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so that he will direct his children...  
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*Genesis 18:19*



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**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 JUNE 21, 2020**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

*The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM For All Living & Deceased Fathers  
 10:30AM Deceased Members of the Healey, Devlin,  
 McGrath & Winters families—Memorial

**MONDAY, JUNE 22**

*Weekday; St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St. John Fisher, Bishop &  
 St. Thomas More, Martyrs*  
 7:30AM Barbara Gallagher—Memorial

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*  
 7:30AM Edward & Dolly Healey—Memorial

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Father Edmond P. Prendiville—Memorial

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

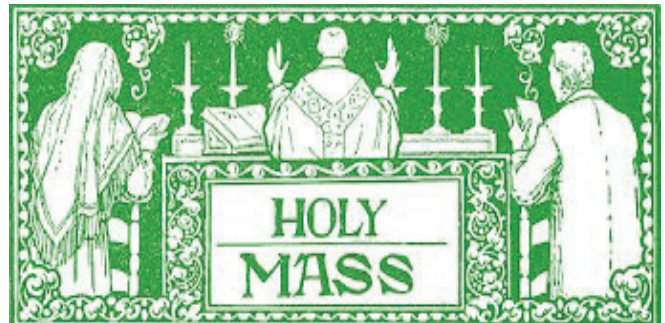
**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

*Weekday; St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the  
 Church; BVM*  
 8:30AM Special Intention

*Mass of Anticipation for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM John Bucci—10th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

*The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Laurea & Leo Hackett—Memorial  
 10:30AM Jane Walsh—1st Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Former U.S. Navy Captain Charlie Plumb has lived the American Dream. As a poor farm kid from Kansas, he was fascinated with airplanes but felt sure he would never have the opportunity to pilot one.

It would be the U.S. Navy who allowed Plumb to live out his dream. After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy, he became a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War. After 75 successful missions, he was shot down and parachuted into enemy hands. As a P.O.W., Plum would spend six years in a prison camp suffering immense torture and abuse. Plumb survived and returned home.

Many years later, while at a restaurant, a stranger came up to him. The stranger said to Plumb: *"You're Captain Plum! You flew fighter planes in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk! You got shot down!"*

Captain Plum was bewildered by this and asked: *"How in the world did you know that?"* The stranger quickly replied: *"Because I packed your parachute!"* Plumb overcame with shock and emotion welled up with gratitude. He gave his thanks for what this stranger had done for him so many years before.

Reflecting on this encounter, Plumb writes: *"I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a navy uniform. I wondered how many times I passed him by on the Kitty Hawk and didn't notice him or even said hello to him because he was a simple sailor, and I was an officer and fighter pilot!"*

Captain Plumb soon realized just how many hours

that sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship. Hour upon hour, this unknown stranger carefully folded parachutes, each time holding in his hands the fate of another stranger.

That parachute was needed for Captain Plumb to land safely. However, he suggests that while as a P.O.W., he required many other parachutes. Mental parachutes, emotional parachutes, and even spiritual parachutes were all needed to survive.

Sometimes in our busy lives with its many challenges, we miss what is truly important. We fail to say hello and goodbye, please, or thank you. But each one of us has someone who packs our parachute.

A person who provides what we need to survive. People in our lives provide us with small acts of kindness and charity, dutiful prayer, and loving support. Faithful people who do their duty without fanfare and are little noticed by others.

As I mark my Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Priestly Ordination, I do so with a profound spirit of thanksgiving and as a genuinely grateful priest. St. Pope John Paul the Great once said: *"Every vocation to the priestly ministry is an extraordinary gift of God's love."*

I am indeed genuinely grateful for God's gift of love, which called me to this beautiful life as a priest of His Church. I am thankful to my late parents and grandparents, my brothers and sisters, and all my family and many friends. I am grateful to the professors and teachers

who taught me over the years. I wish to thank the seminarians, brother priests, and the bishops I've known, served with, and worked for.

And for the people of God, I am so profoundly grateful to the many, many, people I've had the great privilege to serve as a parish priest. My priestly assignments at St. Mary, Star of the Sea, St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, and here at Our Lady of Mercy have been a true blessing and a source of great joy.

The faith and love of Christ and His Church by so many wonderful parishioners I've witnessed over these 25 years are humbling. God has given me a great gift in his priesthood. A gift that allows me to know, love, and serve Him and His people in the sacred ministry. I am ever grateful to God for this gift.

And I give thanks for the many people who have continually and lovingly packed my parachute in my life. I may not always have noticed their quiet support and silent prayer, but I am so very grateful for it. I am both humbled and privileged that God called me to such a joyful and happy life to serve as a priest. Pray for my priestly ministry as I pledge my prayers for you and your families. May our generous and loving God bestow his blessings upon you!

Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless! *Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!*

# Ask Father

## What is a Priestly Vocation?

For everyone God has a plan; a vocation. “Vocation” comes from the Latin word meaning, “to call.” God calls everyone to receive a particular role in establishing His kingdom here on earth. As we pray in the Our Father: “thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Receiving and following this vocation leads to perfection, fulfillment, and happiness. As C.S. Lewis wrote: “The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become – because He made us. He invented all the different people that you and I were intended to be... It is when I turn to Christ, when I give up myself to His personality, that I first begin to have a real personality of my own.” This can be difficult and threatening due to sin. We are creatures who want to be in control and dictate our own plans. We develop strong defenses against those who threaten our authority and autonomy. The recent pandemic teaches us that despite our best efforts, we cannot control everything.

In God’s providence he decided to transmit salvific grace through space and time by establishing the priesthood. The priest stands in persona Christi (in the person of Christ). Hence the priestly life is meant to be an imitation of the life and mission of Christ. When he preaches, the priest preaches Jesus Christ. When he administers the sacraments, he does so in the name and the power of Jesus Christ. When he gives a cup of cold water to a poor man, he does so in the name of Christ. The priest yearns for the salvation of every single individual just as Christ thirsts for souls. Priests go forth to teach the power of the Name of Jesus to everyone. Everyone has a part to play in building up the Kingdom of God, but the priest can give the means of salvation: grace through the sacraments (particularly the sacrifice of the Mass).

Further, “Because the priest is ordained primarily to offer the sacrifice of the Mass, i.e., to daily repeat the offering of Christ to the Father and to enter into that most holy exchange of gifts among the persons of the Blessed Trinity, his configuration to Christ is a call to step apart from ordinary life and follow the Lamb in a unique way, with an intention and even an intensity that marks him as set apart for the things of God.”

I end with this quote by Fr. Jean-Baptiste Henri Lacordaire, O.P.: “To live in the midst of the world with no desire for its pleasures; to be a member of every family, yet belonging to none; to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets, to heal all wounds; to daily go from men to God to offer Him their homage and petitions; to return from God to men to bring them His pardon and hope; to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity; to bless and to be blest forever. O God, what a life, and it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ

## Weekly Collection

**June 14, 2020**

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| Weekly.....   | \$5,328.00              |
| EFT.....      | \$4,464.00              |
|               | <b>Total=\$9,792.00</b> |
| Outreach..... | \$1,575.00              |

**June 16, 2019**

|             |                    |
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| Weekly..... | <b>\$11,384.00</b> |
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**Please consider giving online through the Parish Giving link on the parish website**

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### OLM Parish Office Hours



**Monday—Thursday  
 8:00am –4:00pm  
 Closed on Fridays during  
 June, July & August**

*Due to Covid-19 safeguards, public admittance to the OLM Parish Office is limited. Please call ahead for Mass cards and spiritual bouquets. Thank You.*



In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joyce Phipps** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of **Edward & Dolly Healey** In your charity, please remember them in your prayers.

# Outreach Update

• OLM Food Pantry is in urgent need of food and paper goods for many 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!*

• If you are in need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

**Mass of Thanksgiving  
for Father Healey's Silver Jubilee  
25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 10:30AM**



*Please join in praying for Fr. Healey  
Livestreamed at [olmparish.org](http://olmparish.org)*



## Confessions at OLM

**Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM**

Confessions on Saturdays have been suspended until further notice to allow for Church cleaning and sanitizing.

*For Confession by appointment please call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 to contact a priest to schedule an appointment.*



**HAPPY  
FATHER'S DAY**

## Ordinary Time



Ordinary Time refers to all the Sundays of the year that are not linked to the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Governed by the date of Easter, it consists of either thirty-three or thirty-four weeks and is divided into two periods, one following the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the other following the solemnity of Pentecost.

Ordinary Time following The Baptism of the Lord is of brief duration, lasting anywhere from four to nine weeks depending on the date of Ash Wednesday.



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Dear OLM Community:

And what a year it has been! Thank you for such a fun final week, from field day to our final prayer service, and everything in between. Congratulations to our Class of 2020, and congratulations to all of our students, who finished the race and kept the faith.

With all the challenges we have overcome, we look forward to brighter days, but also to stronger selves and a stronger community, both forged by the trials of this year, and both prepared to withstand whatever the future may hold.

We are bidding farewell to two OLM staff members who have served our students for the entirety of the twenty-first century, and who are retiring. First, Mrs. Carolyn MacCrae began as our bookkeeper in 2001 and has decided to retire. Also retiring this spring is Mrs. Donna Campbell, who began teaching Art at OLM in 2001. We thank them both for their dedication to OLM School and wish them both the blessings of health, happiness and holiness in retirement.

I look forward to joining you as we pursue our mission once again next year. Until then, have a great summer. God bless. Go Jags.

For Christ and Our Kids,  
Patrick H. McNabb  
OLM School Principal

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