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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 15, 2023

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

The Mass of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Jeanne Scott—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Raymond G. Rao—Memorial

9:00AM Mr. & Mrs. Ray Wareham—Memorial 10:30AM Fr. Donald J. Bouressa—5th Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

Weekday; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin 7:30AM Dr. Samuel J. Ianacone—41st Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
7:30AM D'ced Members of Mello & Franzone Families

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

7:30AM Jeanne & Philip Toole—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs 7:30AM Jeanne Scott—5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

Weekday

7:30AM Albert & Lorraine Tavini—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Vivian Ross—8th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Andrew Rockett—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30AM Livio Proia—9th Anniversary

9:00AM Cynthia Italiano—Memorial

10:30AM William A. Vigeant—2nd Anniversary 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday, on October 7, the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, the world watched in shock and horror the Hamas terrorist attack launched from Gaza upon the State of Israel and her people. The murder of men, women, and children and the kidnapping of innocent civilians are rightly condemned as evil and vile.

Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on International Justice and Peace, called for the release of hostages, respect for the lives of innocent civilians, and prayers for peace in the Holy Land. He said: "As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. Almost 50 years to the day of the launch of the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, once again war is spilling out in the Holy Land. With it brings the mounting casualties and hostilities unfolding on all sides, and increased threats to the Status Quo of the Holy Places among Jews, Muslims, and Christians further dimming any hope for peace."

As custodians of the Christian faith in the Holy Land, the Patriarchs and Head of the Churches in Jerusalem issued a statement calling for prayers for peace. They said: "We stand in solidarity with the people of this region, who are enduring the devastating consequences of We continued strife. unequivocally condemn any acts that target civilians, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity, or faith."

Pope Francis, at his

weekly Angelus Address in St. Peter's Square, offered his prayerful condolences, saying: "Let the attacks and weapons cease, please, because it must be understood that terrorism and war bring no solutions, but only the death and suffering of many innocent lives. War is a defeat. Every war is a defeat. Let us pray for peace in Israel and Palestine."

In light of this horrific attack and the ongoing wars, let us pray more frequently and fervently during this month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Pray a Rosary for the consolation of those who grieve, the healing of the injured and wounded, and the many victims, but especially for peace. St. Padre Pio said: "The rosary is the weapon for these times." Indeed, it must be our spiritual weapon against evil and injustice.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary recalls the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. An outnumbered Christian force prevented a Muslim Invasion force of some 120,000 aboard 275 ships. Catholics attributed their victory to the fervent praying of the Rosary, at the urging of Pope Pius V, for their success against the jihad aimed at Western Europe.

Prayer is all that many of us have to offer at these tragic moments. Some cynics might wonder the point of praying when forces are in the field and minds are made up. Yet prayer is its own form of disruption. It's an unwelcome invasion into the logic of power, a counter-offensive to evil, violence, and horror. It occupies a place — in minds and hearts — that those who call for violence and wage

war can never occupy.

In Catholic terms, prayer is a reminder that our place, our time, is not just now but infinite. That the efforts of those who bring violence into the world are, in the scope of this infinite picture, inevitably futile.

Given the horrific events of last week's attacks and continued violence in the Holy Land, it may be hard to believe in this. Yet prayer is about hope as we take refuge in God and place our concerns before the One who has the power to make a difference where all other efforts have failed.

In your daily prayers include this Payer for Peace composed by St. Pope John Paul II:

"Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, 'Peace to you' – please grant us peace.

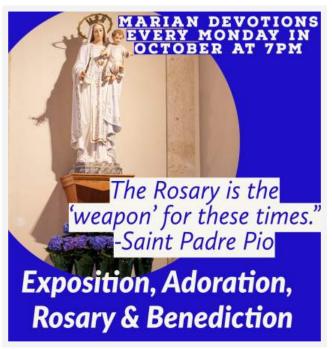
Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers so that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen."

Pray a Rosary for peace! Join us for Devotions on Monday as we turn Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace. Do good. Be well. God Bless.

Father Healey

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The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Fr. Donald J. Bouressa. *In your charity, please pray for them.*

Weekly Collection

October 8, 2023

Weekly	\$8,779.00	
EFT	\$3,638.00	
	Total=\$12,417.00	
Outreach	\$6,268.00	
Annual Collection (To Date)	\$83,837.00	
Seminarian Education Fund	\$2,658.00	
October 9, 2022		
Weekly	\$14,859.00	



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Second Collections

Next Week: Mission Sunday Collection



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First Communion Class Schedule

Sunday, October 15:

Parents of 2nd Grade must attend this class with their children

Sunday, November 15 Sunday, December 3

All First Communion (1st & 2nd Grade) students must attend the 9:00am Mass and attend class. Class is held from 10 AM to 11 AM at Our Lady of Mercy School following the 9 am Sunday Mass. Students in Grade 2 have class on these dates and at these times in the Our Lady of Mercy School gym. Students in Grade 1 have class on these dates and these times in Our Lady of Mercy School classrooms unless otherwise noted.

2024 Confirmation Class Schedule

Sunday, October 22:

Parents must attend this with their children

Sunday, November 19:

Sunday, December 10:

Sunday, December 17

All Confirmation 2024 students (8th Grade) must attend the 5:00PM Sunday Mass and attend class. Class is held from 6 pm to 7pm at Our Lady of Mercy School for Grade 8 students, following the 5 pm Sunday Mass. Class is held in the Our Lady of Mercy School gym.

2023 Confirmation Class Schedule Confirmation Devotions & Confessions

Monday, October 23 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26 at 7:00pm

Confirmation Mass

Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 5:00pm The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans



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Calendar

- <u>Tuesday, October 17:</u> Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15am; PTG Board Meeting at 6:00pm in School Library
- Thursday, October 19: Colorathon
- Friday, October 20: No School for OLM students; Parent-Teacher Conferences; Flu Clinic 4:00-6:30pm; Youth Ministry trip to Haunted Labyrinth

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- <u>OLM Food Pantry</u> is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. <u>All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.
- For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

St. John de Brébeuf

AMONG THE first martyrs in North America were John de Brébeuf (+1649), Isaac Jogues (+1646), and their companions. These Jesuits from France spent time as missionaries along what is now the border of the United States and Canada. Eager to preach the Gospel to people who had never heard it, they came among the natives of the new world, labored hard, and suffered much.

John de Brébeuf grew up in Normandy, and joined the Jesuits at the age of twenty-four. Some years after he was ordained a priest, he worked among various native groups in North America, especially the Hurons. The number of his converts seems small by comparison with those recorded by missionaries in other parts of the world, but the difficulty of the language kept him from delivering effective catechesis at first. Isaac Jogues worked primarily among the Mohawks. Together with some colleagues, they suffered horrific tortures and martyrdom.

In the liturgical calendar, the days for saints are often assigned to the day of their death. These martyrs died on different dates; for example, John de Brébeuf on March 16, and Isaac Jogues on October 18. The first of these falls during Lent each year; the second is already the Feast of St. Luke the evangelist. So, Catholics in the United States celebrate these martyrs with a memorial on the next available date, October 19. Saint Paul of the Cross already occupied that date as an optional memorial. Rather than eliminate his observance, the calendar has transferred it to October 20—only in the United States.

The Collect for the October 19 martyrs notes their "toil" for the gospel and "the shedding of their blood." It prays that "the faith of Christians may be strengthened day by day." Blessed are those whose faith is more important than life itself.

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ST. Francis de Sales Parish ANNUAL YARD SALE

St. Francis de Sales Church, 381 School Street, North Kingstown, RI is holding its annual indoor Yard Sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29, from 8:00am to 1:30pm, rain or shine. Items include jewelry, housewares, toys, games, electronics, CD's, furniture, books, baked goods, 50/50 raffle and more! Please join us for a great time and great bargains!

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