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Mass Intentions

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**THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22, 2023**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

The Mass of the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Andrew Rockett—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

Weekday; St. John of Capistrano, Priest

7:30AM Thomas & Gerry Granahan—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Weekday; St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

7:30AM Margaret DeScenza—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Weekday

7:30AM Ada Pyun—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Weekday

7:30AM Louise Kiernan & Mary Shehab—Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Weekday

7:30AM Irene Sullivan—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

St. Simon & Jude, Apostles

8:30AM Hope Conway—14th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Jeanne Scott—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM Raymond G. Rao—Memorial

9:00AM Virgil Iacobucci—5th Anniversary

10:30AM Mary & Annie Daly—Memorial

5:00PM Confirmation Mass





Dear Parishioners:

As I write this column, I am preparing to leave for Rome to attend the Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors. We usually meet in the United States, but every ten years, we make a pilgrimage to Rome.

During our time in Rome, we will meet with various Vatican Officials to discuss the public policy concerns of the U.S. Church and learn more about the Vatican's positions on important moral issues.

We will meet with Archbishop Paul Gallagher, the Vatican Secretary of State. Also, we will be meeting with officials of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

While in Assisi, I will celebrate Masses at the Basilica of St. Mary the Angels and the Tomb of St. Francis. In Rome, I will celebrate Masses at St. Peter's Basilica, including a Mass at the tomb of St. Pope John Paul II. I will remember you, your families, and your intentions as I offer Holy Mass on pilgrimage. I ask your prayers for our safe travel and return from the pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage has been overshadowed by the war in Israel. The horror unleashed upon Israel by the attacks of Hamas terrorists continues to shock and sadden the civilized world. The brutal massacre of innocent men, women, and children, the beheading of babies, the rape of women, and the kidnapping of the elderly and young children are acts of pure evil.

They must be condemned

in no uncertain terms. They result from hatred and anti-Semitism, as Hamas stated purpose is to exterminate the Jewish People. The attack's purpose and its barbaric methods are devoid of moral or legal justification. There is no room for moral ambiguity on this issue.

Resisting such violent terrorism and anti-Semitism is a moral duty of every human person and of the leaders of every nation. The U.S. is home to the largest Jewish community outside of Israel. I offer my sympathy, solidarity, prayers, and support to my Jewish brothers and sisters amid their suffering and sorrow.

I spoke with my friend, Rabbi Peretz Scheinerman, at the Hebrew Day School in Providence last week to offer sympathy and prayerful support. We have worked together on various issues at the statehouse over the years. His community is sad and suffering, and the students at his school are terribly scared.

The German Lutheran Pastor Martin Niemöller wrote *First They Came* during the Nazi regime in Germany. It is as timely for us today as it was then. It reads: "*First, they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.*

Then they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out

because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me."

We must speak out in solidarity with our Jewish friends and neighbors. We must reject and condemn anti-Semitism. The Holocaust survivor, Noble Laurate and writer Elie Wiesel said: "*I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides.*"

I was sickened to see disgraceful rallies in cities and at the most prestigious universities in our nation. Speakers and students glorified and justified the killing and kidnapping of innocents. Something is terribly wrong when evil is lauded by the supposed enlightened elite of our nation.

St Pope Paul VI wrote: "*The Church, mindful of the patrimony she shares with the Jewish people and moved not by political reasons but by the Gospel's spiritual love, decries hatred, persecutions, displays of anti-Semitism, directed against Jews at any time and by anyone.*"

While we condemn anti-Semitism, hatred, bigotry, and violence, my first duty as a priest is always prayer. I pray for those suffering in fear, grief, injustice, violence, and war. During my pilgrimage, I will pray fervently for reconciliation, peace and justice especially in the Holy Land. *L'shalom* (towards peace)!

Father Healey


*Congratulations
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Sophia Marie Palazzo,
and her parents, Andrew and Theresa.

“Dear brothers and sisters: this child has been reborn through Baptism, and is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is. Through Confirmation she will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, she will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.”

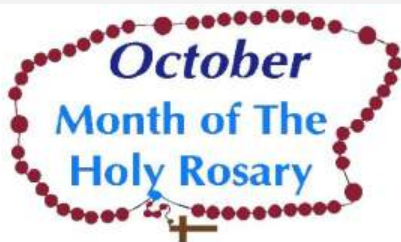
— The Rite of Baptism

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**Exposition, Adoration,
Rosary & Benediction**



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Weekly.....\$13,050.00

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OLM FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE

First Communion Class Schedule

Sunday, November 5

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

Confirming Prelate

For questions and more information please contact Mr. Jeremy Long, Director of Faith Formation at 884 -4968 or via email at faithformation@olmparish.org



OLM School Calendar

- **Tuesday, October 24:** Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15am
- **Friday, October 27:** Middle School Retreat; Trunk or Treat
- **Sunday, October 29:** Confirmation Mass at 5:00pm

OLM School News

Congratulations to our middle school cross country teams on the Catholic Athletic League state championships. For our girls' team, it was the second year in a row that they captured the championship, while our boys took home their first crown after finishing in third place last year. These titles come on the heels of the Southern Division championships that both teams secured last week. We extend a special congratulations to eighth grader Luca Marengi, who won the boys' individual state championship with a time of 11:24.81 for the 3K course!. Overall, our top performers in the state meet were:

Boys

1 Luca Marengi 11:24.81

7 Brady Parks 12:23.69

8 Shane Higgins 12:24.00

13 Joe Armstrong 12:41.63

Girls

9 Madison Studley 13:41.65

10 Daniella Sisco 13:43.86

12 Katie LaPlante 14:08.60

18 Alexa Kanelos 14:31.01

Congratulations to all our student-athletes, to their coach Mr. Dan Anter, and to our OLM School Athletic Director Mr. Jerry O'Connell on an outstanding season! Go Jags!

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Training Daily

**Monday, October 30 –Thursday, November 2
at 4:00PM in Church**



•**OLM Food Pantry** 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.

All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, November 2nd at 4:00pm** 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

Pray for Peace in the Holy Land

Have Your Intentions Remembered in Prayer



A book in which your prayer intentions can be written has been placed in the OLM Candle Room. Please feel free to list those intentions and needs you would like to be remembered in prayer. Weekly on Fridays at 3:00pm all the intentions in the book are remembered at the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Please return ALL Souls envelopes in next weekend's collection so your loved ones might be remembered at All Souls Day Masses on Thursday, November 2.



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