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is for us.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

The Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00PM Phillip Fayle—Months Mind

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
9:00AM Helen Celio—1st Anniversary
10:30AM Achille Aquino—Memorial
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
7:30AM Dec'd Members of Mello & Franzone Families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs
7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
7:30AM Lena Rivelli—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Shirley Anderson—Memorial

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Yvette Adams—Memorial
9:00AM Dec'd OLM School Alumni, Faculty & Benefactors

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
8:30AM Yvette Adams—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00PM Donna Cinelli—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM John Patrick Shanley—Memorial
9:00AM Thomas Sheerin, Jr.—Memorial
10:30AM Daniel Murphy—6th Anniversary
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



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Dear Parishioners:

What a great day at our Saints and Scholars Open Golf Tournament last Monday! We saw one hundred thirty-two golfers play on a beautiful day at Quidnessett Country Club. It was a fun day of golf in support of our parish school.

We thank all our golfers and all our volunteers who helped to make it a great day. The weather was beautiful, and the golfers were in fine form. There were school parents, parishioners, and many friends of OLM on the course. Unfortunately, however, Father Mahoney's foursome didn't win the day! Better luck next year!

We are grateful to Mrs. Lee Mita, the driving force behind this great day of golf, and support for our budding saints and scholars. We also wish to publicly thank our many generous sponsors of the tournament, most especially Washington Trust Bank, the Murphy Family of RI Home Loan Investment Bank, and the Rutherford Family of Ocean State Signal. We are looking forward to the Saints and Scholars Open next September!

The golf tournament was a great kickoff to our celebration of Our Lady of Mercy Feast Week. As I write this column, we anticipate a week of Faith and fun for our parish family. A Holy Hour of Mercy, an Act of Mercy, a Solemn Feast Day Mass, and then our always fun Oktoberfest on Friday night. I am hoping and praying for fine weather!

Of course, none of these events takes place without the tremendous help of our parish volunteers and parish staff. We

thank the many people behind the scenes who generously give their time and talent in service to our parish. Also, I am grateful to our dedicated parish staff, who always provide their all in service to the parish.

There is much to celebrate this Feast Week despite the trials and tribulations of the world. First and foremost, the great gift of our Catholic Faith we share as a parish community. Where would we be now if we didn't have our Faith to turn to during this awful pandemic?

It wasn't that long ago we were locked in our homes in isolation and fear. Thankfully we were able to live-stream Masses, including Holy Week! Now we can gather in our parish church and as a family of Faith at Mass and social gatherings.

So while we mustn't let our guard down in the face of the COVID-19 Virus, with more and more getting vaccinated, we seem to be returning to "normal." What that "normal" is I am a little uncertain.

In light of all the trials of the pandemic, including sadly the death of our fellow parishioners due to COVID, perhaps we shouldn't just return to the so-called "normal."

Instead, we might try to be more dedicated to living our Faith, reaching out to those in need, and proclaiming the Gospel in word and deed. How often during the pandemic did we say to ourselves things like: *"I'll never take things for granted again!"*

Yet has the cross of the pandemic produced any spiritual fruits in our lives? Have we changed for the better? Or have we returned to our "normal"

routine? "Normal" with its indifference and apathy, cynicism, and criticisms. Sin and selfishness.

As we reflect on this long Lent of pandemic and see a world that is more divided and hostile than I can remember in my lifetime, perhaps as Catholic disciples, we might try to renew our Faith and live the joy of the Gospel.

We must not let the world change us into cynical and angry people. After all, there are more than enough of those today. No, let us change the world with joy, hope, and the love of Jesus Christ! If we do, then this cross of the pandemic can produce fruit aplenty!

We give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed upon our parish and in our lives. After all, we are free to worship our loving God at Mass! Our church is open for daily prayer and, our parish is alive and full of vitality!

Our parish school is thriving, and our young people receive the teachings of Jesus Christ. For all these blessings and many more, we give thanks to God! May he continue to bestow his abundant blessings upon us!

I offer sincere thanks to the many parishioners who so generously and sacrificially share their blessings supporting our Annual Collection. This generous support of this critical collection is deeply appreciated. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats and Go Sox!

Father Healey



September 22 through October 31 | 40 Days for Life

Visit 40daysforlife.com/Providence and consider signing up for a vigil. If you are unable to attend a gathered prayer vigil, you may choose to pledge a Rosary each day for 40 days to end abortion.

Sunday, October 3 | Life Chain Sunday

2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at various locations to be announced

Saturday, October 16 | Human Life Guild Day

9:30 a.m. Mass for Life

Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence
Bishop Tobin, celebrant and homilist.

11 a.m. Gloria Purvis, national pro-life speaker

McVinney Auditorium, Providence

Gloria Purvis is a radio personality and Catholic commentator. She hosts a podcast from America Media, is the Chairperson for Black Catholics United for Life, serves as a consultant for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Religious Liberty, and was the host of EWTN's international radio show "Morning Glory."

October 29-31 | Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

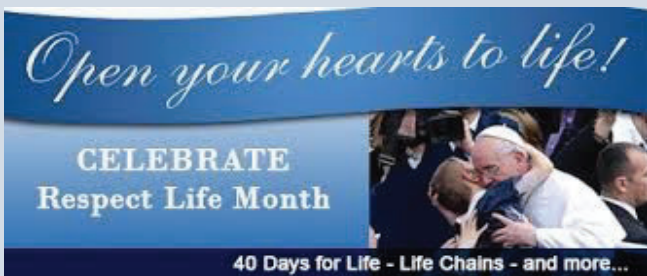
This supportive post-abortion weekend retreat of healing is offered in both English and Spanish. Call for details and/or to register. All inquiries confidential.

Contact Lisa Cooley

Coordinator of the Office of Life & Family

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For more information.



Weekly Collection

September 19, 2021

Weekly.....\$9,021.00
EFT.....\$5,149.00

Total=\$14,170.00

Outreach.....\$1,400.00
Priests' Retirement Fund.....\$5,194.00

September 20, 2020

Weekly.....\$10,601.00

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Second Collections

This Week: Annual Parish Collection

Next Week: Building & Grounds

First Friday Adoration

Friday,
October 1, 2021

*"In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration, we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ."
-St. Pope John Paul II*

Exposition of the Eucharist following 9:00AM School Mass
Eucharistic Adoration All-Afternoon
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00pm

Adorers are needed, sign up online.





RE Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, September 26th at 5:00PM,** Opening Mass & Class for All Religious Education Families
- **Sunday, October 3 at 5:00PM:** Mass & Class for First Communion 2022, Grades 1 & 2
- **Monday, October 4: Devotions & Confessions at 7:00PM:** Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates, Parents, & Sponsors
- **Sunday, October 10:** Mass at 5:00PM, No RE Classes due to Columbus Day Holiday
- **Thursday, October 14 at 7:00PM:** **MANDATORY PRACTICE** for All Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates & Sponsors
- **Sunday, October 17 at 5:00PM:** Confirmation Mass with Bishop Matano of Rochester, NY



- **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-perishable food items only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **Thank you for your support!**
- **OLM Bereavement Group:** Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 7 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 email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Calendar of Events

- **Monday, September 27:** Confessions for Grades 3-8 beginning at 12:45pm
- **Wednesday, September 29:** Uniform Grab n' Go on basketball court at dismissal; Cross Country Meet at Goddard Park at 5pm
- **Friday, October 1:** First Friday Mass at 9:00AM

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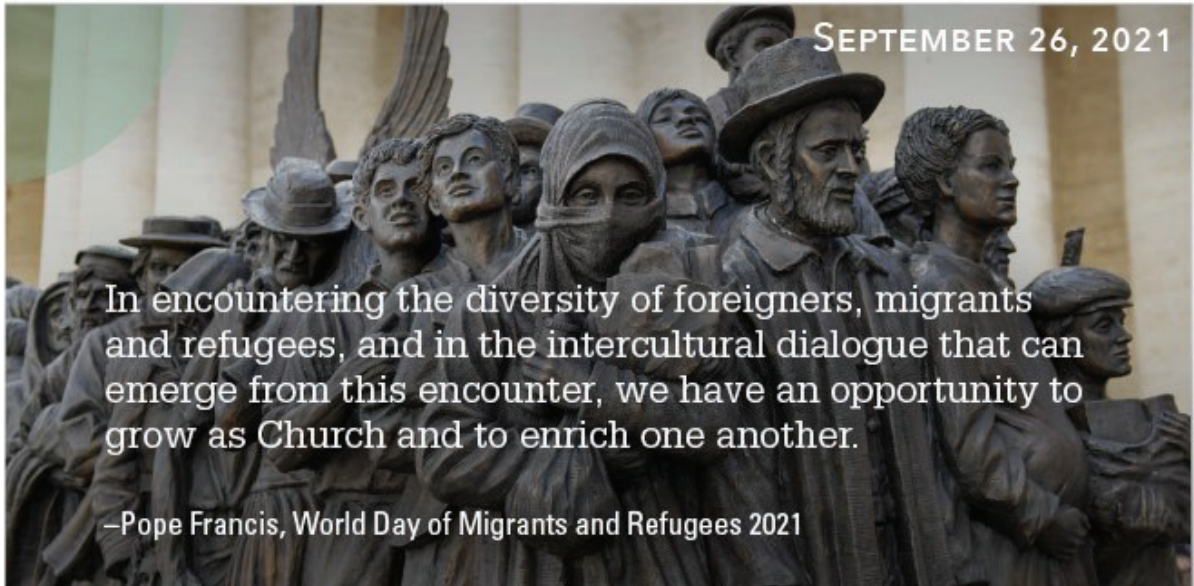
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In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another.

—Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021

CNS photo/Paolo Calosi

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Today we celebrate World Day for Migrants and Refugees!

We pray for migrants, refugees, and all other strangers in our midst, that they may find strength in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love.

October is Respect Life Month!

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233



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