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Mass Intentions
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**THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
 AUGUST 6, 2023**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

The Mass of Anticipation for Transfiguration of the Lord

5:00PM George Feld—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Evelyn Ricci—Memorial

10:30AM Michael A. Rocchio—6th Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Weekday: St. Sixtus II & Companions, Martyrs: St Cajetan, Priest

7:30AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM Judge Vincent A. Ragosta—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Weekday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM Dec'd of Pundys & Dikinis Families-Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

7:30AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—52nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

7:30AM Marion Hart—42nd Anniversary

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday; St. Frances of Chantal, Religious; BVM

8:30AM Fr. Roger Houle—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Felix, Celestina, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

The Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Josephine Raimondo—Memorial

9:00AM Joseph Mirandou—Memorial

10:30AM Albert Burnside—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord as Sunday falls on August 6. Normally we don't get to celebrate this important feast on Sundays, only during the week at Daily Mass. The Feast of the Transfiguration foretells the glory of the Lord as God and his Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace, we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.

In the Transfiguration, Christ enjoyed for a short while that glorified state, which was to be permanent his after His Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The splendor of His inward Divinity and the Beatific Vision of His soul overflowed on His body. It permeated His garments, so Christ stood before Peter, James, and John in a snow-white light.

The purpose of the Transfiguration was to encourage and strengthen the Apostles who were depressed by their Master's prediction of His own Passion and Death. The Apostles were made to understand that His redeeming work has two phases: the Cross and Glory—that we shall be glorified with Him only if we first suffer with Him.

Pope Benedict XVI preached on the Transfiguration and said: *"Today at Mass, we recall the Transfiguration of the Lord and how it prepared the Apostles for the coming scandal of the Cross. Strengthened by our faith in Jesus, true God, and true man, may we be inspired, not scandalized, by the Cross given to our Savior and to our*

fellow Christians who suffer with him throughout the world."

As we reflect upon Pope Benedict's words, let us consider the plight of those who suffer from want of food, shelter, security, education, healthcare, and so many material things we take for granted. Let us pray for them and all who suffer from poverty, injustice, famine, war, violence, hatred, terrorism, oppression, grief, sickness, and addiction.

This week I spoke with my classmate Fr. James Ruggeri, the Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Smith Hill and St. Michael Parish in South Providence. He asked if OLM would help him collect back-to-school supplies for his St. Patrick Academy students.

In 2009, Fr. James transformed the old St. Patrick Elementary School into an affordable Catholic High School for low-income students. The school serves those students who desire a good and solid Catholic, college-preparatory high school education but cannot enroll in any other area Catholic high school for financial or other reasons.

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Over the next few weeks,

please deposit your donations in the blue bins in the vestibule. A complete list of needed supplies is in the bulletin today. We have plenty of backpacks, so please donate only the needed supplies.

If you would rather donate with financial assistance, please make a check payable to OLM Outreach and write *"Back to School Drive"* in the memo. In the name of Fr. James and the students of St. Patrick Academy, I thank you for your generosity and support of this effort.

Next Sunday, join us as we welcome Fr. Patrick Ryan to OLM. He will celebrate and preach at the 10:30am Mass. Father was ordained this past June by Bishop Henning. He currently serves at St. Theresa Church in Pawtucket with Fr. Barrow. Father returns to Rome in the fall to complete his graduate theological studies. He returns to RI for a parish assignment next June.

After his Mass of Thanksgiving, come congratulate Father at the reception in Mercy Park, where he is to offer his First Priestly Blessings. Pray for Father Ryan and all priests and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

The new grass on our OLM School Field is growing nicely. We thank all who made it possible especially Yardworks for their fine job and Paul Anderson, who ensures the grass continues to grow and stay green! And no, as I had to tell Fr. Mahoney, you can't hit golf balls on the new grass. Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey

Weekly Collection

July 30, 2023

Weekly.....	\$7,508.00
EFT.....	\$4,853.00
	Total=\$12,361.00
Outreach.....	\$146.00

July 31, 2022

Weekly.....	\$10,540.00
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Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds Collection
Next Week: Peter's Pence

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**OLM PARISH OFFICE
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 MONDAY-THURSDAY
 8:00AM-4:00PM

The office is closed on Fridays during the summer.

Pray For Our Deceased

In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Normand Zwolinski, Christine C. Faria, and Dorothy A. Monahan** whose funerals were celebrated last week.

Transfiguration of the Lord



The feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord celebrates Christ's divinity shining forth out of his humanity and his dominion over all creation. It also reminds us that we, as baptized persons, have a share in his divine life and will one day participate in his glory.

It is unfortunate that this wonderful feast was established by Pope Calistus III to commemorate the 1456 battle of Belgrade, a decisive victory of Christian forces over the Turks, and that it is the anniversary of the first use of an atomic weapon in warfare.

A celebration of our nobility in Christ on a day that remembers the worst that we can be offers us a unique, profound, and challenging worship experience.



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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 items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

□ **OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 4:00pm** in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

• **For more information,** please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Mass of Thanksgiving

Celebrated by Fr. Patrick Ryan
Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 10:30am

Reception & First Priestly Blessings to follow Mass

Join us at a Mass of Thanksgiving for the newly ordained Father Patrick Ryan. Father Ryan served as a Summer Seminarian at OLM in 2019. He will celebrate and preach a Mass of Thanksgiving and offer his First Priestly Blessings following the Mass.

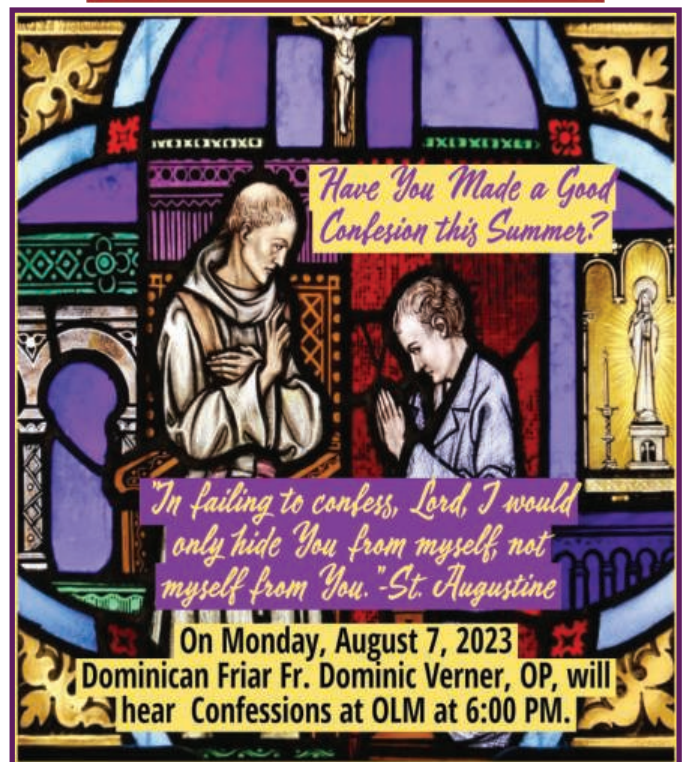


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Calendar

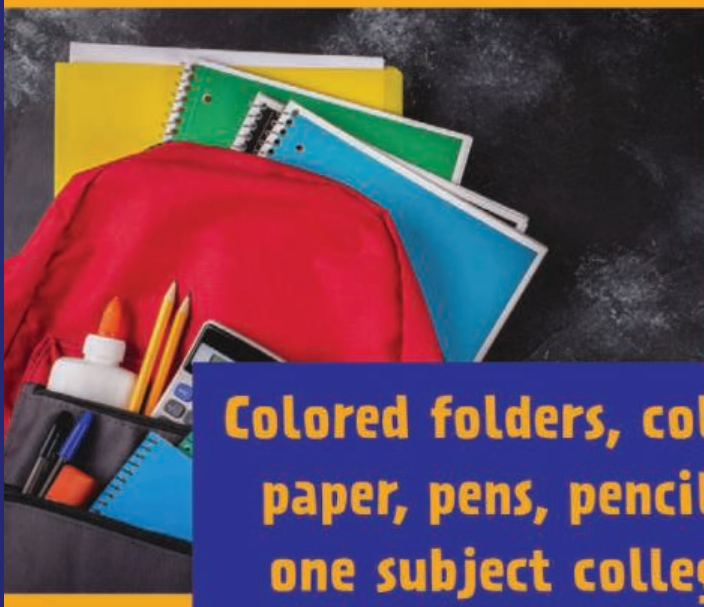
- **Sunday, August 27:** New OLM School Families Welcome Mass at 10:30am
- **Monday, August 28:** Faculty Retreat at Christian Brothers Center, Narragansett
- **Tuesday, August 29:** Faculty Professional Day
- **Wednesday, August 30:** First Day of School!
- **Friday, September 1:** Opening School Mass of the Holy Spirit at 9:00AM

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