class

September 26, 2020

Matthew Edward Curley
Julie Anne Fuimarello
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Lorenzo Marco Maglioli
Mazie Elizabeth Martin
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"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."-St. Maximilian Kolbe



See You In September **OLM School Raffle**

Congratulations to our Winners

Grand Prize \$5,000

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Thanks for your support!



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated non-perishable foods 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!*
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