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**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 2, 2020**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

Mass of Anticipation for the 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

Weekday
 7:30AM Andrew Martin—2nd Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest
 7:30AM Derek Parenteau—14th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Weekday; Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major
 7:30AM Paul Cienki—Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
 7:30AM Michael Rocchio—3rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Weekday; St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companion Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
 7:30AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance

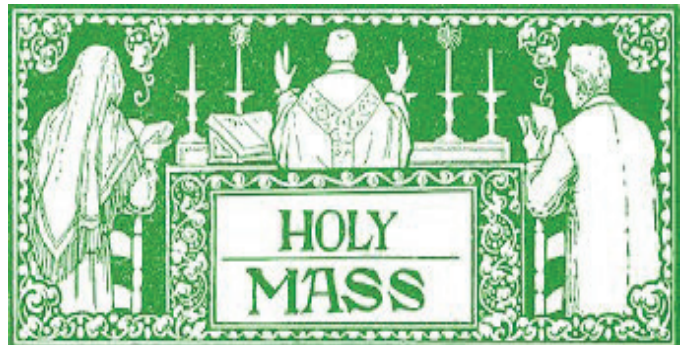
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest
 8:30AM Marion Hart—39th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Celestine, Felix & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Judge Vincent Ragosta—3rd Anniversary
 10:30AM Dec'd of the Dikinis & Pundys Families—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

"The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works," said St. Augustine. Some parishioners have asked about Confessions at OLM. As you know, we have had to suspend Confessions on Saturday afternoons to clean and sanitize the Church for 5:00 pm Mass. This change is to continue until the COVID-19 Crisis is over.

However, we continue to offer Confessions on Monday evenings at 6: 00pm. We usually have two priests available on Mondays as well. If Monday nights are not a convenient day and time for you to get to Confession, please know you can always make an appointment with the parish priests. Just contact Fr. Barrow, Fr. Connors, or myself to arrange for Confession.

Also, a few parishioners have asked if outside Confessors might be available on Monday Evening Confessions. I hope in the coming weeks to have the Dominican Friars from Providence College join us at least once a month for Confessions on Monday evenings. This Monday at 6:00pm, Dominican Father James Mary Sullivan, OP, the Pastor of St. Pius V Church in Providence, is joining us for Confessions. What a blessing we've had at OLM as Confessions continued throughout the COVID-19 Crisis. Even during the lockdown, we had many people coming to seek God's forgiveness and mercy.

Confessions remain every Monday evening, no matter the weather. So if you haven't made

a good Confession in a while, now is the time.

We also enjoy the blessing of celebrating Mass together as a parish family. The number of parishioners attending Sunday Masses continues to rise each week. We intend to keep the present Mass Schedule of three weekend Masses for the remainder of the summer.

Come September, if the number of parishioners attending Sunday Masses increases, we might add another Sunday Mass to the schedule. However, before we do change the schedule, there are several factors to consider. The cleaning and sanitizing of the Church, the need for the Mass, and the number of parishioners who attend are essential considerations.

We will announce any changes to the Mass Schedule in advance. However, for the foreseeable future, we continue to offer the 5:00pm Mass of Anticipation on Saturdays, and the 7:30am, and 10:30am on Sundays. This current schedule is working and allows for ample time for our maintenance team to clean and sanitize. I genuinely appreciate your support, understanding, and patience as we continue to worship and practice our faith during this unprecedented time.

Many other places in the country are no so blessed. In some states, Church services face severe restrictions, and other states have stopped public worship services altogether. This past week the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to reject a Nevada church's plea to suspend state public-health orders limiting attendance at worship services.

The Governor of Nevada issued an order that allowed casinos and other secular businesses greater leeway than houses of worship, which were capped at 50 people for indoor services. His order allowed casinos to admit up to 50% of their capacity.

A Nevada Protestant Church sued over the order claiming it was a violation of religious liberty and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It claimed that the order treated church services differently than other large gatherings such as casinos, gyms, and restaurants.

The majority decision denied the Church's argument without comment. However, Justice Gorsuch's one paragraph dissent is rather clear. He states:

"In Nevada, it seems, it is better to be in entertainment than religion. Maybe that is nothing new. But the First Amendment prohibits such obvious discrimination against the exercise of religion. The world we inhabit today, with a pandemic upon us, poses unusual challenges. But there is no world in which the Constitution permits Nevada to favor Caesars Palace over Calvary Chapel."

Let's never take Sunday Mass for granted. Instead, let's renew our fidelity and love of the Eucharistic Lord. Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless. Go Sox!????

Ask Father

Should Catholics Support the Black Lives Matter Organization?

In the wake of the killing of George Floyd, the Black Lives Movement has captured national attention. You can find displayed on front lawns, posted in shop windows, or spray painted on roads, the slogan “Black Lives Matter”. Slogans can be rallying cries for change. The Church’s social doctrine teaches Catholics to work for justice, the preservation of human dignity, and the protection of human life. Yet, legitimate calls for reform can often be high jacked by extremist movements or organizations, which seek to twist the movement for its own radical aims.

The organization (as opposed to the slogan) Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation proposes a radical and Marxist methodology to reform the country. This organization advances ideas and causes contrary to Church teaching. One need only go to the BLM website to find their manifesto (blacklivesmatter.com). Their position includes positions contrary to Church teaching on marriage, human sexuality, and the family. For example, their website states, “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.”

We should distinguish the organization from the social movement for justice and equality. Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a Black Catholic deacon of the Diocese of Portland, Oregon, author, and co-host of EWTN’s Morning Glory radio show also tells us: “*Marching to protest the inequitable treatment of black people by those in authority—that’s good.*” However, the policies promoted by the Black Lives Matter organization on family and sexuality constitute “*a radical feminist agenda disguised as a movement for ‘Black Lives Matter,’*” he said. “*No Catholic can support the national organization, whatsoever,*” he added.

Christianity proposes the ultimate solution to inequality: we are all equally sinners in need of a savior. All of us find value, meaning, and equality in Christ. Our Lord Himself summarizes the entirety of the spiritual life with His commandment: “*Love God and love neighbor.*” That is a much more effective and world changing rallying cry.



Weekly Collection

July 26, 2020

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	Weekly for same week last year on July 28, 2019
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In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **East Greenwich Police Sergeant Christopher Callan** who was laid to rest last week.

Rest In Peace

Ordinary Time



Sundays in Ordinary Time may be replaced by certain days which bear a higher rank in the liturgical calendar.

These higher ranking days include all feasts of the Lord and those very important feasts called solemnities which celebrate the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints.

Examples of days which may replace Sundays in Ordinary Time would be the Transfiguration of the Lord on August 6, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15, and All Saints Day on November 1.

Unlike Sundays in Ordinary Time, Sundays in Advent, Lent, and the Easter season take precedence over anything else that may fall on the calendar dates of those Sundays.



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Prayer for Priests

Feast Day—August 4

St John Vianney (1786-1859)

Patron of Priests

God, please give
to Your Church today
many more priests
after Your own heart.
May they be
worthy representatives
of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly
devote themselves
to prayer and penance;
be examples
of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
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of the Word of God;
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of Your grace in the sacraments.
May their loving devotion
to Your Son Jesus
in the Eucharist
and to Mary his Mother
be the twin fountains
of fruitfulness
for their ministry.

Amen



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Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM

Confessions on Saturdays are 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 speak with a priest to schedule an appointment.

This Monday a visiting Dominican Friar available for Confession.

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merciful, slow to anger and
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—PS 145: 8



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