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† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation......4:00 PM Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Sept—May)

Daily

Monday - Friday......7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM
Holy Day

Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Holyday Masses......7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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The Second Sunday of Ordinary Time ⅓ January 19, 2020

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact the parish prior to birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound or hospitalized and before surgery.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday......8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary Email: parish@olmparish.org Phone: 401-884-4968

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 19, 2020

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Mass of Anticipation for The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Michael Alix—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Barbara Gencarella—Memorial

10:30AM Chicho Macia—Memorial

5:00PM Paul Kennedy—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 20— MLK HOLIDAY

Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 8:30AM Rita McGoff—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM Jean M. Selwyn—19th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 7:30AM For the Unborn

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Weekday; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr 7:30AM Margaret M. Healey—32nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Francis X. Ferris—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:30AM Dec'd of Lee & Pyun Families—Memorial Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Nora Weaver—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM John Joseph O'Connor—Memorial 10:30AM Evelyn & Fred Buoro—Memorial

5:00PM Jesse Robert—Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person. Important for us to remember as we mark Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this weekend and the fight for civil rights in our nation. But also, as we anticipate the anniversary on Wednesday, January 22nd of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion on demand in our country.

Pope *Emeritus* Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in Veritate*:

"The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary bvallowing tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.""

Catholic Our Faith teaches us that as a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for greater human life and commitment to justice and peace.

As we recall the fight for Civil Rights by our African American brothers and sisters and the witness of Dr. King in advancing that great cause in our nation. Let us remember that the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us:

"The equality of men rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: 'Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color. social conditions, language, or religion must be eradicated curbed and incompatible with God's design."

So as we celebrate MLK Day, and all it means for our nation, let's not forget that the battle for Civil Rights in our nation continues. We must reject all racism, bigotry and prejudice with both our words and actions. The sin of racism defiles the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. It mocks the cross of Christ and ridicules the Incarnation. For the brother and sister of our Brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us.

In the spirit of Dr. King, we also continue the fight for Civil Rights for innocent unborn children. This Wednesday we mark the national Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It is a day on which we must pray for the end of the evil of abortion. We also pray for the unborn and all those expectant mothers especially those in crisis pregnancy. For prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life.

I also invite you to attend the Pro-Life Rally at the RI Statehouse that is scheduled for 3:00PM this Tuesday. There is more information in the bulletin about the rally. After last year's expansion of abortion in RI with the passage of an extreme bill, consider coming and letting our elected officials know we reject the culture of death. Be a voice for the voiceless unborn! Pray, act and advocate for human life and human dignity!

This Sunday night Fr. Barrow departs for the Holy Land with 35 OLM Parishioners. eight day pilgrimage This includes visits to the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, the Jordan River, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mt. of Olives, Via Dolorosa, the Holy Sepulcher, Emmaus and Cesarea. All the places where the Lord himself walked, talked, prayed, preached, performed miracles and was born, suffered, died and rose from the dead.

Fr. Barrow will accompanied by Fr. Unsworth from St. Bernard's Church in Wickford and Fr. Carusi from St. Rocco's Church in Johnston. They along with 35 pilgrims from OLM including: Sister Lourdes, Sister Emma, Doug Green, Mickey St. Jean and our OLM Secretary, Sandra Demers, will be praying and touring the Holy Land. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel. I know they will be praying for us and for OLM during this special time. May God Bless them with peace during this special time of pilgrimage. Be well. Do Good! God Bless. Pray for an end to abortion!!

Father Healey



When Does Human Life Begin?

Part of the abortion debate revolves around the question of ensoulment. Ensoulment describes the time or process when the soul and body come together, and human life begins. Hence, the question of when or how ensoulment occurs is a pivotal part of the abortion debate.

Some pro-choice proponents argue that ensoulment occurs several months after conception based on the writings of some famous church theologians. In 2008 on Meet the Press, when asked about the timing of ensoulment, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi stated: "I would say that as an ardent, practicing Catholic, this is an issue that I have studied for a long time. And what I know is, over the centuries, the doctors of the Church have not been able to make that definition. St. Augustine said at three months. We don't know." Likewise, one of Catholicism foremost theologians, St. Thomas Aquinas argued that around ensoulment occurred forty days conception. Regardless of some of her theologians, Church teaching has consistently upheld that human life must be protected from the moment of conception. So what are we to make of these claims about some of our greatest minds?

St. Thomas Aquinas argued for delayed ensoulment based on the inaccurate biology of his time. Many theologians argue that if St. Thomas had our current advanced understanding of human biology and conception, then he would argue that ensoulment occurs right at conception. More importantly, his philosophical and metaphysical principles support the idea that ensoulment occurs at conception. For St. Thomas, in order for a living being to develop, it must have a principle of development. A car needs fuel to run, and we would call the fuel the principle of its motion. A living being also needs a principle of motion which allows it to run and mature.

We call this principle of motion in a living being the soul. Generally speaking there are three types of souls distinguished by their proper activities: vegetative, sensitive, and rational. Importantly, a living being can only have one type of soul/principle and souls do not develop/evolve from one to the other (gasoline can run a car, but it cannot change itself and power an animal). Hence in order for a human embryo to develop to a mature human person, it must already have a rational (i.e. human) soul. You can't give what you don't have after all. If the embryo did not have a human soul from the beginning it would never develop into a mature human being. Hence for St. Thomas we can say that ensoulment occurs right at conception.

Weekly Collection 680800

January 12, 2020

Weekly	\$10,525.00
EFT	\$3,195.00
	Total=\$13,720.00
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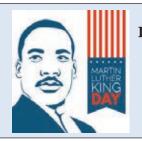
Second Collections

This Week: The Catholic University of America Next Week: Saints & Scholars Collection



Our Faith, Our Future Goal=\$2,000,000 Pledged To Date=\$1,453,375

Total Number of OLM Parishioners=2,120 Total Number of Pledges=326 Average Pledge=\$4,458



Dr. Martin Luther King Day Holiday Monday, January 20, 2020 Mass at 8:30am

The OLM Parish Office s closed for the holiday.



- •January 19: NO RE Classes this weekend due to the MLK Holiday
- January 26: NO RE CLASS NEXT WEEKEND. DREs are on the OLM Pilgrimage to the Holy Land!

Pray for us as we for you! Mickey St. Jean & Doug Green



- •OLM Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food times especially during the winter season. Please drop your donations in the Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. Thank you for your support.
- ●OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss are most welcome to join us for prayer and support.
- For more information about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Upcoming Dates To Remember:

- Monday, January 20: No School for MLK Holiday.
- •Tuesday, January 21: OLM Weekly School Mass at 8:15am, all welcome to attend.
- Thursday, January 23: Progress Reports sent home
- Friday, January 24: Middle School Dance at 6:30pm

Sunday, January 26OLM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE10am-12pm

• <u>Congratulations</u> to our OLM SkyMakers Robotics Team who successfully competed in the State Championships last week! Along with the Daring Ducks, they worked hard and represented our school very well all year. Thank you to Ms. Hollowell and all our parent volunteers who led our program this year!

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We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of **Mark Eric Letendre** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.

Ordinary Time



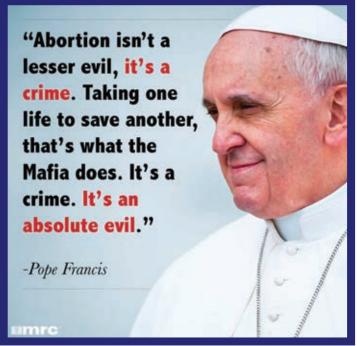
rdinary Time refers to all the Sundays of the year that are not linked to the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Governed by the date of Easter, it consists of either thirty-three or thirty-four weeks and is divided into two periods, one following the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the other following the solemnity of Pentecost.

Ordinary Time following The Baptism of the Lord is of brief duration, lasting anywhere from four to nine weeks depending on the date of Ash Wednesday.



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Annual Statewide Pro-Life Rally



Rhode Island State House Rotunda Tuesday, January 21, 2020 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

After historic gains in 2019, Rhode Island's abortion industry is now pressing for taxpayer-funded abortions. Join us to remember the 60 million victims of legal abortion in America and to encourage your legislators to stand against the extreme abortion agenda.

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