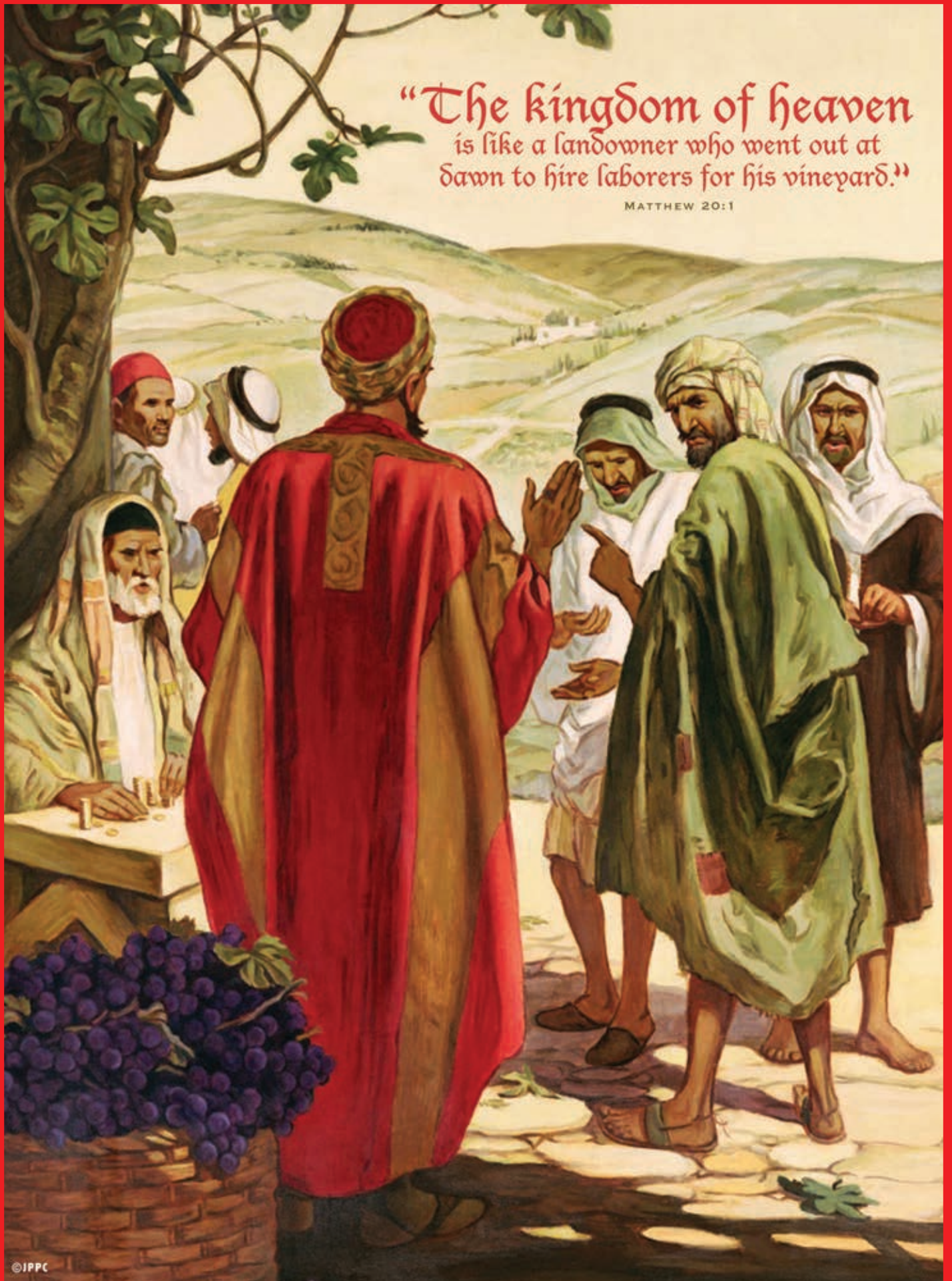


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dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard.”*

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**THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Filippi & Catanio Family-Mem.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 Alex, Diamond & Joanne Tagliatela & William &
 Renate McGlumphy—Memorial
 10:30AM Josephine Lanna—8th Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
 7:30AM David Kiernan—30th Anniversary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday
 7:30AM Lewis Phillips—4th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 7:30AM T. O'Rourke—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
 7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—3rd Anniversary
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

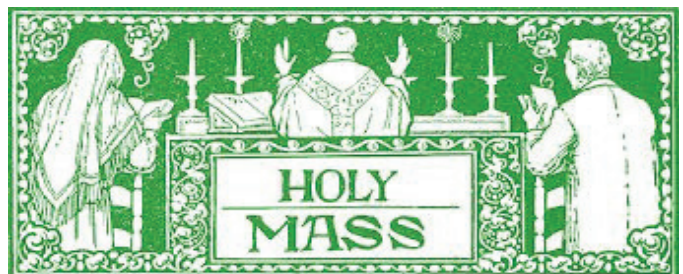
Weekday
 7:30AM John Gardner —Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday; Saints Cosmas & Damien, Martyrs; BVM
 8:30AM Nita Stewart—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Bernice Primeau—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Special Intention
 10:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Savastano & Mr. & Mrs. Edward Sullivan





Dear Parishioners:

It was a beautiful and joyful day last Saturday as the children from Our Lady of Mercy School celebrated First Holy Communion. Initially scheduled for early May, the First Communion Masses are now in September. This weekend and next weekend, the OLM Religious Education program children are celebrating their First Holy Communion. Congratulations and prayers!

On Thursday, September 24, we celebrate the Patronal Feast of our parish. The Origin of the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy dates back to 1214 when St. Peter Nolasco, at the age of 25, donated his vast estates to the Church. After making a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Montserrat, he went on to Barcelona and began to practice various acts of charity and mercy.

It was in Barcelona that St Peter Nolasco conceived the idea of establishing a religious community to aid the many captives seized by the Moors on the seas and in Spain. These enslaved Christian captives were cruelly tormented in the Moorish prisons to make them deny their faith.

All of Christian Europe was praying intensely to obtain the remedy for the great evil that had befallen them. On August 1, 1218, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Peter Nolasco, to his confessor, St. Raymond of Penafort, and King James I of Aragon and Calalonia. Through these three servants of God, a work of perfect mercy, the captives' redemption, was established.

While the Church was

celebrating the feast of St. Peter in Chains, the Virgin Mary appeared first to St. Peter Nolasco, saying that she indeed desired to establish a new religious order.

It would become the Mercedarians, bearing the name of the Mother of Mercy. Its members undertook their mission to rescue Christian captives and offer themselves, if necessary, as a ransom to the captors.

The Order was established in Spain and approved by the Pope under the name of Our Lady of Mercy. By God's grace and under the protection of His Virgin Mother, the Order spread rapidly as the works of charity and mercy of its members became known. They followed Our Lady's directive to give themselves up to voluntary slavery when necessary.

It was to praise God and the Blessed Virgin that a feast day was instituted and observed on September 24. First in the Order, then everywhere in Spain and France. Pope Innocent XII, in the 17th Century, extended it to the entire Church. In the 19th Century, Pope Leo XIII sought devotion to Our Lady of Mercy with a focus on how Our Lady ransoms us from the slavery of our sins and brings us the grace of conversion. As the Mother of Jesus, our Merciful Redeemer, Our Lady is rightly named Mother of Mercy.

This year, we have had to change our usual Mercy Week events due to the pandemic. The Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament, the communal Work of Mercy night, and the Octoberfest are postponed until next year when we hope the

COVID restrictions are lifted.

However, to mark our Feast Week of Mercy, there are three events this week. On Monday at 7:00 pm, we celebrate Devotions to Our Lady of Mercy with Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the Holy Rosary, and a talk on Mercy by Dominican Friar, Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, the Associate Chaplain at Providence College. Before Devotions on Monday night, Fr. Briscoe and another Friar from the PC Priory, Fr. Jordan Zajac, OP, are available for Confessions beginning at 6:00 pm.

On Thursday, September 24, we mark the actual Parish Feast with a solemn Mass at 9:00am celebrated by Bishop Evans. The Mass is open to the public, so please join us in person to celebrate this feast of faith in honor of Our Lady.

On Thursday at 1:30 pm, the "See You in September" Raffle Drawing takes place at OLM School. Our OLM School saints and scholars are pulling the winning tickets for the raffle via live-stream! Get your ticket today, if you have not yet done so, and mark your calendar to celebrate our feast as a parish family!!

See you at Mercy Devotions and the Feast Mass! Happy Patronal Feast Day! May Our Lady of Mercy guide and protect you, your family and our parish! Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless. Go Pats!!!!

Ask Father

Who is Our Lady of Mercy?

The title “Our Lady of Mercy” for the Blessed Mother originates from the Middle Ages when Christians were captured by Muslims and sold into slavery. Through the course of history this title of Our Lady and the idea of ransoming those in captivity came to be understood in the larger context of grace and salvation history. For most of its history the human race lived as slaves to sin and death as St. Paul tells us (Romans 6:20). God, in his great mercy, rescued us from slavery to sin by his death on the cross. We attribute this title in a special way to Mary because she is the mother of Mercy incarnate. Further, she received the mercy of God in a singular, excellent way through the Immaculate Conception which preserved her from Original Sin before her birth.

As Pope St. John Paul II writes in *Dives in Misericordia*: “Mary is also the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has. At the same time, still in an exceptional way, she made possible with the sacrifice of her heart her own sharing in revealing God’s mercy. This sacrifice is intimately linked with the cross of her Son, at the foot of which she was to stand on Calvary. Her sacrifice is a unique sharing in the revelation of mercy, that is, a sharing in the absolute fidelity of God to his own love, to the covenant that he willed from eternity and that he entered into in time with man, with the people, with humanity; it is a sharing in that revelation that was definitively fulfilled through the cross. No one has experienced, to the same degree as the Mother of the crucified One, the mystery of the cross, the overwhelming encounter of divine transcendent justice with love: that ‘kiss’ given by mercy to justice. No one has received into his heart, as much as Mary did, that mystery, that truly divine dimension of the redemption effected on Calvary by means of the death of the Son, together with the sacrifice of her maternal heart, together with her definitive ‘fiat.’” In short, Mary knows the depth of God’s mercy and its price.

Weekly Collection

September 13, 2020

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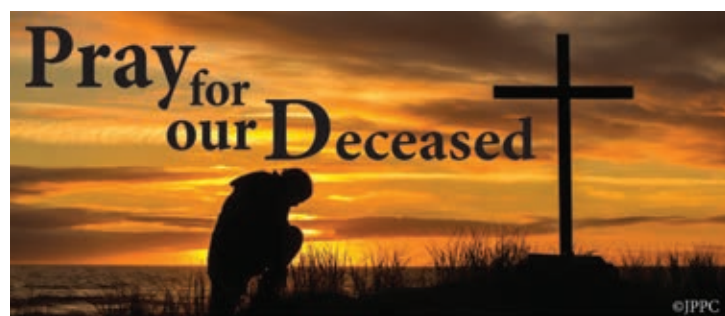
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In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Theresa Hebert** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Week



Monday, September 21, 2020

**Devotions in Honor
of Our Lady of Mercy
at 7:00pm**

**Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary &
Meditative Music
Homily on Mercy**

**Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP
Associate Chaplain at Providence College**

Thursday, September 24, 2020

**The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
Patronal Feast Day Mass at 9:00AM**

**Bishop Robert C. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence
Celebrant**

**Fr. Bernard A. Healey
Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church
Homilist**

**“See You In September” Raffle Drawing
Live-Streamed at 1:30PM from OLM School
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Upcoming School Events


• **Thursday, September 24:** Feast Day Mass at 9:00am. “See You in September” Raffle Drawing live-streamed from OLM School at 1:30pm

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Prayer to Our Lady of Mercy

By Saint Augustine



Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God.

Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.



Confessions at OLM

Monday, September 21, 2020

6:00PM—6:45PM

**Fr. Patrick M. Briscoe, OP & Fr. Jordan Zajac, OP
Guest Confessors**

For Confession by appointment please call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 to speak with a priest for an appointment.

OLM School First Communion Class

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- Harper Rose Costa
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- Adam Daniel Hayes
- Emma Marie Martin
- Grace Katherine Mitchell
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- Lily Marie Slocum
- Noah Alexander Vetovis



Sophia Grace Hass,
and his parents, John and Christina.
Benjamin Peter Van Fechtmann,
and his parents, Thomas and Sarah

“Dear brothers and sisters: these children, reborn through Baptism, 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 his Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.”—The Rite of Baptism



The Celebration of First Communion at OLM

Saturday, September 26th at 12 noon
The Religious Education students
whose last names begin M—Z .

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00pm.



The feast day flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of the Deceased Pastors of Our Lady of Mercy Church. In your kindness and charity, please remember them in your prayers.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

Thursday, September 24, 2020

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