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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 9, 2023

SATURDAY, JULY 8

The Mass of Anticipation for 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Marjorie Perretta—1st Anniversary SUNDAY, JULY 9

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM John Bucci—13th Anniversary

10:30AM Rose Farina—Memorial

MONDAY, JULY 10

Weekday

7:30AM Josephine DeStefano—15th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbott

7:30AM Margery Rusnak—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

Weekday

7:30AM Jean Ingraham—6th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 13

Weekday; St. Henry

7:30AM Derek Parenteau—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekawitha, Virgin

7:30AM John A. Rocchio, Sr.—3rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, JULY 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:30AM Stanley Berek—Birthday Remembrance
The Mass of Anticipation for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Edna Feld—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, JULY 16

The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Arlene Roberti—Memorial
9:00AM Eda Pascarella—Memorial

10:30AM John A. Rocchio, Sr. — 3rd Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We had a beautiful celebration last Sunday for Bishop Evans' Golden Jubilee of Priesthood. Bishop Matano's homily was inspirational and uplifting. We thank all those who helped with the Mass and reception.

We especially thank our outstanding Altar Servers for their reverent service. Our Choir and musicians, under the direction of Henri St. Louis, for providing such majestic and beautiful music. And we thank Doug Green and his team of volunteers for the reception. And finally, we thank Bishop Evans for his fifty years of priesthood and faithful and loving service to the Church!

This weekend we welcome to OLM Sister Barbara Dopierala, FMM. She is speaking at all Masses on behalf of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. They were founded in 1877 in France by Blessed Mary of the Passion and beatified in 2002 by Pope John Paul II.

Before she died in 1904, she established the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary across the globe. During her lifetime, the sisters were established in Marseilles, Carthage, Ceylon, China, England, Belgium, Canada, Mozambique, Burma, Japan, Spain, Madagascar, and Chile.

She boldly responded to the Church's or government's calls to have the good sisters assist with education, healthcare, and social work. In 1900, seven FMM Sisters were martyred for their faith in China, and in 2000, they were canonized.

Each year every parish in the Diocese of Providence takes

a weekend to promote the work of missionaries through the Missionary Co-op Collection. This provides an opportunity for us to learn more about the work of the Church in the missions as well as to provide some financial assistance to missionaries. Thank in advance for generous financial support of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary this weekend's Second Collection.

We welcome Sister Barbara and thank her for her witness on behalf of the FMM Missions doing the good work first begun by Blessed Mary of the Passion. Please pray for missionaries and their work preaching the Gospel in the four corners of the earth.

With the Fourth of July already come and gone, the summer is going too quickly. However, summer is a time for us to stop and rest and refresh ourselves. St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross said: "God is there in these moments of rest and can give us in a single instant exactly what we need." So take some time this summer to rest with God.

Of course, reading in these summer months is also a form of rest from the routine. I've already begun my summer reading and hope to finish it all! Along with the teachers at Our Lady of Mercy School, I am reading a short book, "Educating for Eternity." It provides great insight into Catholic Schools forming saints.

For my spiritual reading, I've begun a new book written for priests by the Dominican Friar, Fr. Ezra Sullivan, OP, entitled "Alter Christus." He authored another work, Heroic

Habits: Discovering the Soul's Potential for Greatness, a more general spiritual work I highly recommend.

My history book is "The Peacemaker: Ronald Reagan, the Cold War, and the World on the Brink." Considering all that is happening worldwide, especially with the war in Ukraine, it is a timely read. It's dense and long, so I'm still determining if I'll finish it by September!

And for fun on the beach, I usually read a detective novel from Martin Walker's Bruno the Chief series. However, the latest edition is to be released only in late September. I found another detective series by American author Rebecca Pawel called the Sergeant Carlos Tejada Investigations.

It is set in Spain during the Spanish Civil War. I read the first one, *Death of a Nationalist*, a few years ago. It was very enjoyable. I hope to read a couple more as they are short and easy reads. What are you reading this summer at the beach or in the backyard?

The author Henry James once said: "Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me, those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language." I agree and hope you spend a summer afternoon or two resting with God, recreating with family, reading a good book, and maybe even enjoying a fine cigar!

Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!??? Enjoy some rest this Summer!

Father Healey

Mission Co-op Second Collection This Weekend, July 8 & 9, 2023 Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

The Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM) was founded in 1877 by Blessed Mary of the Passion, (Hélène de Chappotin) in India. Today it is an international Catholic congregation at work in 73 countries on five continents. It is part of the Franciscan family.

Our commitment to the life of prayer and Eucharist, enables us to convey the joy and compassion of the Gospel, to relate to others with respectful humility, and to manifest God's Love for all, especially the poorest and most abandoned.

In the United States the FMMs minister to migrants and, in collaboration with the Sisters in Mexico we bring, as much as possible, comfort to their current fate and



uncertainty. We minister to the children, through music therapy; to the elderly, through a direct nursing care; to

the sick and dying, through a healthcare chaplaincy.

When possible, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary remain in the countries where there is an active conflict and war. We are still present in Russia and Ukraine and, are able to extend our hospitality in Poland to the migrants and refugees In the countries where Christians are in the minority, for example Pakistan, we have schools that provide equal opportunity for education to the disregarding their material and/or religious status. We have hospitals, where our works of mercy are welcomed and much appreciated by people from different religious groups.

The Second Collection next weekend is the Mission Co-op Collection. There is no envelope for this collection. Please make all checks payable to "OLM" with "Misson Co-op" in the memo line. Thank you for your generous support and prayers for the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and their good works.

Ceekly Collection

The collection results for Sunday, July 3, 2023 are unavailable due to the Independence Day Holiday print deadline.

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



Second Collections

This Week: Mission Co-op Collection

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2023 Results

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- <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 unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- <u>OLM</u> <u>Bereavement</u> <u>Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday, July 20, 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



Have Your Intentions Remembered in Prayer



A book in which your prayer intentions can be written has been placed in the OLM Candle Room. Please feel free to list those intentions and needs you would like to be remembered in prayer. Weekly on Fridays at 3:00pm all the intentions in the book are remembered at the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

O God, who in your admirable
Providence have led
Blessed Mary of the Passion to found an Institute dedicated to universal mission.

Deign, we beseech You, to grant us the graces we ask of You through her intercession.

Grant, above all, that we may learn from her how to be always ready to do your will, and to grow steadfastly in love of You.



Murie de la Sassion

Amen.



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Joseph Zola**, **Sondra Catalano and Charles Kineke** whose funerals were celebrated last week.

Rest in Peace

Congratulations Senior OLM Altar Servers



We thank them for their years of service at God's Holy Altar and offer our promise of prayer as they depart for college and university.

(Left to Right): Luke Simms (Texas A & M), Oceania Lowe (University of Mary), William Cavanagh (Phillips Andover), Aidan Hayes (Bentley College), Devin Lynch (Elon University), Lily Shaughnessy (U.S. Naval Academy), Jack Ciunci (Wake Forest University), Guy Sanchez (MIT), Zachary Amelotte (Roger Williams University)



"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught.....

Therefore, I will trust Him..... If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

-St John Henry Newman

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