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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

The Mass of	Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday of Lent	
4:00PM	Michael Rocchio—Birthday Remembrance	
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25		

#### The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM	Arthur Cabral—Birthday Remembrance
9:00AM	Daniel E Green—Memorial
10:30AM	Margaret "Betty" Murray —Memorial
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Lenten Weekday		
7:30AM	John Gardner—Memorial	
12:05PM	Jean lannucci-Memorial	

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Lenten Wee	kday: St. Gregory of Narek, Abbott & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM	Bill Daly—1st Anniversary
12:05PM	Matthew J. Cipriano, Jr.—Memorial
WEDNESDA	Y, FEBRUARY 28
Lenten Wee	kday
7:30AM	Stephen Thompson—1st Anniversary
12:05PM	Robert J. Brooks—Memorial
THURSDAY,	FEBRUARY 29
Lenten Wee	kday
7:30AM	Els Cardi—Memorial
12:05PM	Gregory & Thomas Cogan—Memorial
FRIDAY, MA	RCH 1
Lenten Wee	kday
7:30AM	The Souls in Purgatory
12:05PM	Ronald Verri—Memorial
SATURDAY,	MARCH 2
Lenten Wee	kday
8:30AM	Fr. Joseph P. Henry—1st Anniversary
The Mass of	Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday of Lent
4:00PM	Lisa B. Johnson—Memorial
SUNDAY, M	ARCH 3
The Third Su	unday of Lent
7:30AM	Deceased Members of the Romano Family-Mem.
9:00AM	Don Boyle—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM	Michael F. Quinn—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We welcome our Lenten Mission Preacher, Father Francis McCarty, OSB, to OLM. He is preaching all the weekend Masses and offering a Mission Talk on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. The title of his Mission is "*The Seven Words* of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Lessons on Discipleship."

Father Francis is a native of Manville, RI, and attended Mt. St. Charles Academy in Woonsocket, where he later taught. He studied at St. Anselm College in New Hampshire and encountered the Benedictine Monks. Father entered the St. Anselm Monastery after teaching high school for a few years. He studied for the priesthood at St. John's Seminary in Boston with Fr. Mahoney and was ordained a priest in 2022. He resides at the St. Anselm Abbey and is the Campus Minister at St. Anselm College.

I first met him when he was 15. He was an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scout Troop in Albion, where I served as pastor at St. Ambrose. Fr. Francis is an outstanding preacher, and I am sure you will enjoy his Mission. Join us for his Mission Talks on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights at 7 pm. Preceding the Mission Talks each night, four priests will be available for Confessions beginning at 6:00 pm.

It is customary for every parish to invite a priest to preach a Mission during Lent. The special goal of the Mission is threefold: To help fallen-away Catholics return to their faith, to convert tepid souls to fervor, and to encourage pious souls in their good resolutions to serve God. Just as Jesus and His Apostles went from town to town preaching the Kingdom of God, so the missionary comes to our parish to encourage us to give up sin and to practice your Catholic faith better.

So make the Mission; it will enlighten your mind with God's Truth, help to detach your heart from sin, and strengthen your will with the love of God. Please pray for the success of our Lenten Mission.

On Tuesday last week, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed Fr. James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick and St. Michael Churches in Providence, as the thirteenth Bishop of Portland, Maine. He will be ordained a bishop on May 7. Bishop-elect James and I were ordained priests together at the Cathedral on June 24, 1995. I know him to be a wise, holy, and zealous priest who will surely be an outstanding bishop.

The Diocese of Portland encompasses the entire state of Maine and is very large in geography. In fact, it has an area of 33,215 square miles and a population of 279,159 Catholics. In addition to its 48 parishes, it has nine elementary schools, one private elementary school, one diocesan high school, and one private high school.

It also includes one Catholic college, Saint Joseph's College of Maine. Currently, 35 Diocesan priests and 18 religious order priests serve the Diocese. We offer our sincere best wishes and congratulations to Bishopelect James and our promise of prayers.

I thank the 113 parishioners who generously pledged their gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal. We are off to a good start toward our parish goal of \$190,000.

Last year, 480 parish families helped us surpass our goal and raise over \$277,000. I hope we do better this year and have 500 families support the Appeal. So please return your pledge envelope and help us surpass our goal. Every parish family must pray for and pledge a gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal to be truly successful.

How is your Lent going? Have you spent more time praying, fasting, and giving alms? If not, there is still time to begin with more enthusiasm and devotion. While Lent is forty days in imitation of our Lord's forty days of fasting and praying in the desert, it is a series of mini -Lents for us to pray, fast, and give alms. So if your Lent began a little unsteady, begin again and take up your cross.

One way is to join us on Friday night for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Take a fast from Wheel of Fortune and come pray together with Jesus as he walks the Way of the Cross. Another way is to make the Mission. Come out and make the Mission even if you can only make it one night. It will make your Lent and inspire you to pray, fast, and give alms with zeal and fervor!

Be well. Do good. God Bless! Pray. Fast. Give Alms. Hope to see you at the Mission Talks this week and Stations on Friday at 7:00pm!

Father Heale

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## <u>St. Oswald of Worcester – February 29</u> <u>Yorkshire Pudding</u>

Having a feast day on February 29 doesn't mean that it is only celebrated once every four years. Typically, the celebration is moved to February 28. However, since this is a leap year, this month's recipe is in honor of St. Oswald of Worcester (not the Worcester in Massachusetts), who is celebrated by the Church on February 29! St. Oswald of Worcester, the grandson of a Viking, lived in tenth-century modern-day England. His family came to England through the Viking raids in the mid-ninth century. It was there that they would encounter the Catholic faith. His uncle Oda would become the Archbishop of Canterbury. Following his uncle's encouragement, Oswald took to the faith. He would spend most of his life studying the teachings of the Church. Together with his friend St. Dunstan, they would lead the reform of monastic life on the English isle. St. Oswald would be named Archbishop of York around 972 while remaining as Bishop of Worcester. He developed a custom of washing the feet of the poor who would come to his monastery during Lent. St. Oswald died in Worcester on February 29, 992. However, the Yorkshire pudding wouldn't be introduced to the world for another 800 years after St. Oswald's death. There may be no more fitting food to celebrate this saint than with a dish named after the city of which he was Archbishop. Enjoy a Yorkshire pudding on the feast of St. Oswald of Worcester.

## **Ingredients and Recipe**

1 cup all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon salt 1 1/4 cups whole milk 3 large eggs (room temperature) 1/4 cup oil

## **Instructions**

Step 1: Preheat the oven to 425°F. Step 2: Combine the flour and salt in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk together milk and eggs in another medium mixing bowl until well blended. Gradually add the wet mixture to the dry mixture, whisking until smooth. Place in the refrigerator for 20 minutes. Step 3: Once the oven is up to temperature, spoon 1 teaspoon of oil into each cup of a 12-cup muffin tin. Place the muffin tin in the oven until the oil is hot, about 10 minutes. Step 4: Stir the chilled batter. Remove the muffin tin from the oven and quickly pour about ¼ cup of cold batter into each cup. Immediately return the muffin tin to the oven. Step 5: Bake for 20 minutes or until the puddings are puffy, golden brown, and crispy. Serve immediately.



## February 18, 2024

Weekly	\$12,910.00
EFT	<u>\$6,495.00</u>
	Total=\$19,405.00
Outreach	\$637.00

February 19, 2023

Weekly.....\$13,714.00

# Thank You for Your Generous Support!

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Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

# **Second Collections**

This Week: Lenten Mission Collection Next Week: Building & Grounds



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## First Communion Class Schedule

Sunday, March 3: Class Saturday, March 9: First Confession: Last Names A-M: Saturday, March 16: First Confession: Last Names N-Z: Confirmation Class Schedule

Sunday, March 11: Confessions at 6 pm after 5 pm Mass.

For questions and more information please contact Mr. Jeremy Long, Director of First Communion & Confirmation at 884-4968 or faithformation@olmparish.org or Miss Julia Anthon, Directress of Faith Formation, at 884-4968 or faithformationdir@olmparish.org





•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.

•<u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on **Thursday**, **March 7, 2024 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



# Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

## School Weekly Calendar

• <u>Monday, February 26</u>: Vacation ends and school resumes. Confessions for Grades 3-8 12:45 pm

• <u>Tuesday, February 27:</u> Beloved Meeting 2:30 -3:15 pm

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"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." -St Mother Teresa of Calcutta

# First Friday Adoration

Friday, March 1, 2024 Exposition following 12:05pm Mass Adoration All-Afternoon Benediction at 6:45PM Adorers are needed. Sign up online

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The 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal, "A State of Hope", has begun. The OLM parish CCA goal remains the same as last year, \$190,000, with an overall diocesan goal of \$7 million.

A STATE OF HOPE million.

Please prayerfully consider a gift or pledge to the appeal as we strive for 100% parish participation.

# 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000 Pledged to date=\$74,504 Number of pledges to date=113 Average gift=\$660

# **2023 Catholic Charity Appeal**

OLM Parish Goal=\$190.000 Total Raised=\$277,255 Total Number of Pledges=480 Average Gift=\$578

## McAuley Ministries Carry On Event Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 6-8 p.m. the Crowne Plaza in Warwick

Please join us for this celebration of our mission and the mercy we share with the community. The Carry On Event is a wonderful opportunity for us to gather - donors, corporate sponsors, Sisters of Mercy, volunteers, staff and friends - and reaffirm our commitment to be living examples of Servant of God Mother Catherine McAuley's legacy in serving those in need. The celebration will begin with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and a chance to mingle with fellow donors. And the evening will close with a presentation from McAuley Ministries accompanied by an assortment of delicious desserts. For more information go online to: ttps://app.etapestry.com/onlineforms/McauleyCorporation/CarryOn2024.html



# Annual Our Lady of Mercy Parish Lenten Mission February 24-28, 2024



"The Seven Words of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Lessons on Discipleship"

## Father Francis McCarty, O.S.B. MISSION PREACHER

Father McCarty will be preaching all weekend Masses on February 24 & 25.

Mission Talks each night Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Confessions at 6:00 pm with 4 priests available.

## Monday, February 26

The Blessed Mother and the Angel Gabriel – Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it Mission Talk at 7:00pm • Confessions at 6pm with 4 priests

## Tuesday, February 27

The Blessed Mother and Saint Elizabeth – My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior Mission Talk at 7:00pm • Confessions at 6pm with 4 Priests

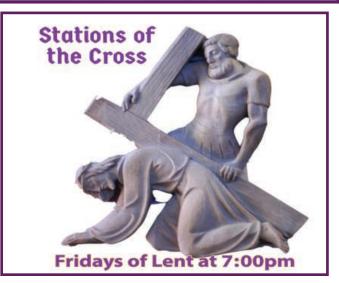
#### Wednesday, February 28

The Blessed Mother and Her Son Jesus – Do whatever He tells You Mission Talk at 7:00pm with Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Confessions at 6:00pm with 4 priests



Fr. Francis McCarty, O.S.B. is a Benedictine monk and priest of Saint Anselm Abbey in Manchester, New Hampshire. He is a native of Manville, Rhode Island. He graduated from Mount Saint Charles Academy where he also served as a faculty member after graduating from Saint Anseim College. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2022 following studies at Saint John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass. He currently serves Saint Anselm College as Assistant Director of Campus Ministry.

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