

# The Sacrament of Confirmation

**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
East Greenwich, RI**



*October 17, 2021*

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, S.T.L., J.C.D., D.D.  
Bishop of Rochester  
Confirming Prelate*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 17, 2021**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
5:00PM Andrew Rockett—3rd Anniversary

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17**

*The Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Jeanne Scott—3rd Anniversary  
9:00AM Fr. Donald J. Bouessa—3rd Anniversary  
10:30AM Al Behbehani—Memorial  
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18**

*St. Luke, Evangelist*  
7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19**

*Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companion Martyrs*  
7:30AM Peter A. Adam—1st Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20**

*Weekday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest*  
7:30AM Adolph & Carletta Perretta—Memorial

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21**

*Weekday*  
7:30AM Vivian Ross—6th Anniversary

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22**

*Weekday; St. John Paul the Great, Pope*  
7:30AM Florentina de Leon—36th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23**

*Weekday; St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM*  
8:30AM Thomas Granahan—24th Anniversary

*Mass of Anticipation for 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
5:00PM Rudolph Mozek—Memorial

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**

*The Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial  
9:00AM Mary Selwyn & Mark DeWitt—Memorial  
10:30AM Special Intention  
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



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Dear Parishioners:

On Sunday evening at the 5:00 PM Mass, Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, the Bishop of Rochester, NY, celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for 72 young adults from OLM. It is a grand celebration for our parish family as these young people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirm their Catholic faith.

We thank Bishop Matano for traveling to OLM for our parish's special celebration of faith and joy. He is a native son of Providence and served as a priest and pastor for many years in Rhode Island. I had the great pleasure of living with him at St. Augustine Church in Providence when I was newly ordained, and he was, at the time, the Vicar-General of the Diocese of Providence. In your name, I welcome him and thank him for celebrating Confirmation at OLM.

We also thank the parents of these young men and women who have guided them and taught them the faith. These candidates for Confirmation have also been preparing for this day as part of our Religious Education Program. We are grateful to Mr. Doug Green, who so ably leads our Confirmation Preparation Program and the many teachers who helped the candidates learn the faith along the way. In addition, we thank their chosen Confirmation sponsors, who provide such a bold witness of the Catholic Faith for these young adults.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the candidates for deciding to be Confirmed. They receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit sacramentally from

Bishop Matano on Sunday night. With the grace of the Sacrament, they are ready to face the world, May they remember the wise words of St. Catherine of Siena, *"Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire,"*

May they continue to grow in faith as they are nourished in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass. They are the future of our parish and our Church. St. Ambrose reminds them: *"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of knowledge and reverence, the Spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you receive. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."*

We celebrate this great event in the lives of these young people, their families, and our parish family with tremendous joy. Unfortunately, we couldn't do so with the glorious sound of our church bells ringing to announce our joy. As you may know, the Carillon bell system stopped working several weeks ago. So the bells have been silenced!

The good news is that we are replacing the old bell system with a brand new system. The same manufacturer, Verdin, makes a new, improved, and more modern system. We have ordered the New Supreme Touch Carillon, which includes a 9" touch color screen, nine different bell sounds, nine different size toll bells, seven different swinging bells, and nine different chimes.

It also comes with a new

240-watt amplifier and a 61 note touch-sensitive keyboard. It has a catalog of 10,000 hymns and the ability to add more Catholic hymns.

We do not have to replace the bell tower speakers as they are fully functional. The new bell system, including delivery, installation, and training, costs \$20,000. Thankfully your generous financial support helps cover the cost of this unforeseen expense.

It takes about six weeks to manufacture and deliver the system. Once installed, Verdin provides training to operate it and program it. So we hope to hear the joyful sound of bells soon! As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said: *"For bells are the voice of the church; They have tones that touch and search the hearts of young and old."*

We are finishing up the bid process for the new doors to our church plant. This project is funded by the Grateful for God's Providence Capital Campaign. Thanks to your generous support of the campaign and the continued payment of pledges, we raised \$1.9 million to fund various parish projects. \$535,000 of the proceeds are earmarked for the Diocese of Providence for their share. We hope to have the final plans for the doors soon.

We offer our promise of prayers and best wishes to the Confirmation Class! Join for the Rosary at 7:00PM on Monday. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! Go Sox!?



**Eden Renee Labadie,**  
and her parents, Brian and Jessica.

**Thomas Henry Ureneck,**  
and his parents, Adam and Elise.

*“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.” — The Rite of Baptism*



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Colonel Lawrence Campion, Jr.** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.

## Weekly Collection

### October 10, 2021

Weekly.....	\$9,050.00
EFT.....	\$5,239.00
	<b>Total=\$14,289.00</b>

Outreach.....	\$1,676.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$80,531.00
Seminarian Education Fund.....	\$2,459.00

### October 11, 2020

Weekly.....	\$12,152.00
Annual 2020 Total.....	\$131,665.00



*Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.*

**MARIAN DEVOTIONS EVERY MONDAY AT 7:00 PM IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

*“The Rosary is the ‘weapon’ for these times.”  
-Saint Padre Pio*

**Exposition, Adoration, Rosary & Benediction**





## Religious Education NEWS

### RE Calendar of Events

• **Sunday, October 17 at 5:00PM:**  
Confirmation Mass with Bishop Matano

• **Sunday, October 24:**  
5:00PM Mass and Class for Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

• **Sunday, October 31:**  
5:00PM Mass and Class: Confirmation 2022-Grade 8

• **Sunday, November 7:**  
Mass and Class: First Communion-Grade 2 and Grade 1

• **Sunday, November 14:**  
Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7



## Outreach Update

• **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-EXPIRED AND 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 21 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](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



## *Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!*

### Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday, October 19:** School Mass at 8:15am
- **Thursday, October 21:** Colorthon Day!; "Beloved" Middle School Girls Meeting at 2:30pm
- **Friday, October 22:** No School due to Parent-Teacher Conferences; Flu Clinic, 4:00PM-6:30PM

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## OLM Prayer Chain



***Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain.*** The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at [2hart@cox.net](mailto:2hart@cox.net). ***If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

***The power of prayer at work!***

# Saint Isaac Jogues



STS. JEAN DE LANLANDE,  
ISAAC JOGUES AND RENE  
GOUPIL, DEPICTED IN A  
STAINED-GLASS WINDOW AT  
THE CATHEDRAL-BASILICA OF  
NOTRE-DAME OF QUEBEC IN  
QUEBEC CITY. (CNS PHOTO/  
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## ST. ISAAC JOGUES

1607 - 1646  
FEAST DATE: OCTOBER 19

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