

*“This is truly the Prophet,
the one who is to come into the world.”*



Mass Intentions for the Week

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 25, 2021

SATURDAY, JULY 24

The Mass of Anticipation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Sara Kay Chandler—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 25

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Elizabeth & Michael Simon—Memorial
9:00AM Frank Alagna—Memorial
10:30AM John Giornelli, Jr—Memorial

MONDAY, JULY 26

Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM Martha & Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial

TUESDAY, JULY 27

Weekday
7:30AM Lorraine Kane—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Weekday
7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, JULY 29

St. Martha
7:30AM Alphonse Piccirilli—2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 30

Weekday; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Dorina Lincourt—Memorial

SATURDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
8:30AM Marie Oliverio—Birthday Remembrance
Mass of Anticipation of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Steven & Raoul Roberts—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Yvette Adams—Memorial
9:00AM Donald Zubiago—Memorial
10:30AM Marie Enander—Memorial



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Dear Parishioners

This week I am away at the Annual Summer Meeting of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors in Avon, Colorado. This meeting is our first in-person gathering in two years, with almost forty states represented.

These meetings provide an excellent opportunity to interact with State Catholic Conference Directors who also advocate on public policy issues on behalf of the Church. Also, it's a chance to get updated on public policy issues and advocacy strategies from colleagues and experts.

Our discussions include advocacy strategies in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Like our own R.I. statehouse, many other statehouses are closed to the public and in-person advocacy. Such closures to the public often present challenges due to the lack of personal interaction with elected officials. In addition, it means testimony is done remotely by phone or Zoom, which is highly ineffective.

We are also to discuss the increasing threats to religious liberty and the sanctity of human life. The U.S. Congress, with the support of the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation, is advancing an appropriations bill that eliminates the Hyde Amendment and other bipartisan provisions, including the Weldon Amendment.

These provisions have ensured for over forty years that tax dollars cannot fund abortion on demand. Eliminating these provisions would force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions and force health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their

deeply-held beliefs, as well as force employers and insurers, to cover and pay for abortion.

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, chairman of the USCCB's Pro-Life Committee issued the following statement:

"This is the most extreme pro-abortion appropriations bill that we have seen, effectively mandating healthcare professionals to participate in abortion, and forcing American citizens to pay for abortion with their tax dollars. By eliminating the Hyde Amendment, and other Hyde-like policies, the financial fruits of Americans' labor would advance the destruction of the smallest, most vulnerable humans. Abortion is not healthcare nor a 'human service' to anyone. Rather, abortion is inhumane. Americans' tax dollars should be used for the common good and welfare of all, not to finance abortion or force Americans to violate deeply-held beliefs."

There is a presentation on how the Church can more effectively support pregnant mothers with pre-natal care and provide alternatives to abortion, especially those women who live in poverty. Additionally, we will receive updates on legislation on immigration reform and refugee resettlement programs, Catholic Education and school choice initiatives, aiding and assisting the poor, and physician assisted suicide. Also, many of the recent and potentially future Supreme Court cases are reviewed.

Dominican Friar, Father

Justin Brophy, OP, is speaking to the group. He is a Professor of Political Science at Providence College. He is presenting on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on advocacy and politics in light of *Fratelli Tutti*, ("*On Fraternity and Social Responsibility*"), which is the third encyclical of Pope Francis' pontificate.

In this encyclical, the Holy Father suggests that the world response to the Covid-19 pandemic was a failure in global cooperation, and he calls for more human fraternity and greater solidarity among peoples and nations. He also offers an urgent plea for the rejection of war.

The Rocky Mountain setting is sure to be quite spectacular. The three-day meeting includes some free time to explore the area. It is a fruitful time of valuable updates, and discussions on important issues. It will be nice to see friends in person for the first time in two years!

Last Sunday's heat and humidity didn't present a problem for our Church air conditioning as it seems to be working very well again! It certainly was helpful last week! We hope soon to have the bids for the Church door project, funded by the capital campaign. I will keep you posted as the project progresses.

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox!



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•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 5 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 via email at outreach@olmparish.org



St. Anthony Parish in West Warwick will host their annual feast on August 13, 14, and 15. The feast will begin Friday, August 13 at 11 a.m. with the sale of Fish and Chips, with normal activities beginning at 5 p.m. The feast will open on Saturday, August 14 at 5 p.m. On Sunday, August 15, malassadas will be sold at 10 a.m., Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m., and the procession will leave the parish grounds at 2 p.m. A variety of Portuguese and American food will be sold. Weekend entertainment by DJ John Bolarinho and on Saturday a special appearance by the Portuguese band Starlight. For more information visit www.stanthonysww.com

THE MASS

Introductory Rites

The Mass begins with the entrance chant/song. The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a bow and/or a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

All make the Sign of the Cross and the celebrant extends a greeting to the gathered people in words taken from Scripture.

The Penitential Act follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy. The Penitential Act includes the Kyrie Eleison, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. On Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the customary Penitential Act, from time to time the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall Baptism may take place.



On Sundays, solemnities, and feasts, the Gloria follows the Penitential Act. The Gloria begins by echoing the proclamation of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest!" In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. The celebrant invites the

gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Collect gathers the prayers of all into one and disposes all to hear the Word of God in the context of the celebration.



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