

you are worth more than many sparrows.

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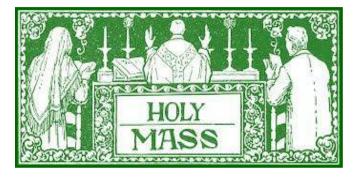
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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 25, 2023

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

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The Mass of	Anticipation for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00PM	5:00PM James Kennedy—Birthday Remembrance		
SUNDAY, JU	NE 25		
The Twelfth	Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:30 AM	Marilyn Loeffler—Birthday Remembrance		
9:00AM	Rosalie Ferrruccio—2nd Anniversary		
10:30AM	Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance		
MONDAY, J	UNE 26		
Weekday;			
7:30AM	John E. Gardiner, Jr.—Memorial		
TUESDAY, JU	JNE 27		
Weekday: St	t. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church		
7:30AM	Donald P. & Jean E. Houlllahan—1st Anniversary		
WEDNESDA	Y, JUNE 28		
St. Irenaeus,	Bishop & Martyr		
7:30AM	Kate Bedard—Birthday Remembrance		
THURSDAY,	JUNE 29		
SAINTS PETE	R & PAUL, APOSTLES		
7:30AM	Dec'd Member of Lee & Pyun Families-Memorial		
FRIDAY, JUN	IE 30		
Weekday; Fi	irst Martyrs of Rome		
7:30AM	Samuel & Marie Oliverio—Memorial		
SATURDAY,	JULY 1		
Weekday; St	t. Junipero Serra, Priest; BVM		
8:30AM	Robert M. & Dorothy C. Merrill—Memorial		
The Mass of	Anticipation for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
5:00PM	Margaret Mueller—Birthday Remembrance		
SUNDAY, JU	LY 2		
The Thirteer	nth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
7:30 AM	Rita Quetta—1st Anniversary		
9:00AM	Thomas J. Brescia—11th Anniversary		
10:30AM	For the Intentions of Bishop Evans		



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we rejoice at the ordination of Father Patrick Ryan as a priest of Providence. On Saturday, he was ordained by Bishop Henning at the Cathedral. We offer our prayers and best wishes to him! *Ad multos annos gloriosque annos vivas*!

Next Sunday, July 2, we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop Evans. He will celebrate the 10:30am Mass, and Bishop Salvatore R. Matano of Rochester will serve as the homilist. Bishop Matano is a priest of Providence and a lifelong friend of Bishop Evans.

Many priests and bishops will attend the Mass, including our Metropolitan Archbishop, the Most Reverend Leonard Blair of Hartford. Please join us for the Mass and the Reception in Mercy Park.

Bishop Evans has been associated with Our Lady of Mercy Parish for nearly three decades. He first arrived here as a resident priest in the 1990s and has continued these many years to be part of our parish family. Pray for him as he celebrates his Golden Jubilee!

In early July, the Peragallo Organ Company will begin repairs on our organ. The organ was installed in 1995 and has 1776 pipes. It was built by the Peragallo Organ Company specifically for Our Lady of Mercy. It is serviced and tuned annually by them.

However, at the annual tuning in January, it was discovered that the seven reservoir bellows of the pipe organ were worn and leaking. This problem adversely affects the organ's tuning stability and must be addressed to prevent the motor and blower from overworking.

In the second week of July, the Peragallo Company will arrive to remove the units for repair and bring them to their shop in Patterson, New Jersey. The bellows will be overhauled with new canvas hinging, rubber cloth stripping, leather corners, and gussets. The organ will also be vacuumed and cleaned out during this period.

They are providing a replacement organ for our use during the repairs. It should take about five to six weeks to complete the project. The cost of the repair is \$53,000! The organ itself cost over \$200,000 when purchased thirty years ago.

This repair was somewhat unexpected at this time, but the organ is nearly thirty years old, so the wear and tear on the bellows are normal for the life span of the leather. If we delay the repair, it would only cause more problems that require even more costly repairs.

Of course, everyone, including me, is also wondering about our new church doors! The delays first began with the pandemic and have only continued. We have been waiting several weeks for the stained glass to be prepared, and I am told it is nearing completion. This delay resulted from a supply chain issue as a needed chemical for the stained glass was unavailable.

Our contractor and architect of the door project assure me that once the doors are ready for installation, it will be done with dispatch. I hope and pray it is so! Also, we plan to resod the OLM School field during the summer. Over the years, the grass has been disappearing on the field, which is more dirt than grass. Our students frequently use the field for gym classes, recess, and after-school care throughout the school day.

After researching the options for the field, including sod, hydroseeding, or artificial turf, it was decided that sod was the best option. Paul Anderson is overseeing this project. We hope that by September, the students have a field of thick green grass on which to run and play.

We also plan to upgrade some of our security features at the school and parish during the summer. These are just a few of the projects happening at OLM this summer! Summer vacation also allows for the cleaning and painting of the school rooms.

Summer officially began last week, but our work is never done! In his Rule of Life for the monks, St Benedict of Nursia wrote: "Idleness is the enemy of the soul; and therefore the brethren ought to be employed in manual labor at certain times, at others, in devout reading." With all our maintenance projects, we are hardly idle. However, many good books are available to keep us busy with summer reading too. What are you reading at the beach this summer?

We offer our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to the new Father Patrick Ryan and Bishop Evans! Be well. Do good. God Bless! Go Sox!

Father Healey

🔆 Dress

OUR SUNDAY best used to represent the finest duds we owned. Time at church was formal, and folks dressed that way. Of course, dinner was formal too. So was theater. So was photography. Now it's different. People come to church wearing everything from tuxedos to cutoffs, from formal gowns to sandals. Society clings to few rules about dress. Restaurants make you wear shoes and shirts. People laugh at your bathrobe, curlers, and bunny slippers.

A backless dress may be elegant at a Saturday wedding, but gauche on a Sunday morning. Under the roof of God's house, some dos and don'ts prevail, but there is no telling how the brothers and sisters will dress for the family faith meal. The advance of casual wear has succeeded in many parts of society, not just churches. What constitutes appropriate attire for business and leisure activities continues to fluctuate. Even when invitations specify formal wear, business clothes, or casual dress, respondents may remain confused.

Expectations for Sunday dress vary from one worshiper to the next. A young participant's outfit reveals some flesh. Some see no problem; others find it scandalous. Some cannot afford nice clothes; others are coming from work or stop on their way to play.

At its best, the variety of church dress displays the universality of the call to worship. At its worst, it shows carelessness and confusion. The harrumpho-meter generally short-circuits when a worshiper, who arrived expecting a place in the pew, serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a reader, or song leader for a short-handed celebration. Having Communion offered to you from someone dressed in shorts and a grunge rock T-shirt may shake the most fervent worshiper's belief in the Body of Christ.

However, ministers generally prefer to dress well and in a fitting manner. When duty calls them unprepared, they do their best with hearts of faith, seeking to serve, not to offend. When we prepare for church, charity demands consideration in our dress and moderation in our judgment.

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<u>June 17, 2023</u>

<u>June 19, 2022</u>			
Outreach	\$1,134.00		
	Total=\$15,650.00		
EFT	<u>\$6,055.00</u>		
Weekly	\$9,595.00		

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The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of Samuel and Marie Oliverio.

In your charity, please pray for them.



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First Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday, June 25 at 2:00PM Saints John & Paul Church Coventry, RI





•<u>OLM Food Pantry</u> 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. <u>All food items should be</u> <u>unexpired and non-perishable</u>. 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 <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

Join us in making Rosaries for the Missions!

OLM Rosary Makers Workshop

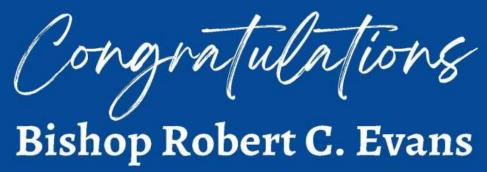
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 2 pm - 4 pm OLM Cry Room Instruction & Materials provided

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." - Saint Francis de Sales

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

I place all my problems in your Sacred Heart today and thank You for taking care of them. Amen.





On the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood We celebrate and thank you for your many years of service to the Diocese of Providence.



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July 2, 1973 St. Peter's Basilica, Rome ORDAINED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF PROVIDENCE December 15, 2009 Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence

Ad multos annos!

Please join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday, July 2, 2023 at 10:30 am **Our Lady of Mercy Church** 65 Third St., East Greenwich, RI **Reception to follow in Mercy Park**



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