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**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JULY 31, 2022**

SATURDAY, JULY 30

The Mass of Anticipation for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Lisa Jacome—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JULY 31

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Joyce Shanley—Memorial
 9:00AM Michael R. Mulhearn—5th Anniversary
 10:30AM Marie Enander—12th Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Philip Ambalal—Memorial

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Weekday; St. Eusebius, Bishop; St. Peter Eymard, Priest
 7:30AM Dorina Lincourt—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Weekday
 7:30AM Andrew Martin—5th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest
 7:30AM Derek Parenteau—16th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
 7:30AM Gail Hebert—Memorial

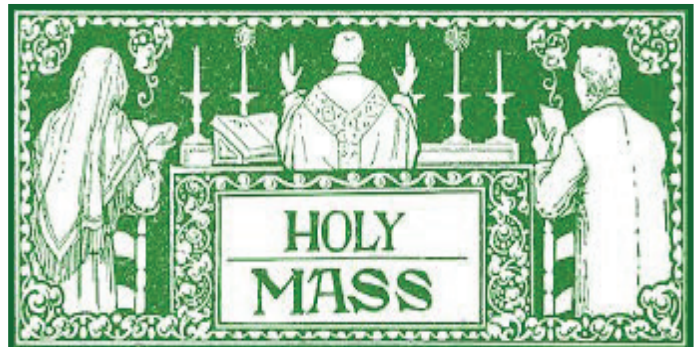
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:30AM Marie Oliverio—Birthday Remembrance

The Mass of Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM The Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM John Shanley—Memorial
 9:00AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Michael A. Rocchio—5th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Pope Francis has said: *"We can rightly say that the family is 'like one of the family' at Mass because it brings to the Eucharist its own experience of togetherness and opens it to the grace of universal togetherness, of God's love for the world. In participating at Mass, the family is purified from the temptation to turn in on itself, fortified in love and fidelity, and extends the reach of its fraternity according to the heart of Christ."*

One thing missing from our parish following the pandemic is many of our parish families participating in weekly Sunday Mass. While the pandemic and its many restrictions have ended and schools, restaurants, sports programs, travel, and shopping have all returned to the pre-pandemic normality, many of our OLM families have chosen not to return to regularly attending Holy Mass on Sundays.

The self-imposed exile of many families from Holy Mass is truly a sad circumstance here at OLM and in most parishes across the country. The pre-pandemic practice of attending Sunday Mass seems to have disappeared from the calendar of many Catholics. It is important to remember that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith and, therefore, must be the center of our lives.

St. John Vianney, whose feast we celebrate this week on Thursday, August 4, faced a similar situation in the 19th Century. In 1818, he was appointed parish priest of the town of Ars. This assignment

opened his eyes to the sordid state of the community of 230 people.

The spirit of the French Revolution had made many people ignorant and indifferent toward their Catholic Faith. They turned to indulging in vice rather than seeking to lead lives of virtue. Drunkenness and debauchery in local taverns rather than attending Mass was the new Sunday routine for many local townspeople.

During his assignment in Ars, St. John Vianney strived to transform his town spiritually. He preached against sin and vice. He dedicated himself to teaching the children the Catholic Faith. He vehemently preached against blasphemy and paganism even refusing to give absolution to parishioners who did not change their ways.

It took St. John Vianney 10 years to bring spiritual renewal to the Town of Ars. His prayer, zeal, and perseverance resulted in greater attendance at Sunday Mass and people turning away from their vices. Sunday Mass became the week's highlight in the townspeople's life.

The town of Ars began to draw pilgrims who sought St. John Vianney's spiritual advice. By 1855, about 20,000 people would visit him, seeking his counsel. In the last ten years of his life, he would spend 16 to 18 hours per day in the confessional hearing confessions.

On August 4, 1859, the saintly parish priest of Ars died at 73. More than 6,000 people and 300 priests attended his Funeral Mass. St. John Vianney was canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI and was made the patron

saint of parish priests.

As a result of the French Revolution, St John Vianney had received little formal education. Early on, he felt called to the priesthood but struggled in school. While in seminary, he needed private tutoring to supplement his lack of formal education.

He was an academically poor student yet he would become world-renowned and declared the patron Saint of Parish Priests. His life and priestly ministry teach many lessons about faith and perseverance.

Ignorance and misunderstanding of the Catholic Faith and apathy and indifference toward religion, coupled with a love for material comfort and personal pleasure, seem to be common signs of our times. Such indifference and misunderstanding were also true in the early 19th Century in a small town in France.

So let us turn to Saint John Vianney to inspire and intercede for us. May he lead us to be more zealous in the practice of our Faith and make Sunday Mass the center of life for every parishioner at OLM. Let's put Sunday Mass back on the schedule and make it the highlight of our week. As St. John Vianney once said: *"If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy."*

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!!!



St. Neot, Patron Saint of Fish Fries

The feast day of St. Neot, a little-known, four-foot-tall English monk who lived in the ninth century, is July 31. During his early years as a monk, he gained a reputation as a man of great simplicity and wisdom. This reputation led people to seek spiritual insights from him, although he did not desire such attention. He left the monastery to live seven years as a hermit. Upon meeting with the Pope, Neot expressed his desire to remove himself even more from society. The Pope convinced him to return home and establish a monastery in Cornwall instead. His deep piety drew a substantial number of monks, and after his death on July 31, 877, his remains were interred in the monastery. Pilgrims frequently came to pray for his intercession. As for how he became the patron saint of fish fries, pious legend suggests an angel had assured Neot that the three fish living in a well nearby would never decrease in number as long as Neot ate no more than a single fish each day. Towards the end of his life, Neot's caretaker, unfamiliar with the angel's assurance, retrieved two of the fish to strengthen Neot's failing health. Upon finding out about the monk's error, Neot prayed for forgiveness and ordered the now cooked and very dead fish be returned to the well. As they entered the water, both Neot and the fish were returned to life.

Easy Shallow Fried Fish

Ingredients

- 1lb White Fish (Cod or Halibut)
- 2 Cups Beer (*A summer style citrus beer works very well this time of year*)
- 2 Cups + a little more of AP flour
- 1 tsp Baking Powder
- 1 tbs Garlic Powder
- 1 tbs Paprika
- 2 tsp dried dill
- Heavy pinch of salt and pepper
- Vegetable Oil (amount depends on size of pan)

Instructions

Step 1. In a large pan, heat 2 inches of vegetable oil to 375 degrees. Step 2. Combine 2 Cups of flour with the rest of the dry ingredients and whisk together then add the beer and mix together. Step 3. Cut the fish into your desired portion size and dust it with remaining flour. Step 4. Dip the fish in the batter and let the excess drip off. Step 5. Place the fish in the heated oil, always making sure to drop the final part of the fish away from you. Step 6. Fry until golden brown (times will vary) and be sure not to crowd the pan. Step 7. Remove and drain on paper towel or wire rack, salt while still hot. Enjoy with a glass of white wine!

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July 24, 2022

Weekly.....	\$9,075.00
EFT.....	\$4,863.00
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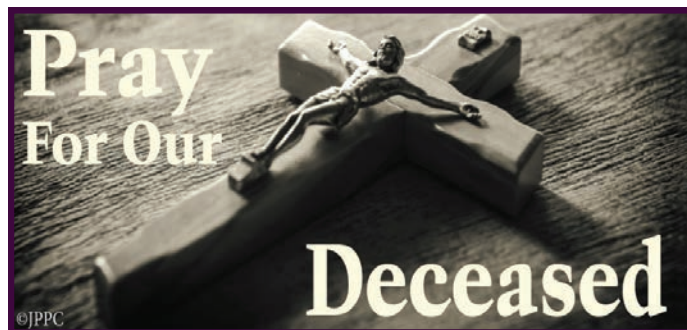


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*Congratulations
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Noah Douglas James Glod,
and his parents, Douglas and Paula.

“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.”
— The Rite of Baptism

Outreach
Update

- OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.
- **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.
- For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

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Psalm 33:20

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Peter Herbeck

*Our main speaker will be Peter Herbeck, Executive Vice President and Director of missions for Renewal Ministries and is one of the most sought after men's conference speakers. He has been actively involved in evangelization and Catholic renewal throughout the US, Canada, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Peter is a co-host for the weekly television program The Choices We Face. He also hosts the daily radio show Fire on the Earth. He has authored *When the Spirit Comes in Power* and *When the Spirit Speaks*, Peter and his wife, Debbie, have four children and seven grandchildren, and reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan*

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Fr Murphy has a B.A. in philosophy from Providence College. He was assigned to St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA, where he earned a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology. Fr. Murphy was ordained to the Priesthood in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in June of 2012. In 2018 he was appointed Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Providence while continuing as chaplain at Bishop Hendricken High School. In 2019, Fr. Murphy was appointed Rector of Our Lady of Providence Seminary as well as Coordinator of Pre-Ordination Formation



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