

They were like

SHEEP

without a shepherd

MARK 6:34



Mass Intentions

for the Week

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 18, 2021

SATURDAY, JULY 17

The Mass of Anticipation for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Marilyn Inge—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JULY 18

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Robert Dumouchel—10th Anniversary
 9:00AM Sgt. Christopher Callan—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Eda Pascarella—Memorial

MONDAY, JULY 19

Weekday
 7:30AM William Landrigan—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 20

Weekday; St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr
 7:30AM D'cd of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Weekday; St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Kathryn Piotrowicz—Memorial

THURSDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene
 7:30AM Elena L. Bernstrom—Memorial

FRIDAY, JULY 23

Weekday; St. Bridget, Religious
 7:30AM D'cd of Mattolla & Delvicario Families—Mem.

SATURDAY, JULY 24

Weekday; St. Sharbel Makhluif, Priest; BVM
 8:30AM Fr. Anthony D. Iwuc—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Sara Kay Chandler—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 25

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Elizabeth & Michael Simon—Memorial
 9:00AM Frank Alagna—Memorial
 10:30AM John Giornelli, Jr—Memorial



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Dear Parishioners

Just when you think all is going well, remember Murphy's Law! In last week's heatwave, the pump for our Church air conditioning broke down. It's an easy fix, but the new pump took a week to get here because of supply chain issues. It's now installed and the AC is once again on in Church.

Despite the lack of AC, I wish a blessed summer to all! Summer seems to go by so quickly. But thankfully, people are traveling again and taking vacations. I received a few church bulletins from the Jersey Shore, Virginia, and South Carolina. So if you are traveling, grab a church bulletin when you attend Mass. I enjoy seeing where people go in their travels and what other parishes are doing.

When I think about summer, I think of the word recreation as in God re-creating us. We all need time to pray, reflect, rest and spend time with family and friends. We also need to take time off from social media and television news. And turning off our cell phones isn't a bad idea either.

In other words, everyone needs a break from their routine. Whether it's a complete vacation away from home or just an afternoon off, we need to recreate and rest. This summer, it is easier to do so as we enjoy the end of pandemic restrictions on travel and get-togethers.

The things we took for granted, like going to the beach, visiting friends and relatives, having a picnic with family and friends, and traveling out of state or country, we can now do once again. Thank God for that!

So seize the chance to break up the routine, go to the beach, take a walk in the park, catch an outdoor concert, sit on the patio or in the backyard under a tree, rest, reflect and read a good book. Recreate with God!

Pope Francis says: *"It's important that in the time of rest and detachment from daily concerns, we re-energize the forces of body and spirit, deepening our spiritual path."* It's summertime, so try to re-energize body and spirit! Rest with God in the sun or the shade. Enjoy the blessings of God's creation. September is sure to be here before you know it, so enjoy this season of summer! But, wherever you go and whatever you do on Sundays, don't skip Mass!

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI says: *"When we have a break from our activities, especially in the summer, we often take up a book we want to read. Each one of us needs time and space for recollection, meditation, and calmness. Thanks be to God that this is so! This need tells us that we are not made for work alone."*

Indeed, he is correct, we are not made for work alone! I am hoping to get through my summer reading list. It includes Archbishop. Chaput's new book, *"Things Worth Dying For: Thoughts on a Life Worth Living."* It received excellent reviews and should be a good read for any Catholic. It provides serious reflection on how we choose to live our lives as Catholic Disciples.

Also on the list is a spiritual classic recommended by a priest friend. It is entitled, *The*

Family That Overtook Christ, and is written by Fr. Mary Raymond. It is the story of the family of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux.

St. Bernard, my patron saint, was a Cistercian monk and the founder and abbot of the Abbey of Clairvaux. He was one of the most influential theologians and churchmen of his time. Each of his family members also has a remarkable spiritual story.

The author, Father Mary Raymond, was born Joseph Flanagan in 1903. He would become a Jesuit priest and teach at Holy Cross College in the 1920s. In 1936, he would join the Order of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappists). And at the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemane in Kentucky, he received the religious name Mary Raymond. As a Trappist Monk, he authored over twenty books dealing with monastic and spiritual life.

And finally, for a light and easy beach read, I was given a copy of former Speaker of the U.S. House John Boehner's new book, *"On the House."* He recounts his many years serving in the U.S. Congress with some amusing stories about the characters and charlatans in the world of politics. I've heard it goes well with a good cigar on the beach! So what's on your reading list this summer?

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Enjoy the summer! Go Sox!

*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*



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Connor Joseph Bloemer,
and his parents, Matthew & Haley

Giovanni Michael Bucci,
and her parents, David & Stacey

Donovan Shawn Petrucci,
and his parents, Shawn & Keri-lyn

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



Weekly Collection

July 11, 2021

Weekly.....	\$11,283.00
EFT.....	\$5,184.00
	Total=\$16,467.00
Outreach.....	\$1,574.00

July 12, 2020

Weekly.....	\$10,259.00
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OLM Parish Office Summer Hours



Monday—Thursday
8:00AM—4:00PM

The Parish Office is closed on all Fridays in July & August



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**MONDAYS AT 6:00PM
SATURDAYS AT 4:00PM**



Religious Education
NEWS

Religious Education Registration for Next Year

Registrations are presently being taken on the OLM Parish website for all grades, 1 through 8 for the Religious Education Year 2021 - 2022.

Please register your child today! Thank You!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW
BEFORE YOU LEAVE

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Outreach
Update

•**OLM Food Pantry** is continually in need of food and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **non-perishable foods 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, August 5 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



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Sgt. Christopher Callan. In your kindness and charity, please pray for the gentle repose of his soul.



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**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Wedding Anniversary Celebration
*All couples celebrating wedding anniversary
25th, 40th, 50th or over 50 years*

**Mass on Sunday September 26, 2021
at 1:00pm**

**Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
Providence, RI
Bishop Thomas J. Tobin
Celebrant & Homilist**

*Join us for Mass, renewal of wedding vows,
family photo and reception to follow the Mass.*



The Real Presence of Christ

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ is present in the proclamation of God’s Word, in the Eucharistic assembly, in the person of the priest, but above all and in a wholly unique manner in the Eucharist. “This presence is called ‘real’—by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be ‘real’ too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present” (CCC, no. 1374, citing Pope Paul VI, *Mystery of Faith*, no. 39).

Since the Middle Ages, the change of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ has been called “transubstantiation.” This means that the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. The appearances of bread and wine remain (color, shape, weight, chemical composition), but the underlying reality—that is, the substance—is now the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ endures in the consecrated elements even after the Mass is ended. Once Communion has been distributed, any remaining hosts are placed in the tabernacle. If any of the Precious Blood remains, it is reverently consumed. The hosts are reserved to provide Communion for the sick, Viaticum (Communion

for the dying), and to allow the faithful to worship Christ in the reserved Sacrament and to pray in his presence. As a sign of adoration, Latin Catholics genuflect to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle or genuflect or kneel when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for prayer. Eastern Catholics show their reverence by a profound bow rather than a genuflection: “It is for this reason the tabernacle should be located in an especially worthy place in the Church and should

be constructed in such a way that it emphasizes and manifests the truth of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament” (CCC, no. 1379).

With the passage of time, reverent reflection led the Church to enrich its Eucharistic devotion. Faith that Jesus is truly present in the Sacrament led believers to worship Christ dwelling with us permanently in the Sacrament. Wherever the Sacrament is, there is Christ, who is our Lord and our God. Such worship is expressed in many ways: in genuflection, in adoration of the Eucharist, and in the many forms of Eucharistic devotion that faith has nourished.

The Eucharistic Liturgy contains the entire treasure of the Church since it makes present the Paschal Mystery, the central event of salvation. Eucharistic adoration and devotion flow from and lead to the Eucharistic Liturgy, the Mass.



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