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## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 27, 2021

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 26**

The Mass of Anticipation for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio — Memorial

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 27**

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Beatrice Alfano—5th Anniversary
9:00AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Jose Manuel Paquay—Month's Mind

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 28**

St. Ireneaus, Bishop & Martyr
7:30AM Kate Bedard—Birthday Remembrance

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 29**

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
7:30AM Elena L Bernstrom—Memorial

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Weekday; The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

### THURSDAY, JULY 1

Weekday; St. Junipero Serra, Priest 7:30AM David Gardner—Memorial

## FRIDAY, JULY 2

Weekday

7:30AM Rose Farina—Memorial

#### SATURDAY, JULY 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

8:30AM Donald Guilfoyle—Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Sophia Roman—Birthday Remembrance

#### SUNDAY, JULY 4

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Gertrude Hynek—Memorial

9:00AM Thomas J. Brescia—9th Anniversary 10:30AM Michael Devlin—83rd Anniversary



## Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We had a great "Farewell" send-off for Father Barrow last weekend. After five happy years of priestly ministry at OLM, he leaves us to begin his first pastorate at St. Teresa Parish in Pawtucket. We say farewell and thanks, and promise him our prayers.

I am grateful to our OLM volunteers Staff and arranging the fabulous receptions in Fr. Barrow's honor. Thanks to the quick thinking of Doug Saturday Green, the night reception wasn't rained out by the massive thunderstorm, but held in the Church vestibule! Sunday's reception had beautiful weather and a great turnout of parishioners to wish Father well! I am grateful to all those who acknowledged his priestly ministry here at OLM with their good wishes!

Our new Associate Pastor, Father Mahoney, has begun to move his belongings into his rooms. He begins his duties here at OLM on July 1 and begins celebrating Masses this week at OLM.

Bishop Tobin ordained Father Mahoney on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. He grew up in Wakefield and attended Saint Francis Parish. His father is a retired Naval Officer, his mother a retired school teacher, and they now reside in Arizona. He has two brothers who live in Reno, Nevada, and a sister who lives in Rhode Island.

He studied for the priesthood at Saint John's Seminary in Boston, where our own Father Connors taught him. He is an alumnus of Providence College and South Kingstown High School. And while he roots for the Pats, he is a Green Bay Packer fan, as his mother is a native of Wisconsin! I know you will give him a warm welcome as he begins his first priestly assignment.

It is a great privilege and joy to have a newly ordained priest assigned to our parish I am deeply grateful to Bishop Tobin for sending us Fr. Mahoney. We look forward to many happy years of faithful and fruitful ministry from him.

Over twenty years ago as a newly ordained priest my first parish assignment was exciting time. Finally, I was able to put the years of seminary formation and studies priestly practice. It was also a privileged time to celebrate Masses, hear confessions, baptize babies, anoint the sick dying, and celebrate weddings often for the first time.

God has truly blessed my priesthood with fantastic parish assignments. I am truly blessed to be serving at OLM with outstanding young priests such as Fr. Shemek, Fr. Connors, and Fr. Barrow. Now I look forward to many happy years serving with Father Mahoney. It is an exciting time for him as a new priest, but also for us as a parish.

This week a seminary classmate and long time friend, Father Ferdi Santos, is visiting. Thirty years ago we studied in the seminary together at the American College in Louvain, Belgium,

He is from the Philippines but has been working in the U.S. for the last fourteen years. He spent four years teaching philosophy and theology at Providence College

while living with me at St. Ambrose. Then, over the last ten years, he served as a Philosophy Professor, and Rector, at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami, Florida.

Now Father Santos is returning home to the Philippines to be closer to his parents and family. He is leaving behind the seminary academic life to serve as a parish priest. His bishop has assigned him to serve as pastor of a parish located in one of the most impoverished of areas his diocese. Please pray for him.

This past Thursday on my anniversary I offered thanks to God for my twenty-six years of priesthood and offered Mass for your intentions. I also give thanks for the gift of my brother priests. I have had the great joy to serve with great priests and to serve wonderful parishioners. It is a blessing indeed!

In his homily last week, Fr. Barrow quoted "The Priest" by the French Dominican Father Henri Lacordaire, I do so again:

"To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures; To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none; To share all suffering; to penetrate all secrets; To heal all wounds; to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers; To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope; To teach and to pardon, console and bless always. My God, what a life, and it is yours, O priest of Jesus Christ." Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey

# thank you!

My final column here at Our Lady of Mercy! After five years here at the parish I have answered many questions about the faith ranging from "The Days in Genesis" to "Why are we Called Roman Catholics." Besides, during the summers when our summer seminarian would write the column, I have written a column for every bulletin. I consider this opportunity a real blessing because, in the words of St. Paul, "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." The treasures of the faith which I learned from my teachers, parents, friends, and fellow priests cannot be kept to oneself.

This column does not, however, answer a question. Instead, it expresses my gratitude. First and foremost, to Fr. Healey for his wonderful priestly and pastoral example to me these past five years. He has taught me how to be a pastor and I hope to take his lessons with me to my new parish assignment. I give thanks as well to Fr. Connors for his constant support as a brother priest. They have been a constant source of strength. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI words ring true: "You cannot be a priest on your own."

I wish to thank Bishop Tobin and Bishop Evans as well for allowing me five wonderful years here at OLM. I also thank them for their confidence in assigning me to be the new pastor of St. Teresa parish in Pawtucket.

I am grateful as well to the deacons, staff, teachers, ministers, servers, and volunteers of this parish. I am in awe of the dedication that these men and women put into making OLM thrive. In particular, our parish staff and teachers go above and beyond in their work. We are fortunate to have religious sisters minister at the parish as well. Their example of holiness and their many helps to me have been extraordinary.

Finally, I am grateful to you, the good and faithful people of Our Lady of Mercy. Over these years I have benefited from your faithful and generous dedication to the church, your sincere devotion to the sacraments, and your consistent and constant support of the priesthood. Your many kindnesses to me through the years, and especially as I depart for my new assignment, are so very appreciated. I am indeed grateful to God: grateful that he sent me here five years ago. I hope to take everything I have learned from him and my time here to be a good pastor to the people of St. Teresa Parish.

In closing, I ask that you keep learning about the faith. St. Peter reminds us: "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." The more you learn about the faith, the more you will love it and be able to bring others to Christ.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Barrow

## Weekly Collection

## June 20, 2021

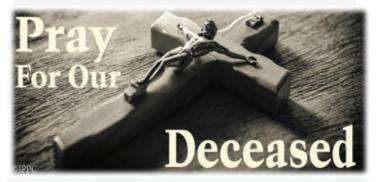
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The Second Collection next week is the Building & Grounds Collection



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Christopher M. Franzone and Mary J. Wypych** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at OLM last week.

## Fr. Barrow's New Address



The Rev. Joshua A. Barrow
St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Church
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## Religious Education Registration for Next Year

Registrations are presently being taken on the OLM Parish website for all grades, 1 through 8 for the Religious Education Year 2021 - 2022.

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#### Principal McNabb's Address to OLM School Class of 2021

Class of 2021, you made it!! After everything, you made it. Congratulations. I stood here a year ago speaking to our Class of 2020 about how strange their eighth-grade year had been. But I think you have them beat. So much of what you expected from eighth grade never came to pass: dances and field trips, First Friday Masses, Christmas festivities, and everything else that you had looked forward to throughout your years at OLM. And while there are greater sufferings in life than missing out on eighth grade events, the absence of them leaves a sense of loss, and even sadness that lingers over our celebration this evening.

It makes sense to ask yourself what you ought to do with that sadness. And you can start by acknowledging it and recognizing it as real. The truth is that you have borne a burden this year that was not yours to bear. It has not been fair. And the old saw is that life is not fair, which, quite frankly, is a very annoying thing that adults say to children and would be supremely annoying for me to say to you right now. But there is more wisdom in that line than you might think, because for us to meet the standard of fairness is to meet the standard of justice.

If we suffer for our own sins, if we bear the burdens we deserve, that is justice. But to carry those burdens we have not merited is something greater: that is mercy. That is love. Carrying the cross for others was the fundamental act of Christ, when as a perfectly sinless man, He took upon Himself all the sins of the world. The Crucifixion was the most unfair act in the history of the world. It was also the act that saved it. And you, over the past fifteen months, have engaged in the imitation of Christ, carrying a cross that was not of your making.

You have begun to walk the path of the saint. And that is a good thing. It is the saint who calls people back to God. When Christianity stood in turmoil after the fall of the Roman Empire, it was St. Benedict who launched a spiritual renewal with his monastic rule, one of whose adherents would become Pope St. Gregory the Great and restore order to the Church and the civilization that depended on it. One thousand years later, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Thomas More, and others led a Catholic revival in response to the criticisms of the Protestant Reformation. And now here we stand five hundred years later, in challenging, uncertain times of our own, waiting for the saints who will show us the way.

You may not be blessed with easy times. You certainly have not been for the past fifteen months. But history does not remember those who lived in ease. We do not look up to George Washington or Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, or Abraham Lincoln because their paths were smooth. Nor did our Church raise men and women like St. Joan of Arc, St. Francis of Assisi, Pope St. John Paul II, or St. Teresa of Calcutta to the altars because they faced no obstacles. Rather, we honor them because they lived lives of heroic virtue right on through their many challenges, and in so doing, they left the world better for those that followed them. Those are the examples for you to emulate.

Do not set your sights on the multitude of celebrities who have gained fame more for their vices than their virtues. Resist a culture that screams for your attention at every moment, and that draws it away from prayer, the sacraments, and the only truth that satisfies. Aim for virtue. Aim for sanctity. Aim to be the next Washington, Tubman, Douglass, or Lincoln, the next Joan, Francis, John Paul, or Mother Teresa. Aim to conform yourself to Christ, to call out the best that God has placed in you, and then to draw out the same in everyone around you. That is what your community, your country, your Church, and the world itself need from you. It is a time to stand up for truth, for love, for God. He is calling you to something great. Stand ready to answer.

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Left to right with Fr. Healey: Casey McQuesten, Senior Lector and Senior Altar Servers: Dylan Brunner, Grace Truslow, Grace Dobrzynski, Catherine Clements, Katie O'Connell and Giabella Childs.

## Prayers & Best Wishes as they depart for College!!

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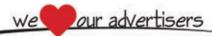


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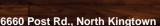
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