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Mass Intentions for the Week

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 13, 2021

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

The Mass of Anticipation for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM John Affatiti—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
9:00AM Raymond Vigeant—Memorial
10:30AM Deceased Alumni of OLM School

MONDAY, JUNE 14

Weekday
7:30AM Monsignor William J. Carey—13th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

Weekday
7:30AM De'cd of the Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

Weekday
7:30AM Mike Sinotte—2nd Anniversary

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

Weekday
7:30AM Jack Healey—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

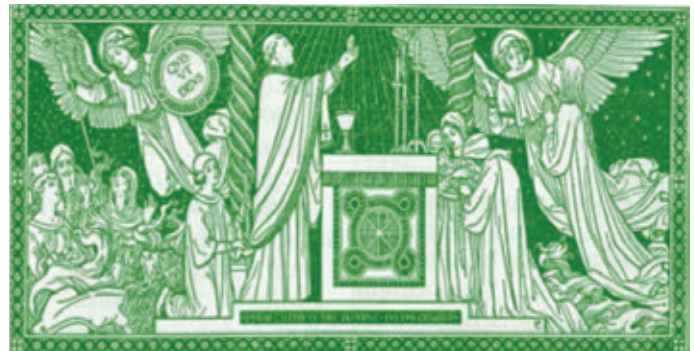
Weekday
7:30AM Fr. David A. Piacentini—Memorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Weekday; St. Romuald, Abbott; BVM
8:30AM Claire McDonald—1st Anniversary
Mass of Anticipation of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Louis Schivitz—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM All Fathers
9:00AM All Fathers
10:30AM All Fathers



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Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday, Bishop Tobin ordained two men to the priesthood, Fr. Dan Mahoney and Fr. Doan Nguyen. It was a beautiful and solemn Mass of Ordination and indeed a joyous and hopeful occasion for our Church. Fr. Mahoney served at OLM as a Summer Seminarian just a couple of years ago.

Bishop Tobin has assigned the newly ordained Fr. Mahoney as the new Associate Pastor at OLM. In your name, I thank Bishop Tobin for sending Fr. Mahoney to us. We are truly grateful for the presence and ministry of another priest at OLM. Fr. Mahoney begins his priestly ministry at OLM on the First of July.

Meanwhile, Fr. Barrow is busy finishing up many projects, getting things ready for Fr. Mahoney, and packing up his belongings. He is very excited about becoming the Pastor of St. Teresa Church and School in Pawtucket. I know he will be a dutiful shepherd who lovingly and faithfully serves his flock.

Next weekend is to be Fr. Barrow's final weekend at OLM! It is always a bittersweet moment when we have to say "Farewell" to a friend. Father has been an exceptional Associate Pastor for our parish. I am grateful for his zeal for priestly ministry and also his fraternal support and friendship these past five years. We are appreciative of his many gifts especially his technological genius as our resident "Tech Wizard." It's been a tremendous service to our parish and school.

We have a chance to offer personal and fond "Farewell", and sincere thanks, to Fr. Barrow

next weekend. Next Saturday night there is a Wine and Cheese Reception in Mercy Park following the 5:00 pm Mass

Also on Sunday there is a Coffee'an in Mercy Park after the 10:30 am Mass. It's Father's Day next Sunday. It is a perfect day to remember and honor all Fathers for their love and support, including such an outstanding Spiritual Father as Fr. Barrow! So mark your calendars.

We celebrate with our OLM School 8th Grade Class who are graduating this week. At the 10:30 am Mass we pray for them as they leave our excellent parish school for high school. Following the Mass, the 8th Grade Class and their families gather for a Graduation Luncheon to recognize their many academic achievements

On Monday, June 14 at 6:00 pm, the 8th Grade graduate from OLM School at a 6:00 pm ceremony in our Church. Many of these students have been in our school for eight to nine years. When I arrived at OLM, they were in Kindergarten! How the time flies, but it has been a fruitful time for these students who are well prepared for high school.

They received at OLM School a first-class Catholic Education from our dedicated and outstanding faculty. They are correctly formed in the Catholic Faith, instructed in the teachings of Christ, and instilled with a respect for the values of Western Civilization. They also have been taught the benefits of virtuous living as disciples of Christ.

We commend them to Our Lady of Mercy for her

continued guidance and protection. May they use their gifts and talents for the building up of the Kingdom of God.

June is graduation season, but also the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Catholic devotions. Christ's Sacred Heart is a symbol of "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind."

We turn to his Sacred Heart with devotion praying: "*O most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, Good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in danger. Comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.*"

I thank those who have donated to the Catholic Charity Appeal. We are above last year's total raised and also increased the number of parishioners donating. However, we are \$40,000 shy of reaching our goal of \$190,000. Many other parishes report going over goal this year, so I am hopeful OLM can do the same. Please make your pledge or donation today!

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God bless. Best wishes to the Class of 2021!

Father Healey

Ask Father

When should we genuflect.

Genuflecting in church is second nature for Catholics, but it is a (relatively) recent gesture in the liturgy. In the Old Testament the primary religious action was standing. In the Jewish religion it was the rule to pray standing. Jesus presumes that people stand to pray when in Mark's Gospel he says: "When you stand to pray..." (Mark 11:25).

Worshippers would kneel during special solemnities, for an urgent petition, or for mercy. In the Early Church kneeling became synonymous with praying and so became the dominant posture. Specifically, the act of genuflecting originated in the 1500s and became an act of adoration and reverence to the presence of God in the tabernacle.

As we know, *lex orandi, lex credendi* (As we worship, so we believe), and so Genuflecting as an act of worship, serves as the reminder of the Real Presence.

When to genuflect is analogous to proper manners when you greet a person. Etiquette suggests that you first greet the person with a handshake and then another handshake when leaving the person (or similar gesture).

Likewise when you enter the church (when you get to the pew) and when you leave the church (when you exit the pew) you genuflect as a sign of respect and adoration. The other general rule is to genuflect when you pass by in front of a tabernacle; much as you would greet someone you pass in front of in the street.

Thinking about genuflections in light of etiquette requirements in the presence of a person helps us reorient exactly what, or rather who, is in the tabernacle. We treat the entrance and exit of a church in the same way in which we treat greeting and bidding farewell to a person.

In that way we come to both a better understanding of the presence of God and the profound truth that God is a Trinity of Persons. As one Dominican priest put it: "instead of turtles all the way down it is persons." The universe exists for personal reasons; it is made by persons and for persons. Gradually as this thought permeates our understanding, genuflection becomes less a blind obedient act and instead a natural and intuitive gesture of adoration in the presence of the God who created everything.



Weekly Collection

June 6, 2021

Weekly.....	\$7,877.00
EFT.....	\$3,640.00
	Total=\$11,517.00

Outreach.....	\$1,892.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$1,362.00

May 8, 2020

Weekly.....	\$14,551.00
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Thank You for Your Generous Support!



The Second Collection today is the Catholic Communications Campaign.

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

Please support the Catholic Charity Appeal, make your pledge before June 30th

2021 OLM Parish Goal= \$190,000

2021 Pledged (to date)=\$150,710

2021 Total of Pledges (to date)= 307

2020 Goal= \$200,000

2020 Amount Pledged= \$131,236

Total Number Parishioners Pledges=290

Thank you for your support.



Religious Education
NEWS

Religious Education Registration for Next Year

Registrations are presently being taken on the OLM Parish website for all grades, 1 through 8 for the Religious Education Year 2021--2022.

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Outreach
Update

• **OLM Bereavement Support Group** resumes meeting twice a month starting in June. The first meeting will be **Thursday, June 17 from 4:00 to 6:00PM**, at Mercy House. Anyone who is grieving, lonely or simply interested in attending is invited to call 884-4410 for information.

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

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



Striving to be Saints & Scholars!

- **Sunday, June 13:** OLM School 8th Grade Graduation Mass at 10:30am & Graduation Luncheon at Quidnessett Country Club
- **Monday, June 14:** OLM School 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony at 6:00PM
- **Tuesday, June 15:** Pre-K Graduation at 9:00am & Kindergarten Graduation at 10:00am
- **Thursday, June 17:** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!! Half-day with early dismissal!

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Father Barrow

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