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who walk in the

ways of God



***Happy Labor
Day!***

Psalm 128:1-2

What your
hands provide
you will enjoy;
you will be happy
and prosper.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Mass of Anticipation for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey-33rd. Ann.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Dorothy Ianacone—Memorial
 10:30AM Bernard St. Jean—Memorial
 5:00PM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2—LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Thomas Shannon—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Weekday
 7:30AM Doris A. Jamieson—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday; St. Teresa of Calcutta
 7:30AM Bernard St. Jean—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Weekday
 7:30AM Frank & Teresa Heran—Anniversary
 9:00AM Dec'd OLM School Alumni, Faculty & Benefactors

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Weekday: BVM
 8:30AM Brian, Clarence & Noella Larocque—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Bernard Falchini—Memorial
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM Sean T. Healey—5th Anniversary
 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—15th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

School has begun! This past Wednesday school started again for many students, including our students at OLM School. The First Day of School is always a fun day at OLM. We wish all the teachers and students God's blessing for a fruitful and holy year!

Just in time for the return to school we delivered over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to the students of St. Patrick Church in Providence. Father James Ruggeri, the Pastor at St. Patrick's and my dear classmate, was overjoyed with the generosity of OLM! In his name and in the name of the many students who have school supplies this year, I offer thanks for your generous support of the Annual Backpack Drive for St. Patrick's!

Now that classes are back at OLM School we are looking forward to the Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit on Friday, September 6th at 9:00AM. We celebrate a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the school year, imploring the descent of the Holy Spirit upon our OLM School Community to impart his wondrous gifts in all that we undertake in this new school year.

The Holy Spirit produces the saints and scholars we need for our Church and world! Age after age and in every epoch the Holy Spirit produces men, women and children who respond to the gifts given to them. So we invoke the Holy Spirit to pour out his graces upon OLM School as we begin this school year.

In a very special way at the Mass on Friday, we pray for

our new OLM School Principal, Patrick H. McNabb.

Patrick most recently served as the middle school theology teacher and director of faith formation at Holy Name Parish and School in Fall River, MA. Prior to his time at Holy Name, Mr. McNabb served for eleven years in public and charter schools as a teacher and vice principal at the middle and high school levels.

Patrick and his wife are the parents of two young daughters and attend St. Barnabas Church in Portsmouth. He attended Catholic schools from pre-K through twelfth grade and holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Haverford College and a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from National Louis University. Pray for him as he begins his first year at OLM School.

All are invited to join us for the Mass of the Holy Spirit this Friday at 9:00AM. Bishop Evans is to celebrate the Mass, and I will be preaching. In addition to installing our new Principal, we also install our returning and new faculty. May the Holy Spirit descend upon OLM School!

Let us pray for OLM School: *"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth."*

There is also another important event happening this week at OLM! On Tuesday, September 3rd, Sister Jeanne Barry, RSM celebrates her 80th Birthday! It will be "Sister

Jeanne Day" at OLM School and we will mark this special day with a school celebration! We offer Sister Jeanne a very Happy Birthday and continued blessings for health, happiness and holiness!

Labor Day is Monday, and with it we mark the unofficial end of summer!! So enjoy the holiday, relax and celebrate the dignity that work bestows upon us. Pray for those who have no work and give thanks to God for the blessings we enjoy because of work! Enjoy the end of summer cookouts, outings to the beach and golf too!

As we mark Labor Day, let us reflect on it with the wisdom of St. Pope John Paul the Great: *"Man must work, both because the Creator has commanded it and because of his own humanity, which requires work in order to be maintained and developed. Man must work out of regard for others, especially his own family, but also for the society he belongs to, the country of which he is a child, and the whole human family of which he is a member, since he is the heir to the work of generations and at the same time a sharer in building the future of those who will come after him in the succession of history."*

Happy Labor Day! Pray for OLM School and be sure to wish Sister Jeanne a Happy 80th Birthday! Be well. Do Good. God Bless! Go Sox?????! Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*



How does a Christian relax?

Since summer is almost over and usually summer means vacations, trips, relaxation, time off, etc. it seems appropriate to talk about the Christian concept of rest. What is it that we consider rest or relaxation? In order to come back truly refreshed and ready for the task at hand we need to know: what is rest and how is it accomplished?

We do not normally put work and rest together, but this is what Christ does in the Gospel as He says: "Take my yoke/burden upon you...and you will find rest for yourselves." How can we find rest in a burden, especially when the image presented of a yoke or burden evokes the opposite of rest despite Christ's claim that it is easy?

We form two concepts in our mind: Purpose driven activity we call work. Purposeless/Idle activity we call rest. What normally comes to mind when one thinks about work is reading, studying, chores; even praying we might implicitly or explicitly file under the heading "work." Prayer is just another obligation in the long list of things that need to be done. To escape from this and find reprieve we go and rest which involves taking a nap, watching television, going on the internet, playing games and so on. Now these are good things; yet, if these things are rest why is it that these do not really refresh us and instead of helping us to go and work with more enthusiasm and joy, they merely make us hate to work all the more and we strive to return to this so called "rest;" to idleness.

If this is how we separate rest and work, then it seems ridiculous that Christ would put the two together. How can we take his yoke upon us and find rest; Idleness and Purpose do not go together. That is because we have set up a false dichotomy. True rest is not mere idleness.

"...on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing, he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken." God rested after he ordered chaos, reigned over heaven and earth, and looked and said it is good. Hence true rest is the result of ordering chaos; of making things as they were intended to be. So rest is an activity in which one's highest purpose is fulfilled. Further, in the Old Testament the Temple was where God rested. Now we have been made Temples, where God takes up his abode and rests in us precisely because he has ordered the chaos of Original Sin in our souls and made us who we were truly meant to be through Christ and the sacraments.

The most restful activity, therefore is the Mass. In the Mass is where Christ bids us come, be refreshed, be rightly ordered, be who you are truly meant to be; and all of this is easy; there is no real toil; (the real toil is what we do to get here; to cross the threshold and overcome our own imperfections). If we are not refreshed by the Mass, this is more than likely our fault, and our misunderstanding of rest. It is up to us with God's help to reorient our perspectives and order our lives so that we begin to see and really feel the Mass and worship as founts of refreshment and relaxation.

Weekly Collection

August 25, 2019

Weekly.....	\$9,969.00
EFT.....	\$2,342.00
	Total=\$12,311.00
Outreach.....	\$367.00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

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**Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds**

5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass Returns
Please note the Weekly 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass begins again **this Sunday, September 1, 2019** and continues until May 31, 2020.

**Labor Day Holiday
Monday, September 2, 2019
Mass at 8:30AM.**
The Parish Office is closed for the holiday

The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of **Thomas Shannon**. In your charity, please remember him in your prayers.



*Religious Education Calendar
available on the Parish Website
www.olmparish.org*

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 15th: OLM Celebration of Catechist Sunday all teachers, substitutes, and volunteers are invited to the 9:00am Mass to be commissioned. We will have a short teachers meeting in the school after Mass.

Sunday, September 22nd: Grades 3-5 *only* have their first class on at the usual class time of 10-11:00am. Parents need to stay only to hear room assignments. Grades 6-8 have their first class at the usual class time of 6-7:00pm on Sunday, September 22nd.

Sunday, September 29th: Grades 1 and 2 have their orientation on Sunday, at the usual class time of 10-11:00am. Parents should attend the beginning of class. All meet in the school cafeteria. NO CLASS for grades 3-5 that morning.

Important Dates for 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Saturday, September 14th: Confirmation Retreat for those last names beginning A-L, or who have switched with permission.

Saturday, September 21st: Retreats for those last names beginning M-Z, or who have switched with permission.

Confirmation Retreats begin at 11:45AM until 4:45PM. All candidates, parents and sponsors, if possible, should attend 5:00PM Mass following Retreat.



Friday, September 6, 2019 at 9:00AM

**Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit
& Installation of Patrick H. McNabb as
Principal of Our Lady of Mercy School**

Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 9:00AM

New OLM School Families Welcome Mass.

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● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in these summer months. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

● **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, September 5th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.

● **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



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