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MATTHEW 13:45







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**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 JULY 26, 2020**

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—17th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**

*The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Martha & Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial  
 10:30AM Marie Enander—10th Anniversary

**MONDAY, JULY 27**

*Weekday;*  
 7:30AM Lorraine Kane—Birthday Remembrance

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

*St. Martha*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

*Weekday: St. Peter Chysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Deceased Members of the Romano Family-Mem.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

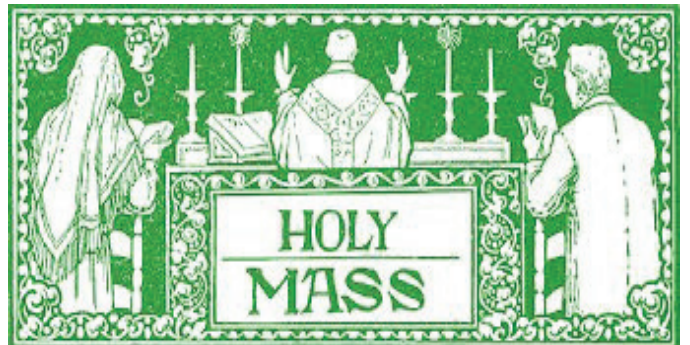
*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
 7:30AM Helen Iapaolo—Memorial

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

*St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 8:30AM Alphonse Piccirilli-1st Anniversary  
*Mass of Anticipation for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM John Simon—1st Anniversary

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

*The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial  
 10:30AM Dorina Lincourt—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This week, many public school districts have begun sharing outlines of reopening plans, including provisions for middle and high school students to attend school only on certain days.

Our OLM School Principal, Patrick McNabb, working with the faculty and the Catholic School Office and with the guidelines of the RI Department of Education (RIDE) and the Department of Health (RIDOH), have also been working on the plan to reopen our excellent parish school.

OLM School is planning a full in-person reopening for all students in Grades PK-8, beginning August 31. That, of course, involves many details of classroom arrangements, daily schedules, increased cleaning, and all of the elements that will ensure our students are safe and healthy in our building, with the guidance that we have received, and continue to receive, from RIDE and RIDOH.

The goal in planning this reopening is that our students are in the school safely and happily learning. OLM School did an excellent job with the “distance learning” during the COVID-19 Crisis lockdown. They are now building on an outstanding foundation of vibrant faith-filled Catholic Education that instills values and teaches virtues while maintaining rigorous academic excellence.

Our OLM School Faculty is a group of excellent professionals dedicated to their mission. Our students are a great group of budding saints and scholars. And the tremendous support and involvement by our

parents continue to make our school outstanding in every regard.

If you know of anyone interested in attending an excellent school all day and in person this fall, tell them to apply to OLM School. We are getting many new applicants for admission, and our number of placements is limited. Anyone interested in more information or in applying should contact OLM School at 884-1618 or go online to the school webpage at [olmschool.org](http://olmschool.org) and discover the OLM advantage!

We have also been planning the resumption of our OLM Religious Education Program for the fall. Fr. Barrow and I, along with our RE Directors, Mickey St. Jean, and Doug Green, are working on plans that include “distance learning” along with some in-person Catechesis.

We also hope to schedule the celebration of our First Communion Mass in the fall. Confirmation Mass is Sunday, October 25. We hope that we can have that joyous celebration of the Holy Spirit as expected. In the next weeks, we hope to finalize all our plans for reopening school and resuming RE at OLM.

Of course, all of our projects, like everyone else’s plans these days are subject to change due to the nature of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Sadly across the country, lots of schools are not planning on reopening for an in-person class, and many others are preparing just partial reopening of in-person courses.

We are committed to reopening our parish school as

safely as possible so that our students can learn in-person for the entire school day. So please pray for our OLM Principal and Faculty as they continue to prepare for the reopening on August 31. And continue to pray for our OLM School young saints and scholars, that their summer vacation is a fruitful time of preparation for school this fall.

This year over 100 Catholic schools permanently closed due to the financial stress of the COVID-19 Crisis. A sad reality of the times we presently are living. Many of these schools were in urban areas that offered an educational choice for economically deprived families.

Notre Dame Law Professor, Nicole Stelle Garnett, recently wrote an excellent article entitled, “*Why We Still Need Catholic Schools.*” In the article, she makes an exceptional case for Catholic Education. She states: “*Catholic school students are more likely to finish high school, attend college and graduate, maintain steady employment, and earn higher wages than similar students attending other types of schools.*”

Pray for our OLM School family and for all Catholic Schools; May God bless the excellent education in faith and wisdom with a safe return this fall. Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless. Go Sox!!???



# Ask Father

## The Religion of Cancel Culture

The American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once said: “A person will worship something, have no doubt about that.” Emerson’s quote points to the human need for worship and religion. In the absence or denial of organized religion, human beings will naturally form organizations and movements with religious qualities. This will have their own rites, beliefs and hierarchy. The growing religious movement today is called “Cancel Culture.”

“Cancel Culture” has its creed based on the tenets of progressive ideology. Its scripture is not found in a book, but on social media. Its processions can be seen in many cities throughout America. It even has its own form of excommunication. If a person or company or statue disagrees with this culture’s ideology, that person or company or statue is cancelled. This can include online shaming, loss of income or employment, or removal. In the end this false religion boils down to doctrines without revelation; confession without forgiveness; and salvation without a savior.

False religions eventually sour and turn violent. The architects of the French Revolution, who worshipped human reason, eventually lost their heads to the guillotine (an insidious invention by the human intellect). The religion of the Soviet Union was the worship of the state and millions were sacrificed to its altar.

A lie only works when mixed with some truth. The great lie of the devil to Adam and Eve is: “you will be like gods.” Outright denying God and religion would be a lie too difficult for us to believe. It is much easier to believe that we can form a religion with ourselves as the gods.



Mary, Mother of God hear our prayers  
**PRAYER IS POWERFUL**

# Weekly Collection

**July 19, 2020**

Weekly.....	\$7,273.00
EFT.....	\$3,723.00
	<b>Total=\$10,996.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$814.00
	<b>Weekly for same week last year on July 21, 2019</b>
Weekly.....	\$12,206.00

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## OLM Parish Office Hours

**Monday—Thursday  
 8:00am –4:00pm  
 Closed on Fridays during  
 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.**



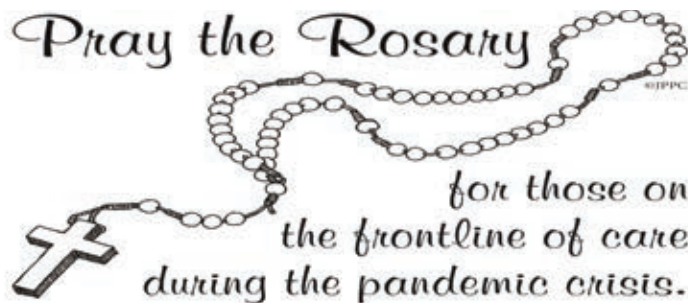
# Congratulations To The Newly Baptized



Cirilla Grace Watkins,  
and her parents, James and Samantha.

*“Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. She is now called the child of God, for so indeed she is. In confirmation she will receive the fullness of God's Spirit. In Holy Communion she will share the banquet of Christ's sacrifice, calling God his Father in the midst of the Church.”—The Rite of Baptism*

Pray the Rosary



for those on  
the frontline of care  
during the pandemic crisis.

**“Lord . . . blessings abound  
when we fall on our knees in  
prayer, and so we turn to you  
in our hour of need.”**

—Prayer for Peace in Our  
Communities (USCCB)



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## Outreach Update

• OLM Food Pantry is in 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 in the box on the porch of Mercy House.

*Thank you for your support!*

• If you are 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)



## Prayer to Saint Joachim & St. Anne



**O** Holy Mother and Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as parents, you guided and nurtured Mary and, under your protection and love, watched her grow in holiness. Through your faithfulness and goodness the Will of God was fulfilled; the fruits of your virtue and faith brought salvation to the whole world with the birth of the baby Jesus.

**M**ost Holy St's Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did.

Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus.

Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation.

**S**aints Anne and Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus. Seek this, my favor [State your request...] but only if it be for the greater glory of God and the good of my soul. Amen.

*St Anne was the Blessed Virgin Mary's mother. According to early church tradition, St Anne lived with her husband, St Joachim, in Galilee before moving to Jerusalem. After St Joachim fasted and prayed for forty days in the desert, Angels appeared to them promising a child. The child was the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Anne's Feast Day is 26th July. Their memorial is not officially observed in the 2020 liturgical calendar, since July 26 – the traditional date – falls on a Sunday, which is always a solemnity and supersedes other feasts.*



### PRAYER TO OVERCOME RACISM

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us. Amen.



**DON'T BE AFRAID  
TO GO TO THE  
SACRAMENT OF  
CONFESSION,  
WHERE YOU  
WILL MEET  
JESUS WHO  
FORGIVES YOU.**  
*Pope Francis*



### Confessions at OLM

**Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM**

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

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