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came upon him was moved
with compassion at the sight.”

LUKE 10:33





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Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 14, 2019**

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Mass of Anticipation for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM William & Margaret Ahern—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 14

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Eda Pascarella—Memorial
 10:30AM Paul Cienki—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Stanley Berek—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Weekday; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
 7:30AM Paul Cienki—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Weekday
 7:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

THURSDAY, JULY 18

Weekday; St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
 7:30AM Dec'd. of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Weekday
 7:30AM Evelyn Simon—1st Anniversary

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Weekday; St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr; BVM
 8:30AM Brian, Clarence & Noella Larocque—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Richard Allen Peterson—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JULY 21

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Evelyn Simon—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Kathryn Piotrowicz—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend Fr. Barrow, Seminarian Dan Mahoney, Youth Activities Coordinator, Billy Burdier and many members of our OLM Youth Group are attending the Steubenville East Youth Conference being held at UMASS Lowell. They return late on Sunday night.

Each summer, Life Teen hosts six different Steubenville Youth Conferences across the country. These gatherings are meant to strengthen and inspire teens, and youth groups, in their relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. It is an opportunity for hundreds of young Catholics from across the Northeast to gather together for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, prayer, devotion and challenging talks. Pray for them, that this time is spiritually fruitful.

This week our good Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Sister Lourdes and Sister Emma, along with the FAS Sisters from Scalabrini Villa depart for their Annual Retreat. This year the FAS Sisters from across the country are gathering in Peoria, Illinois for spiritual conferences and community meetings.

The Sisters depart in their van early on Monday morning for the long journey to Peoria and return to OLM on July 31st. Keep them and the entire FAS Community in your prayers during this time of renewal. May their retreat be uplifting, and may God guide and protect them in their travels.

A letter from Bishop Tobin announcing the publication of a list of clergy credibly accused of the abuse of

minors was in last weekend's bulletin. This is part of the Diocese of Providence ongoing efforts and commitment to transparency, accountability and the hope of continued healing for the survivors of abuse. The list is available for a full review on the Diocese of Providence's website.

As a priest I am painfully aware of the shame that has come upon our Church due to the sexual abuse of minors. I ask forgiveness again for the failings of those clergy and bishops who should have provided for the safety of our young people, but instead betrayed the trust placed in them by God, and by the faithful. We must recommit ourselves to vigilant prevention, and also heartfelt prayer for the healing of the many victims and their families.

Sadly this list reveals that the evil of abuse took place in our own parish in the 1960s. Named on the list is Brendan Smyth, a Norbertine priest from Ireland, who served at OLM from 1965 until 1968. Tragically his many victims include people living in our community and parish. Smyth died in prison in 1997.

If you or anyone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse, or has knowledge of such abuse, by any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Providence, I urge you to report the information directly to the RI State Police or the RI Attorney General's Office.

Also, anyone may contact Dr. Michael Hansen at the Office of Outreach and Prevention to learn about pastoral outreach programs, or Kevin O'Brien at the Office of Compliance, to

report abuse or learn more about the prevention of abuse.

The Church has made great strides in addressing the evil of sexual abuse of minors. New policies introduced over 20 years ago include background checks, educational and training prevention programs, as well as outreach efforts to victims. The Diocese is continually evaluating its policies and practices to ensure that our child protection and abuse prevention efforts are further strengthened.

These measures have been effective, both to respond to victim-survivors with compassion and to prevent, as much as possible, incidents of abuse from occurring in the future. Still, we must continue to be ever vigilant in order to make certain that the failings of the past are not repeated. I pledge that I will do all in my power as Pastor of OLM to ensure the safety of our young people. Pray that our efforts might help bring peace and consolation to victim-survivors and their families who have experienced the horror of abuse.

Let us affirm once again the central reality of our faith—that the Lord Jesus through His Cross has brought us to the new life in the Resurrection—we live as people of hope in the face of all the evil and sin we find in our world, and sad to say, even in our Church. Let us pray for continued safety, justice and healing for all. Be well. Do Good. God Bless!



**Scripture and Silence:
Finding God in Prayer**

St. Teresa of Avila once said: "Prayer is being on terms of friendship with God, frequently conversing in secret with Him, who we know, loves us". When we boil down prayer to its simplest form, prayer is a conversation with God. So often it is easy to forget during times of prayer that a conversation is a two-way street. It can be very easy to pray and list off all the things that we want God to do for us.

Often people tell God their struggles and fears, or joys and sorrows, and ask for help in times of need. These are wonderful things to take to God in prayer, but one should never forget the other half of the conversation, the listening half.

It wouldn't be smart to ask for advice and not listen to help. In the same way when praying one must take time to listen to God's response. But how can we hear God? How do we know that he is speaking to us? Well, the first thing that we need to do is remove the outside distractions, especially cell phones. St. Edmond said that "It is better to say one Our Father fervently and devoutly than a thousand with no devotion and full of distractions".

In a world that is constantly connected, we need to make time to disconnect from things and connect ourselves to God through silent prayer. We must take time to pray with the Scriptures, the Word of God. It is in this silence praying slowly through the Scriptures that we can hear God speak clearly. If our desire is to truly grow in friendship with Christ, then we must spend time praying with the Word of God. Attentive and listening to what God is saying to us. Through Sacred Scripture God speaks in the calm and quiet of our hearts.

When we attempt to listen and speak at the same time, we miss the message. Silence must become part of our daily lives if we are to hear God well. In his recent book *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise*, Robert Cardinal Sarah writes: "Through silence, we return to our heavenly origin, where there is nothing but calm, peace, repose, silent contemplation, and adoration of the radiant face of God.". So, this week take 5-10 minutes of silence, to pray with the Scriptures, and listen to the voice of God.

Dan Mahoney

Weekly Collection 

June 30, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,484.00
EFT.....	\$1,982.00
Total=\$13,466.00	
Outreach.....	\$253.00

July 7, 2019

Weekly.....	\$11,364.00
EFT.....	\$1,767.00
Total=\$13,131.00	
Outreach.....	\$1,448.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,332.00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

**Thank You for Your Support!
May God Bless Your Generosity!**

**Please remember Our Lady of Mercy
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Summer Office Hours

OLM Parish Office for July & August
Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM
Fridays: 8:00AM – 12:00Noon



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Beverly Capuano** and **Amelia Fitzwater** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at OLM last week.

Rest In Peace



Religious Education
NEWS

Online registration for
the 2019-2020 RE Classes

*Please go to the parish website &
register. Students in Grades 1-8 need to
be registered and attend sequentially*

Attention 2019 First Communion Parents
Photos & Videos of the First Communion
Mass are available for pickup in the OLM
Parish Office. Please pick up ASAP.
Thank you for your cooperation.



Outreach
Update

- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in these summer months. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, July 18th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



We wish our OLM School faculty, staff and
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St. Xavier Academy Alumnae Association will celebrate the 50-year class of 1969 on October 20, 2019. A Mass at St. Timothy Church will begin at 11 a.m. and the celebration continues with a lunch at Quidnessett Country Club, North Kingstown immediately after Mass. All graduates are invited. Classes ending in 4's and 9's are also honored at this event. Look for registration forms in the September newsletter or call 401-232-9006 for more information.

Anniversary Blessings



Diocese of Providence's Annual Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Mass at 1:00PM

Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul
Providence, RI

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
Celebrant

All married couples celebrating **25th, 40th, 50th or Over** wedding anniversaries in 2019 are invited to attend. Mass, renewal of wedding vows, and reception to follow. All couples interested must register at the OLM Parish Office by calling 401-884-4968 by August 16th.

Little Sisters of the Poor PawSox Family Fun Day Sunday, August 4, 2019

The Little Sisters of the Poor invite you to the 14th annual PawSox Family Fun Day at McCoy Stadium on Sunday, August 4. The outing begins at 11 a.m. with a pre-game barbecue before the PawSox take the field



against the Rochester Red Wings. Fans may cheer for Sister Angela who will throw the ceremonial pitch and later join Sister Elizabeth in singing God Bless America at the seventh inning stretch. Tickets include the all-you can-eat barbecue and general admission tickets to the game. Tickets must be purchased in advance by July 20. For more information, including ticket prices, please call Jeanne Jugan Residence at 401-723-4314

Parish Giving

We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners.

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

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