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- Luke 15:31*



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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Mass of Anticipation for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Emily Houdek—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Wanda Zwolinski—8th Anniversary
 9:00AM Deceased Firefighters & Police Officers—Mem.
 10:30AM Sean T. Healey—8th Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary
 7:30AM Sean T. Healey—8th Anniversary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Cross
 7:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of the Sorrows
 7:30AM Dec'd of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

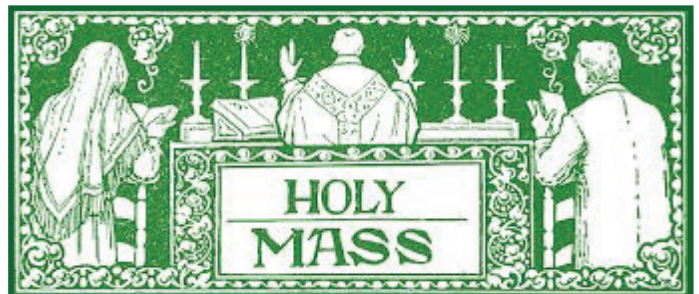
Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
 7:30AM Paul Cienki—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday; *St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; BVM*
 8:30AM Arthur T. Carr—30th Anniversary
The Mass of Anticipation for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Frank Hruda—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Alex, Diamond & Joanne Tagliatela &
 William & Renate McGlumphy—Memorial
 10:30AM Joseph Gianardi—18th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

In speaking about the Sacrament of the Eucharist, St Augustine said: *"O sacrament of devotion! O sign of unity! O bond of charity!"* His words came to mind as I reflected upon the 21st Anniversary of the September 11 attacks on our nation.

We remember the evil attacks on that day that killed thousands of innocent people, including many first responders, and left too many families to suffer great loss and grief. I remember, too, that many Churches were full in the days following the attack as people turned to God in prayer. Sunday Masses in the weeks following the attack were packed with people gathered in a bond of unity and charity.

At a Mass for the Victims of the September 11th Attack, the late Archbishop of New York, Edward Cardinal Egan, stated: *"Then we learned - perhaps even to our surprise - that within the hearts of the best of the best of us, there resides a goodness that is incredibly selfless. We learned that, when summoned by great events, we become in great numbers remarkably committed to the well-being of others, even total strangers. We become a strong people, a courageous people, a noble people - a people for others."*

Over the last twenty years, that great bond of unity and charity has faded. Unity and charity continue to diminish as our nation and Church grow more divisive. The social bonds that unite us seem to be not only fading away but, at times, disappearing altogether.

Social media has helped erode these bonds as people angrily attack and insult one another with Tweets and Facebook Posts. There is a growing ideological puritanism that doesn't tolerate or respect the opinions of others.

However, we must not simply lay the blame at the feet of social media. We all have a part to play in this problem. Yes, it is easy to point the finger at others when we consider the state of the world. It's social media's fault! It's that politician or political party! It's those people! However, if we are honest, we all have to take responsibility.

After all, we are all sinners in need of God's mercy. And every time we point a finger of blame at someone else, three fingers point back at us. What are we to do? How do we respond to the many problems of our world today with charity and unity?

We must respond individually and as a Church as we did twenty-one years ago. By returning to God in prayer. By making more frequent Sacramental Confession of our sins. And most of all, by faithfully coming to Mass each Sunday to grow in devotion, unity, and charity!

The Eucharist is a sacrament of unity because it unites all the faithful and us more closely with Jesus and one another. The Eucharist makes us one in Christ and strengthens our love and respect for one another as we grow in charity.

In the Eucharist, Jesus Christ has left us, His Church, a symbol of our unity and the charity he desires for all

Christians.

What we receive at Mass is infinitely more than a good passing feeling or a nice life lesson. At Mass, we participate in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ himself! We receive His sacred body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

For the Catholic family, there is nothing more important than going to Mass together every Sunday. The adage remains true: *"A family that prays together stays together."*

In the Mass, we pray and worship with the same sacrifice made 2000 years since the Last Supper. At Mass, we are united with the whole Church as one and united with our families together as one in the Lord.

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks on our nation, we were more united and charitable as Americans and as Catholics. We can be once again if we strive to be more devoted to the ultimate source of unity and charity, the Holy Mass. For only at Mass, do we encounter the living God and strengthen our bond of faith, hope, and charity!

Pray today for the victims of the September 11 attacks and their grieving families and friends. And as we remember the victims of the September 11 Attack, let us renew ourselves in unity and charity with the most perfect prayer, Holy Mass.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless America! Go Pats!

Father Healey



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
 Solemn Feast Mass at 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

OLM Saints & Scholars Open Golf Tournament · 1:00 p.m. Tee Off
 Quidnessett Country Club, North Kingstown
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Holy Hour of Mercy at 7:00 p.m.
 Fr. James Sullivan, O.P., Pastor of St. Pius V Church, Providence
 Homilist
 Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary & Benediction
 Meditative Music by OLM Music Director
 Mr. Henri St. Louis & OLM Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Act of Mercy at 6:00 p.m.
 Join us at the OLM school field as we prepare meals
 and supplies for the hungry and homeless

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

OLM OKTOBERFEST 6-9 p.m.
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 German food, beer & music
 "See You In September" Raffle Drawing for \$10,000 in prize money
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Divine Mercy Chaplet

Join us every Friday at 3:00PM as we
 pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in
 OLM Church before the Our Lady of
 Mercy Altar and Shrine.

Weekly Collection

September 4, 2022

Weekly.....	\$9,455.00
EFT.....	\$3,955.00
	Total=\$13,410.00
Outreach.....	\$2,204.00

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Weekly.....	\$16,511.00
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Second Collections
**Next Week: Senior Priests' Retirement
 Collection**

***Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next
 Generation! Remember Our Lady of
 Mercy Church in your will or estate.***



*"If I could pass tomorrow's test,
 I would be grateful for eternity ...
 a concept not wasted on you, I'm sure."*



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Please register your child today online at olmparish.org & download the RE Class Calendar for 2022-2023.

2022 Confirmation Schedule

September 12 & 19: Mandatory Confirmation Interviews Class 2022, 4:00pm-6:00pm

September 24: Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation Class 2022, 1:00pm-5:00pm in OLM School Gym & Mass at 5pm

October 13: Final Lecture for 2022 Confirmation Class at 7:00pm in OLM Church

October 17: Mandatory Devotions and Confessions for 2022 Confirmation Class at 7:00pm in OLM Church. For All Candidates, Parents and available Sponsors

October 20: 2022 Grade 9 Confirmation Class MANDATORY PRACTICE at 7:00pm in OLM Church

Sunday, October 23:

Class of 2022 (9th Grade) Confirmation Mass at 5:00PM with Bishop William Byrne of Springfield, MA



• **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, September 15, 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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Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, September 13:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, September 14:** Lifetouch Photos & Back to School Night for Parents beginning at 5:30pm

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MASS AND A MOVIE

All are welcome to join the OLM Families Group

Following the 5:00pm Mass on

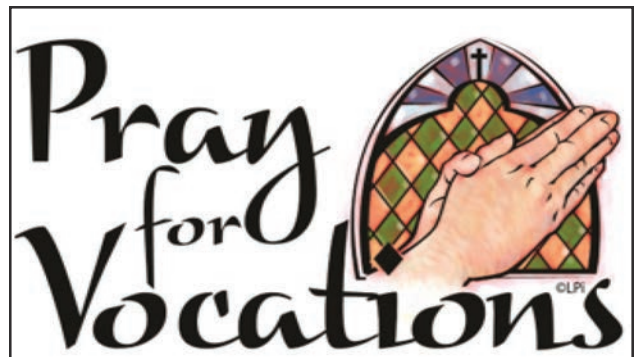
Saturday, September 17th

For a viewing of Pixar's:

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Bring your blankets, chairs, and a picnic dinner and join us on the OLM School field.

The movie will begin at dusk.



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Senior Priests'
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September 10/11

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry – some of whom continue to serve well after their 'retirement.' At Masses on September 17-18, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.com. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.

9/11 Prayer

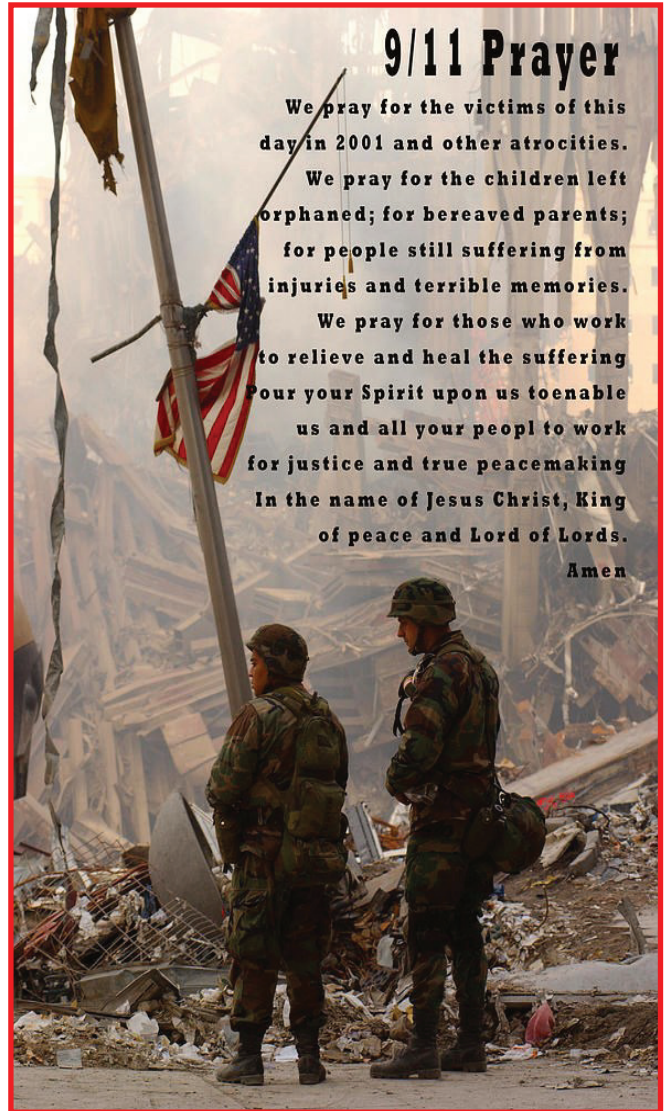
We pray for the victims of this day in 2001 and other atrocities.

We pray for the children left orphaned; for bereaved parents; for people still suffering from injuries and terrible memories.

We pray for those who work to relieve and heal the suffering. Pour your Spirit upon us to enable us and all your people to work for justice and true peacemaking.

In the name of Jesus Christ, King of peace and Lord of Lords.

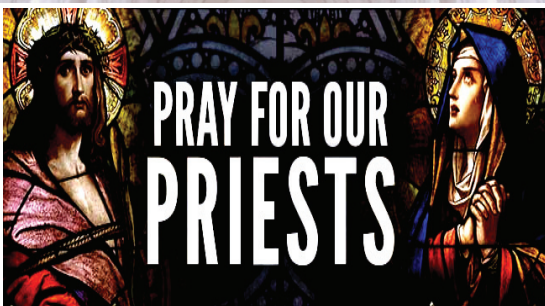
Amen



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