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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

The Mass of Anticipation of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Ellen Simms—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM For the Souls in Purgatory

10:30AM Margaret Healey—34th Anniversary

5:00PM Peter Bamberry—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Louise Mattimore Grant—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

Conversion of ST. Paul, Apostle

7:30AM Faith Masterson—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:30AM Timothy Franzone—4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday; St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder 7:30AM John P. Shanley, Sr.—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Monsignor Edward F. Egan—18th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:000PM Michael Alix—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Michelina Madden—Memorial 9:00AM Richard Demers—Month's Mind 10:30AM Joseph Soprano—15th Anniversary 5:00PM Michael Bryan—Month's Mind



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Well, what a wind storm we had last Sunday night! The winds were so strong they knocked down the beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that stands out in front of our Church. The wind broke off the statue's head, and other parts were damaged. We hope it might be repaired and restored, but it may have to be replaced.

The winds also wreaked havoc with those traveling! Flights were grounded and canceled across the country. Sister Lourdes had two flights canceled from Chicago and was later diverted to Newark. She was able to get a flight to Providence and is safely home! We thank God for guiding her home safe and sound! Welcome back, Sister Lourdes!!

Fr. Mahoney flew out on Monday to spend some time with his parents, who have retired to Phoenix, Arizona. He's taking some well-deserved time off and celebrating Christmas with his folks. However, he did bring his golf clubs and all his Green Bay Packer gear! His Mother is a native of Wisconsin, so all of his family are Packer fans! All that is but his Father, who hails from San Francisco and is a fan of the Forty-Niners! The Green Bay vs. San Francisco Game today should be a lot of fun for Father and his folks!!

Fr. Mahoney is returning later this week just in time for the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2022 is

January 30 – February 5. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."

Next weekend, it kicks off with OLM School students speaking at all Masses and an Open House at OLM School on Sunday and ends with a First Friday Mass on February 4. With these events, we highlight the value that Catholic education provides and the contributions to our Church, our communities, and our nation that Catholic Education makes. During the COVID Pandemic, millions of students could not set foot in a classroom as many schools shut down. This is an unimaginable disruption that has deeply affected the lives of our youngest generation. It has profoundly affected their learning emotional and phycological well -being.

In some places in the nation public school systems continue to educate remotely. Yet Catholic schools, such as our outstanding parish school, continued to maintain in-person instruction and learning during the Pandemic. It continues to be done with great sacrifice and little spread of COVID.

Catholic schools serve families and students with just a fraction of public schools' finances and resources. For generations, our Catholic schools shaped countless lives with little financial resources. Their legacy of academic excellence, committed service, sacrifice, and lively faith continues on today.

Vast sums of money have been given to public school districts including some whose doors were shut until recently. In some areas, low income parents have few options for their child's education. Real and robust school choice programs that help parents afford to choose the right school for their kids are truly needed.

Keeping OLM school open for in-person classes throughout the Pandemic has required great determination and tremendous sacrifice by outstanding Principal, Mr. McNabb, our dedicated faculty and staff, our supportive parents, and of course, our terrific students. I thank and commend them for their commitment, service, sacrifice, and faith. Amidst the social and economic **COVID** upheaval that the Pandemic unleashed for these two years, OLM School stood strong!

Learn more about the terrific things at OLM School, when our bright and talented students speak about the school at all Masses next week. An Open House on Sunday begins at 10:00AM. prospective All students and their families and all parishioners are invited tour the school. Come experience the OLM Advantage!

Finally, please support our parish school with generous financial donations to the Saints and Scholars Collection next week. It directly supports OLM School with tuition assistance and in defraying expenses, especially the rising costs due to the Pandemic.

Be well. Do good. God Bless.

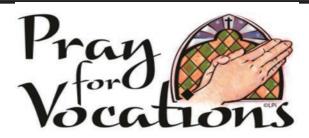
Father Healey



Luke D'Ambrosia, and his parents, Jason and Elaine.

Siobhan Rory Hockensmith, and her parents, Justin and Erin.

"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 for OLM Parishioners Gerald Granahan, Michael McGlynn, Arlene Pazienza, John Carne and Michael J. Sicco who have recently died.

Rest in Peace

Ceekly Collection

January 16, 2022

Weekly	\$8.943.00
EFT	\$6,881.00
	Total=\$15,824.00
Outreach	\$1,820.00
Catholic University	\$1,037.00
<u>January 17, 2021</u> Weekly	



Second Collections

This Week: The Church in Latin America Next Week: Saints & Scholars Collection

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RE Calendar of Events Sunday, January 23:

5:00PM Mass & Class: 1st Communion and Grade 1
Sunday, January 30:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Sunday, February 6:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Confirmation 2022

Sunday, February 13:

5:00PM Mass and Class:

1st Communion and Grade 1
Sunday, February 20:

Mass 5:00pm and NO CLASS, School Vacation Week Sunday, February 27:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class.



- 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. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!
- •OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 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



Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

Schedule of Events

- <u>Tuesday, January 25</u>: OLM School Weekly Mass at 8:15am
- Sunday, January 30: OLM School Open House & Kick-off of Catholic Schools Week
- Friday, February 4: First Friday Catholic Schools
 Week Mass at 9:00am

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"To the Height of Hope"

Middle School Youth Ministry
Movie Night!!

Friday, January 28. 6:30pm-9:00pm, OLM Gym Why is it important that we live lives of hope? Talk and Prayer followed by:



Movie Snacks and Drinks will be provided. Masks required

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Visit our open house and see for yourself the OLM advantage.

Open House

Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 **Time:** 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Questions?

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