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Mass Intentions the Week

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2023

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

The Mass of	Anticipation for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM	Mary Miller—Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, AL	JGUST 20
The 20th Sur	nday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Catherine Colligan—1st Anniversary
9:00AM	Jeanne Toole—1st Anniversary
10:30AM	Irene Sullivan-Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

St. Pius X, Pope 7:30AM Henry C. Rose—Memorial

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:30AM Anne M. Sedlock—5th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Weekday: St	. Rose of Lima, Virgin
7:30AM	Past & Present Daily Rosary Group

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle 7:30AM Mary Falchini—Memorial

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Weekday; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest 7:30AM John E. Gardner, Jr. — Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Irene Ruscito—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

The Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time7:30 AMMichael & Wanda Zwolinski—Memorial9:00AMGene Schulak—Memorial

10:30AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr. – 13th Anniversary



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

It was a beautiful Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Father Patrick Ryan last Sunday. What a great joy to celebrate the ordination of this fine young priest and also the graces received by his First Priestly Blessings. As the poem entitled The Beautiful Hands of a Priest reminds us:

"We need them in life's early morning; we need them again at its close; We feel their warm clasp of friendship; we seek them when tasting life's woes. At the altar each day, we behold them, and the hands of a king on his throne are not equal to them in their greatness; their dignity stands all alone, and when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and sin, it's the hand of a priest that will absolve us----not once. but again and again. And when we take life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast, but the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy. For the Host which their fingers caress; When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee and bless? When the hour of death comes upon us, may our courage and strength be increased. By seeing raised over us in anointing the beautiful hands of a priest!"

We thank Fr. Ryan for celebrating with us last Sunday. And I also thank all those who helped with the Mass and reception. May God continue to bless Father Ryan and his priesthood. Let us continue to pray for him and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Providence.

Next Sunday, we will welcome our new OLM School Families at the 10:30am Mass. Yes, I know it's hard to believe, but the first day of school is near. In fact, it's Wednesday, August 30th!! We welcome and thank these new families who have chosen to make the sacrifice to send their children to our outstanding parish school.

We anticipate about 240 students enrolled in the school, and we have a waitlist in most of our classes. Our Middle School (Grades 6-8) has some room, so I encourage families with middle schoolers to consider OLM School.

It offers strong and rigorous academics along with outstanding arts and athletics. But most importantly, for Catholics living in a culture replete with moral confusion, the teaching of falsehoods about human life and love, and a growing secular humanism. OLM School is countercultural.

Her core mission is to instill moral goodness and virtuous living, civility, and discipline, and nurture a respect for human dignity, the sanctity of human life, God, and country. We teach the beauty of Western Civilization and the truth of our Catholic Faith to our budding saints and scholars as we educate them for eternity.

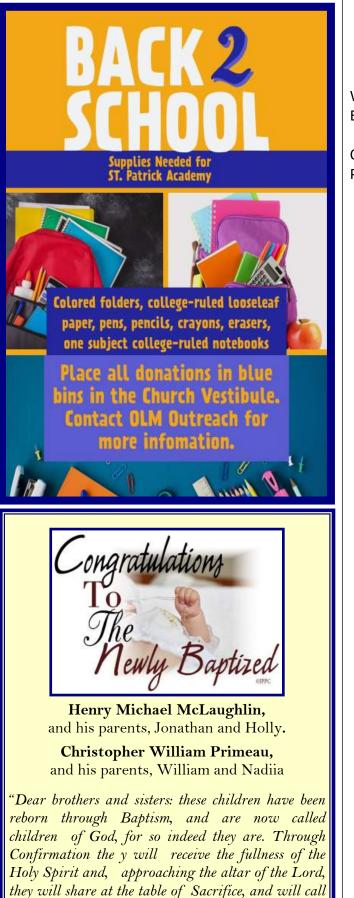
I thank our dedicated School Principal, Mr. Patrick McNabb, and fantastic faculty and staff for making our school outstanding. Please pray for them and for all our school students and families. We look forward to welcoming our new families and beginning another excellent school year of growing in wisdom, faith, and mercy.

Last week we watched with shock the tragic wildfire in Hawaii. Seeing people flee into the ocean to escape the raging fire was truly horrific. The fire burned the historic town of Lahaina to the ground, many people were killed, and thousands were evacuated. Most residents lost everything they own and are now living in temporary shelters.

However, one building survived the devastating fire, the Maria Lanakila Catholic Church. Parishioners are calling it a miracle and a sign that Lahaina will rebuild. The parish was founded in 1846 when the first Catholic missionaries arrived in Maui. 'Maria Lanakila' is a Hawaiian phrase that translates to 'Victorious Mary' or 'Our Lady of Victory" in English. Let us pray to Our Lady of Victory for all those suffering from the fires.

Catholic Charities Hawaii is appealing to Catholics for financial support to help them meet the needs for housing, food, and shelter of the many victims. You can make donations directly to Catholic Charities Hawaii at catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui -relief/. Also, you can donate directly to OLM Outreach, and we will forward all donations. Make a check payable to OLM Outreach, write "Maui Relief" in the memo, and drop it in the basket, the safe in the vestibule, or the mail. Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the victims of the Hawaiian Fire. Do good. Be well. God Bless.

Father Healey



upon God as Father in the midst of the Church." -

The Rite of Baptism



August 13, 2023

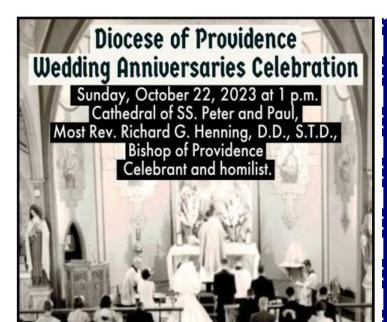
Weekly	\$8,989.00
EFT	<u>\$.6,382.00</u>
	Total=\$15,371.00
Outreach	\$1,286.00
Peter's Pence	\$3,139.00

<u>August 10, 2022</u>

Weekly\$	12,036.00
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Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.





The Diocese of Providence cordially invites couples celebrating wedding anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 or over 50 years.

TheCelebration includes Holy Mass, renewal of wedding vows, photo, and reception. To register for this special Mass, couples must contact their parish. Completed registration forms, including the Pastor's signature, are due no later than Saturday, September 23, to the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment. For more information, please contact 401-278-4576 or Marriage@dioceseofprovidence.org.



•<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</u>, <u>September 7, 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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Calendar

•<u>Sunday, August 27</u>: New OLM School Families Welcome Mass at 10:30am

 Monday, August 28: Faculty Retreat at Christian Brothers Center, Narragansett

•<u>Tuesday</u>, August 29: Faculty Professional Day

•<u>Wednesday, August 30</u>: First Day of School!

• <u>Friday, September 1</u>: Opening School Mass of the Holy Spirit & Dedication of Field at 9:00AM

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GRAND PRIZE - \$5,000 FIRST PRIZE- \$2,500 SECOND PRIZE- \$1,000 THIRD PRIZE- \$1,000 FOURTH PRIZE- \$500

LIVE DRAWING AT THE OLM OKTOBERFEST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 Tickets are \$100 EACH Call OLM at 401-884-4968 today to get yours!

Support our Saints and Scholars!

Our Lady of Mercy Annual Saints & Scholars Golf Open

Monday, September 25, 2023 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start | 11:30 Lunch/Registration

> Quidnessett Country Club 950 N. Quidnessett Road, North Kingstown

Join fellow School Families, Parishioners and Alumni for the OLM School and Parish Golf Tournament to benefit the Saints and Scholars Fund at OLM School.

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\$7,500 | Tournament Sponsor

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Includes a foursome, lunch, cocktails, dinner, signage on the course and during the cocktail reception.

\$3,000 | Lunch Sponsor

Includes a foursome, lunch, cocktails, dinner, signage on the course and at lunch.

\$1,250 | Golf Cart Sponsor

Includes a foursome, lunch, cocktails, dinner, tee sign and signage on the golf carts.

\$500 | Clergy Sponsor

Sponsor a Senior or Junior Priest of the Diocese for the Golf Tournament. Includes golf and meals.

\$150 | Tee Sponsor Your name or business name displayed on tee sign

\$1000 | Golf Foursome \$250 | Golf Individual \$50 | Dinner

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