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Mass Intentions
for the Week
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**THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 8, 2023**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

The Mass of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Mary & John Daly—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Denise Solomon—Memorial

9:00AM George Babu—Memorial

10:30AM Daniel C. Murphy—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9-COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday; St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Elizabeth Susan Legare—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Weekday

7:30AM Margaret Armstrong—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Weekday; St. John XXIII, Pope

7:30AM Pat, Nancy, & Marie Raimondo—Memorial

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday

7:30AM Hak-Jin Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday

7:30AM Mary Martin—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday; St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr; BVM

8:30AM Dec'd Members of Pournaras Family—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Jeanne Scott—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM 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





Dear Parishioners:

The danger in writing a column on Tuesday morning for the weekend bulletin is things might not happen as reported. Such was the case for last week's Oktoberfest! It was canceled due to the heavy rain and wind. It's a shame because it is a great event full of fun, good food, and beer!

The food was prepared and ready, so we donated it to Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter. Thankfully, we could cancel the six kegs of German beer and a hundred pounds of ice without incurring any cost.

The Oktoberfest requires much preliminary preparation work, many volunteers, and many hours of work for the OLM Staff. Therefore, it cannot be easily rescheduled or given a rain date. Also, due to the size of the crowd, it cannot be held inside the school cafeteria. Pray for good weather for next year's Oktoberfest!

Speaking of praying, have you made it to Monday Night Devotions. Why not skip the Wheel of Fortune and join us on Mondays at 7:00 pm as we pray the Rosary before the Eucharistic Lord. St. Josemaria Escriva teaches: *"The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it confidently, and you'll be amazed at the results."*

Monday is Columbus Day as we honor the great Italian explorer. The historian Dr. Warren H. Carroll writes: *"Columbus was a flawed hero as all men are flawed, including heroes, and his flaws are of a kind particularly offensive to today's culture. But he was nevertheless a hero, achieving in a manner unequalled in the history of exploration and the*

sea, changing history forever. Columbus is the discoverer of America, and by that discovery, ultimately responsible for America's evangelization; for this, we should forever honor him."

I was happy to learn that the Mayor of Johnston put up the statue of Christopher Columbus in his town. The statue previously stood in the City of Providence and was vandalized. Sadly, the last Mayor of Providence boxed it up and put it in storage. However, the former Mayor of Providence, Joseph Paolino, purchased it, and now it proudly stands in Johnston.

Columbus Day is a Federal Holiday commemorating Christopher Columbus's landing in the Americas in 1492. It was unofficially celebrated in several cities and states as early as the 18th century. Still, it did not become a federal holiday until 1937.

Perhaps one of the best ways to celebrate Columbus, a devout Catholic, is to come to Mass on Monday at 8:30 a.m. Consider making a good Confession on Monday night at 6:00 pm and then stay for October Devotions.

Columbus would never have succeeded if not for his prayers and Catholic faith. We, too, should rely on our faith and a strong prayer life to navigate life's journey. Columbus wrote in his diary about his spiritual life and his Catholic Faith. He wrote: *"I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely."*

I thank the 375 parishioners who have thus far contributed to our Annual Parish

Collection. Such generous support of this vital collection is critical to our parish's fiscal stability and viability, and I am grateful. We look forward to the support of all 1,800 families in the parish.

We thank those who purchased the See You in September Raffle tickets. The OLM School Student Council Officers drew the winning tickets at lunch last Friday before the student body. We congratulate our raffle winners. Their names are listed in the bulletin this week!

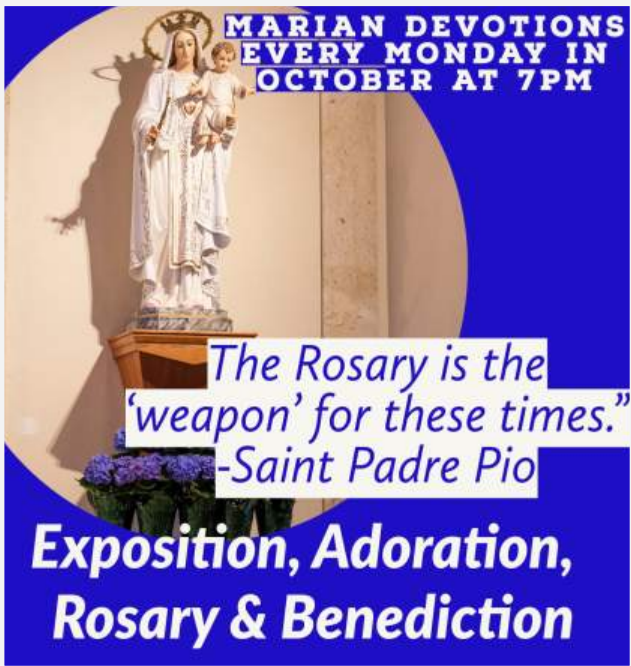
The new Faith Formation Program for Communion and Confirmation begins this week. I thank Mr. Jeremy Long, our new Faith Formation Director, for leading our program. The semester calendar of classes is in the bulletin this week. We look forward to seeing our students and their families at Mass and Class.

Fr. Mahoney returns home from his European journey this week. Last week I watched the Ordination Mass he attended at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, which was beautiful. You could see Fr. Mahoney head and shoulders above the rest of the priests in attendance. We congratulate our new Deacons from Providence, Joseph Brodeur and Noah DaSilva. They are to be ordained priests by Bishop Henning in June 2024. Pray for them.

Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Pats?? Please!!

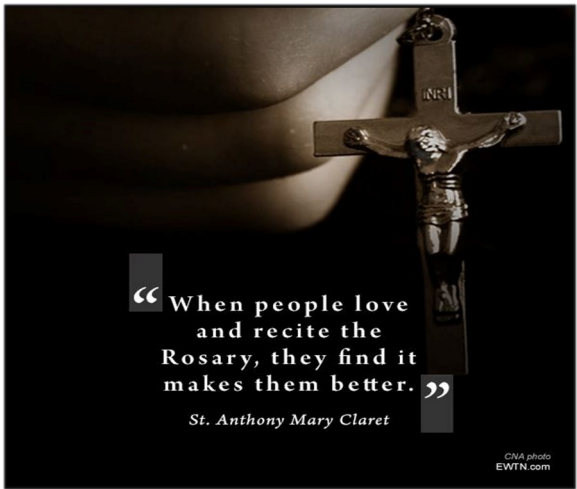
Father Healey

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EVERY MONDAY IN
OCTOBER AT 7PM**



*The Rosary is the
'weapon' for these times.*
-Saint Padre Pio

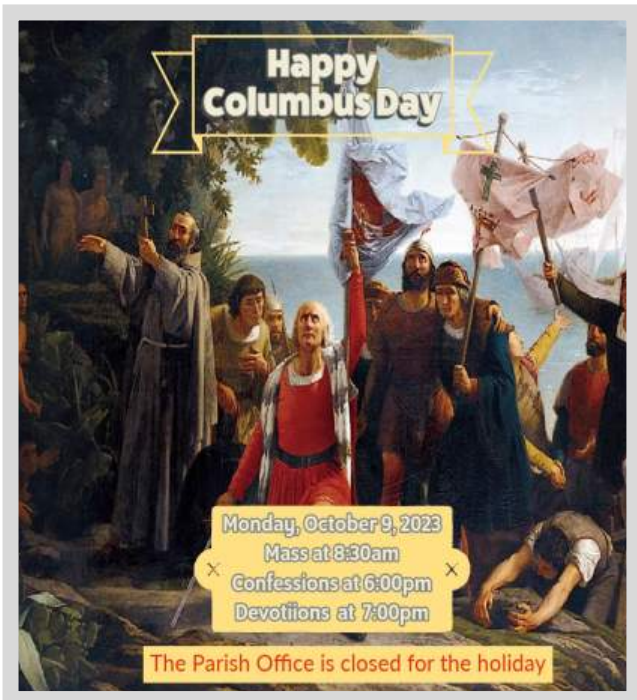
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and recite the
Rosary, they find it
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St. Anthony Mary Claret

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**Happy
Columbus Day**

Monday, October 9, 2023
Mass at 8:30am
Confessions at 6:00pm
Devotions at 7:00pm

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday

Weekly Collection

October 1, 2023

Weekly.....	\$8,672.00
EFT.....	\$4,118.00
	Total=\$12,790.00
Outreach.....	\$1,493.00
Annual Collection (To Date).....	\$64,187.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,852.00

October 2, 2022

Weekly.....	\$14,796.00
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Generation! Remember Our Lady of
Mercy Church in your will or estate.*

Second Collections
This Week: Seminarian Education Fund

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**Pray
For Our
Deceased**



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In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Marie C. Franzone, Carol A. Harding, and Donald Boyle** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at Our Lady of Mercy last week.



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

- **Monday, October 9:** Columbus Day Holiday. No School today.
- **Tuesday, October 10:** Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, October 11:** CAL State Championship Cross Country Meet at 4:00pm at Slater Park

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• **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, October 19, 2023 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



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FOURTH PRIZE- \$500

*Congratulations to the
2023 Winners*



Grand Prize
Edith Murray

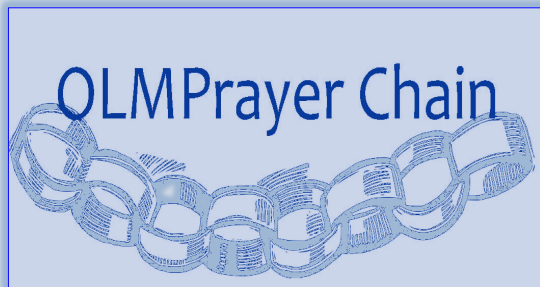
First Prize
Michael Laskowski

Second Prize
Roland Menard

Third Prize
Catherine Rose

Fourth Prize
Peter Crudden

*Thanks for supporting our
OLM School Saints & Scholars*



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer 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 to 2hart@cox.net. ***If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

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