

Farewell

Father Barrow



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Priestly Ministry at OLM
& Best Wishes on Your
New Assignment as Pastor
of St. Teresa Church**

Mass Intentions for the Week

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 20, 2021

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

The Mass of Anticipation for 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

MONDAY, JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:30AM Gay McCreery—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Weekday; St. John Fisher, Bishop & St. Thomas More, Martyrs

7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Weekday

7:30AM Barbara Gallagher—Memorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Sam & Marie Oliverio—Memorial

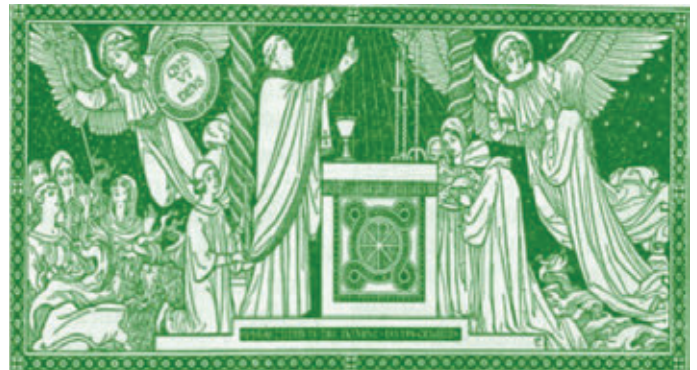
Mass of Anticipation of the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio— Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Beatrice Alfano—5th Anniversary
9:00AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Jose Manuel Paquay—Month's Mind



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Dear Parishioners:

Thursday was the last day of classes at OLM School. Now the students and faculty begin a well-deserved summer vacation. It has been a long year with all the COVID restrictions and policies governing schools.

We are grateful to our OLM School Principal, Patrick McNabb, for his tremendous dedication to the students' well being and his outstanding leadership throughout the COVID Pandemic. When he began his administration just two years ago, I am sure he never expected that he would be facing a pandemic!

Thanks to his leadership, and thanks to our talented and dedicated faculty, OLM School safely opened last September and remained open all year. Our students were happily in their classrooms learning and striving to be saints and scholars.

We are grateful for our wonderful students and their parents for their great cooperation and support in this unprecedented pandemic. May they all enjoy the summer and return tan, rested, and ready for school in September!

We celebrated 8th Grade Graduation last Monday with a joyous ceremony. We say "Farewell" to the Class of 2021. Please keep them in your prayers as they depart our parish school and continue to strive to be saints and scholars in high school!

This weekend, we also say "Farewell" to Father Barrow. After five years serving as the Associate Pastor at OLM, he leaves us to serve as Pastor of St. Teresa Church and School in Pawtucket. We are certainly

most grateful for his priestly ministry and dedication.

He is a terrific young priest and is sure to be an outstanding Pastor. Be sure to stop by one of the receptions this weekend and wish him well. Also, please pray for him and his new parish. May God bestow his abundant blessings upon him and his priestly ministry in Pawtucket!

I will certainly miss him as he has been a loyal and hardworking Associate Pastor and a supportive brother priest. We have lived and worked together for five happy years. I wish him well as he becomes a pastor, and I know he is going to be an excellent pastor of souls.

St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, once said: *"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."* These words bespeak Father Barrow. For he is an exemplary priest who truly loves the heart of Jesus Christ! *Ad multos annos!*

We celebrate Father's Day today. Pope Francis writes about Fatherhood in his apostolic letter for the Year of St. Joseph, *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"). The Holy Father writes: *"Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers."*

As of 2019, roughly 16 million American children, about 1 in 4, live without a father in the home. And while this happens for many reasons, the largest reason is family breakdown and the huge rise of births out of

wedlock.

Today, many think that Fatherhood is neither important nor special. We know better, for we see the inexplicable good that happened when St. Joseph was a faithful, loving father and obedient to God. Fathers can protect and give life to the world, sowing the seeds of virtue and goodness, beauty, and truth, and making the presence of Jesus felt, and experienced, in a world sorely in need of direction, strength, love, faith, and hope.

As we commemorate Father's Day, we also celebrate God's gift of life and love through the sacred calling of Fatherhood. On this Father's Day, I offer my best wishes to all who fulfill the responsibility of Fatherhood. Please join me in praying that all fathers experience the authentic love and joy that comes with raising a child.

Let's pray for God, the Almighty Father, to shower his blessings on all fathers that they may guide, provide for, protect, and love their families following His will. Let's also pray that God will comfort those whose fathers have gone to their eternal rest, and those who do not have a father present in their lives. A Happy Fathers Day to all Fathers!

With deep gratitude and thanksgiving for his time at OLM, I offer a fond *Adieu* to Fr. Barrow. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. And yes, Go Sox!!!

Father Healey

Ask Father

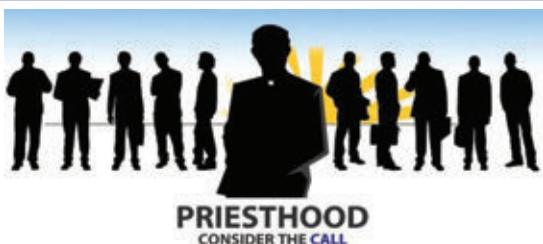
Why do we call priests “Father”?

In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday of June as Father’s Day. While we celebrate fatherhood this weekend, one question that people ask is: “why do we call priests ‘father.’” Often other Christians will criticize the Catholic Church for calling priests “father” based on Christ’s teaching. In Matthew’s Gospel Christ teaches: “Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven” (23:9).

As Father’s Day shows, we continue to use the term “father” and other titles in common parlance. So, our Lord’s teaching needs more context. We do not interpret it literally. When he tells us not to call anyone “father” or “teacher” he means not to arrogate the supreme authority of God to anyone else. God is the highest teacher and the ultimate father to everyone. Hence, we can use terms such as “father” for priests or for biological fathers, while keeping in mind that they are not “fathers” in the same way that God is our Father.

Since the beginning of the Church the faithful used the term “father” to refer to bishops and priests. In fact, the word “pope” derives from the Greek word “pappas” which means “father.” Today in the United States and in other English speaking countries addressing priests as “father” is common. In other countries the faithful use other titles for priests such as “don.”

“Father” reminds priests of their role as a shepherd of Christians. They are to have the same care for their parishioners as a father has for his family. They are to be courageous; protecting those entrusted to him. In the face of sin (both his own and those of his flock) he combines mercy with the firm resolve to fight against it. We call priests “father” for good reason. A good priest is a good father.



Weekly Collection

June 13, 2021

Weekly.....	\$12,569.00
EFT.....	\$5,615.00
	Total=\$18,184.00
Outreach.....	\$1,605.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$1,156.00

June 14, 2020

Weekly.....	\$9,276.00
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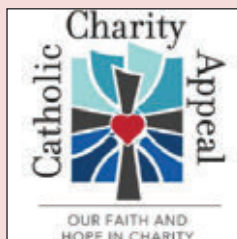
Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday

8:00AM—4:00PM

The Parish Office is closed on all Fridays in June, July & August

Please support the Catholic Charity Appeal, make your pledge before June 30th
2021 OLM Parish Goal= \$190,000



2021 Total Pledged (to date)=\$155,640

2021 Total Pledges (to date)= 316

2020 Goal= \$200,000

Final 2020 Amount Pledged= \$131,236

Final Number Pledges=290

Thank you for your support.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Samuel & Marie Oliverio. In your kindness and charity, please remember them in your prayers.



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. **Please register your child today! Thank You!**



Outreach
Update

• **OLM Bereavement Support Group** resumes meeting twice a month starting in June. The first meeting will be **Thursday, 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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT KENT HOSPITAL

The Pastoral Care Department of Kent County Hospital is extending an invitation for volunteers to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The volunteers only distribute the Eucharist to patients without communicable diseases. If interested please call Father Ricard 737-7000 ext. 31454 or email at dricard@kentri.org. Thank you.



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We wish our OLM School faculty, staff, students and families a healthy, happy and holy summer vacation!

See you in September!!





**CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2021**

The OLM School Class of 2021

Lucas Ephraim Caporaso	Bishop Hendricken High School
Brandon Thomas Carll	North Kingstown High School
Patrick Joseph Cavanagh	Bishop Hendricken High School
Emily Anne Chatowsky	St. Mary's Academy, Bay View
Isabelle F. Crescenzi	The Wheeler School
Mike A. DeOrsey	La Salle Academy
Sophia Jennie D'Orsi	St. Mary's Academy, Bay View
Ava Joy Durfey	East Greenwich High School
Lily P. Endslow	North Kingstown High School
Brandon G. Flood	Bishop Hendricken High School
Evan Charles Franchina	Bishop Hendricken High School
Ava Ferrin Hayes	South Kingstown High School
Cameron Mitchell Hayes	Barrington High School
Connor Kennedy Hayes	Barrington High School
William D. A. Hinson	Rocky Hill Country Day School
Aidan M. Igoe	Bishop Hendricken High School
Jace P. LaPlante	Bishop Hendricken High School
Quinn Legault	The Prout School
Matthew Joseph Maligaya	North Kingstown High School
Madeline Anne Medeiros	St. Mary's Academy, Bay View
Mary Theresa Mita	La Salle Academy
Ryan James Narcessian	Bishop Hendricken High School
Quinn Michael O'Connell	Bishop Hendricken High School
R. Camden Ouellette	North Kingstown High School
William Oliver Roberti	La Salle Academy
Isabelle P. Sammartino	Rocky Hill Country Day School
Ian R. Sechio	Bishop Hendricken High School
Jonah Hamilton Stockdill	Rocky Hill Country Day School
Elizabeth Rose van Meeteren	North Kingstown High School
Iris Joan-Marie Weiss	St. Mary's Academy, Bay View
Henry Thomas Wind	Bishop Hendricken High School

**Be who you were created to be,
and you will set the world on fire.**

— St. Catherine of Siena



*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

Andrew Thomas Angoff,
and his parents, Andrew & Adriana

Noah Christian Colgan,
and his parents, Jay & Lynsey

Abigail Jean Smith,
and her parents, Matthew & Michelle

“Dear brothers and sisters: these children have been reborn through Baptism, and are now called children of God, for so indeed they are. Through Confirmation they will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, they will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.” — from The Rite of Baptism

Happy Father's Day



*For I have chosen him,
so that he will direct his children...
to keep the way of the Lord.*

Genesis 18:19

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