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## THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME IUNE 18, 2023

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

The Mass of Anticipation for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Felix, Celestina, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial SUNDAY, JUNE 18

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM For All Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM For All Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy 10:30AM For All Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy

#### **MONDAY. JUNE 19**

Weekday; St. Romuald, Abbot

7:30AM Everett Martin—Birthday Remembrance

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

Weekday

7:30AM Dec'd of the Hyde Family—Memorial

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:30AM Barbara Gallagher—Memorial

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

Weekday; St. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs 7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:30AM Special Intention

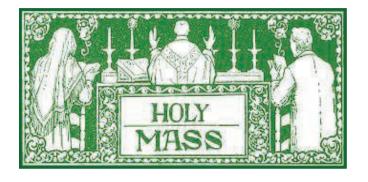
The Mass of Anticipation for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM James Kennedy—Birthday Remembrance

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

The Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Marilyn Loeffler—Birthday Remembrance 9:00AM Rosalie Ferrucio—2nd Anniversary

10:30AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Fathers' Day began around 1910 in the United States to complement Mother's Day. It is a day to celebrate fathers and Fatherhood. As the great poet William Wordsworth once said: "Father, to God himself, we cannot give a holier name."

On Fathers' Day, we honor our Fathers and pay tribute to their hard work, sacrifice, and love. Of course, this means giving gifts as a sign of our love. But I think the best gift to give any Father, living or deceased, is the gift of prayer. Therefore, we are offering all our Masses this Sunday for all Fathers.

Fathers' Day is also a day for us, especially men, to reflect on what it means to be a Father and how we are called to live Fatherhood. Father's Day is celebrated on March 19 in many Catholic countries on the Solemnity of St Joseph, the model for all Fathers. Pope Francis' in his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, "With a Father's Heart," marking the Year of St. Joseph, wrote:

"Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way, he becomes a father to that person."

Fathers must provide for the spiritual needs of their children. A Father teaches and helps his children to pray. He brings his children to Mass faithfully and joyfully, teaching them to practice the faith. With a good Father as a model, children learn to love God, become faithful to attending Mass, and develop devotion to our Catholic faith. The English Poet George Herbert said: "One Father is more than a hundred schoolmasters."

There is a great need for good, faithful, and loving Fathers today. In our nation, millions of children live without a Father in the home. Strong, courageous, and caring Fathers are essential for family life. All children need a Father whose love is strong and sacrificial and who provides care, concern, correction, courage, and encouragement.

As we celebrate Fatherhood on this Fathers' Day, we look forward to celebrating Patrick Ryan's ordination as a priest next Saturday, June 24. Patrick served a summer here at OLM and has been studying for the priesthood in Rome.

Next Saturday at 10:00am, at the Cathedral, Bishop Henning is to ordain him a priest of the Diocese of Providence. The new Father Ryan, will serve at St. Theresa's in Pawtucket with Fr. Barrow for the summer and return to Rome for further studies in the fall. Please pray for him.

The Ordination Mass is always a joyful celebration; all are welcome to attend. The new Fr. Patrick Ryan is celebrating his First Mass of Thanksgiving next Sunday at his home parish, Saints John and Paul, in Coventry at 2:00pm. Father Connors is preaching at this Mass, and a reception follows. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

I hope to have the new Father Ryan back to OLM before he returns to Rome to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with us. We can celebrate the great gift of his priesthood and spiritual Fatherhood with him as we offer him our best wishes and congratulations in person.

June is traditionally the month for priestly ordinations in Providence. In fact, like Patrick Ryan twenty-eight years ago, I was also ordained a priest on June 24. Fr. Mahoney celebrated his 2nd Anniversary of Ordination on June 2. And Father Connors celebrates his 11th Anniversary of Ordination this Friday, June 23.

Fifty years ago, Bishop Evans was ordained a priest on July 2, 1973, in Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. He will celebrate his 50th Anniversary with us on Sunday, July 2, at the 10:30am Mass. All are invited to this Mass for his Golden Jubilee. A reception follows in Mercy Park. So please join us for this special celebration.

We wish all Fathers a Happy Fathers' Day and thank them for all they do. Gentlemen, enjoy your special day! We also offer our prayers and congratulations to Patrick Ryan on his ordination as a new Father next Saturday. *Ad multos annos*.

Summer officially begins this Wednesday, June 21. Summer typically means family vacations, beach days, golf outings, cookouts, and picnics. Enjoy the summer sun and warm weather but please remember not to take a vacation from attending Sunday Mass! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Have a great summer! Go Sox!

Father Healey



#### June 24- The Nativity of John the Baptist

In the Church, three Nativities or births hold a special place on the calendar. Of course, we celebrate the Nativity of Christ on Christmas Day, the Nativity of Mary on September 8, and finally, the Nativity of John that Baptist each year on June 24. God chose John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. He began to announce the coming of the kingdom, calling all people to reform their lives. He baptized for repentance but preached that another would come to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. Every part of John's life was directed toward leading others toward Christ. "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30). These words indicate his understanding that it was all about Jesus from the beginning. Some traditional foods worldwide to celebrate the feast day are pickled herring on white bread in Sweden and "Goody," a pot of boiled white bread with milk and spices in Ireland. However, we hear about John that "His food was locusts and wild honey" (Matthew 3:4). Since pickled herring, boiled bread, and locusts might not be on everybody's list of favorite foods, here is a recipe for a Honey Cake to celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist and Fr. Healey's anniversary of ordination on June 24th!

#### **Ingredients**

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened 1 cup Honey, 3 Eggs 1/4 tsp. Almond Extract 1/2 cup Vanilla Greek Yogurt 2 cups All-Purpose Flour 1/2 teaspoon Salt & 1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda

#### **Preparation:**

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9" round cake pan with parchment and grease with cooking spray. In a large bowl, beat butter and honey until the butter is smooth and the mixture is light and creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition, then add almond extract. Whisk together flour, salt, and baking soda in a separate medium bowl. Add dry ingredients and beat until barely combined, then add yogurt and beat until just combined. Pour batter into a prepared cake pan and bake until a toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean for 40-45 minutes. Allow to rest for 10 minutes in the pan, then turn out onto a cooling rack and let cool completely. Top with powdered sugar and fruit of your choosing



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- <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> 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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# Congratulations Bishop Robert C. Evans

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