A photograph of a narrow, arched doorway in a stone wall. The door is dark and has several small, round studs. The wall is made of rough, light-colored stones and bricks. The arch is made of reddish-brown bricks. The text is centered on the door.

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LUKE 13:24



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**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 21, 2022**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

The Mass of Anticipation for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Thomas Sheerin, Jr.—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
9:00AM Edward & Olga Sullivan & Camilla & Giovanni Savastano
10:30AM Jeff Clements—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM Anne M. Sedlock—4th Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Weekday; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
7:30AM Henry, Rose & Bill Berek—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle
7:30AM Evelyn & Fred Buoro—Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Weekday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
7:30AM Jeff Clements—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

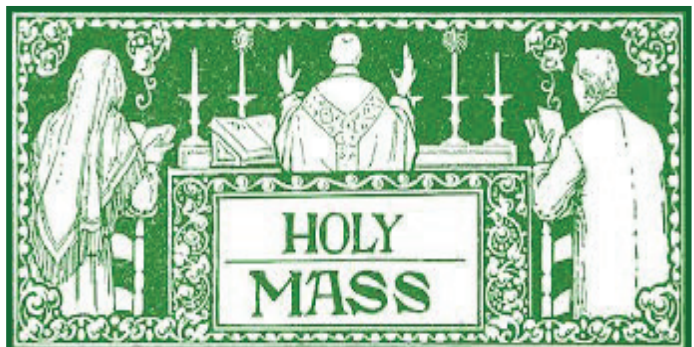
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7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica
8:30AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr.—12th Anniversary
The Mass of Anticipation for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Cynthia A. Sullivan, Edward C. & Gloria Parent—Mem.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Jeffrey Clement—1st Anniversary
9:00AM Christina Hall—Memorial
10:30AM John P. Ponte & Mary Barletta—Birthday Rembr.





Dear Parishioners:

I recently spoke with a parishioner who was very troubled because her children and grandchildren had not been to Church in many years. She was distraught at the thought that her beloved children had lost the Faith, and her unbaptized grandchildren did not even have it yet to lose!

I don't think this is unusual today. Many good and faithful Catholics have seen and continue to see their children drift away from the Faith. Sometimes aggressively, but more often apathetically. It happens more often than I like to think. Sadly for me, it's happened in my own family.

Lapsed and fallen away Catholics are not a modern phenomenon — the life of St. Monica teaches us that. Her son, Augustine, rejected the Faith she had taught him as a child and joined a peculiar pagan sect.

Next Saturday, August 27, we celebrate the feast of St. Monica. She is the patron saint of patience and mothers. Her holiness in her life led to her husband's and mother-in-law's conversion, two children entering religious life, and her son Augustine becoming a Doctor of the Church.

Her continual prayer for her son and imploring others to pray on his behalf are part of his conversion story detailed in his Confessions. We, too, must sustain such persistent and patient prayer throughout our lifetime for all we love who are far from the Faith.

An excellent and helpful book was written a few years ago by Maggie Green, a pen name for a Catholic wife and

mother who waits for some of her children to return to the Faith. It is entitled *Saint Monica Club: How to Wait, Hope, and Pray for Your Fallen-Away Loved Ones*. I recommend it to all those who lament the lapsed Catholics in their family.

For those who join the "St. Monica Club," as a result of having people you love far from the Faith, Maggie Green recommends a few rules to follow with your involuntary membership.

First is to pray for them and to pray without ceasing. Call upon the intercession of the saints, enlist their guardian angels, ask the Holy Souls in Purgatory; ask the souls you've known who have died to pray that these prodigals may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Take up fasting, make sacrifices, and make them a spiritual offering for your lapsed family member. St. Monica gave alms and offerings until told not to and made that obedience an offering. Surrendering some small comfort or pleasure is a way to mold and conform our will to God's will.

Continue to love your prodigal children. Be with them at meals and special events, and pray in their presence whether they will or not. Always be fully present and authentically faithful when with them. Do not cease to put on Christ in their presence, but present the Lord in their presence by the love with which you welcome them.

Ask others to pray with you for them, even if they do not know the one you love is far from the Faith. Petitionary prayer is powerful. Each of us who prays for another is a person

helping to reveal our trust that God hears our prayers and seeks to heal those we love beyond even what we ask.

Be persistent! Members of the St. Monica Club understand that God uses all our lifetimes to court each soul and that no moment of prayer, love, sacrifice, or service is ever wasted. We should never feel discouraged because we know God longs for their company at the great wedding feast more than we do.

St. Monica saw her son St. Augustine convert fully into the Faith at 31. God is willing to wait a lifetime for our friendship and Faith. Our job while waiting with him is to pray for the grace to be present as needed to others and to keep from blocking anyone's vision of Christ by our words, actions, silence, or inaction. We must always wait in joyful hope and loving witness.

Begin your prayer for fallen away children today with this Prayer to St. Monica:

"Exemplary Mother of the Great St. Augustine, you perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with wild threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all parents in our day so they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons, and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Amen."

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. *St. Monica, pray for us!*

Father Healey

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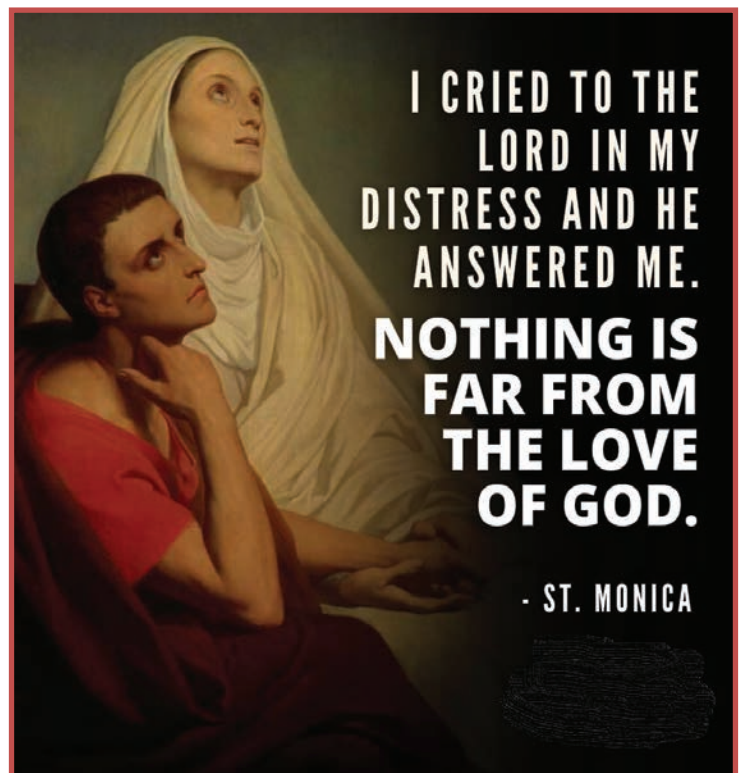
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September 24: Mandatory Retreat for Confirmation Class 2022, 1:00pm-5:00pm in OLM School Gym & Mass at 5pm

October 13: Final Lecture for 2022 Confirmation Class at 7:00pm in OLM Church

October 17: Mandatory Devotions and Confessions for 2022 Confirmation Class at 7:00pm in OLM Church. For All Candidates, Parents and available Sponsors

October 20: 2022 Grade 9 Confirmation Class MANDATORY PRACTICE at 7:00pm in OLM Church

Sunday, October 23:

Class of 2022 (9th Grade) Confirmation Mass at 5:00PM with Bishop William Byrne of Springfield, MA



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Upcoming Events:

• **Sunday, August 28:** Welcome New OLM School Families Mass at 10:30am with Reception in Mercy Park to follow

• **Monday, August 29:** OLM Faculty Retreat at Christian Brother's Center in Narragansett

• **Tuesday, August 30:** OLM Faculty Professional Day

• **Wednesday, August 31:** First Day of School!!

• **Friday, September 2:** Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit at 9:00am

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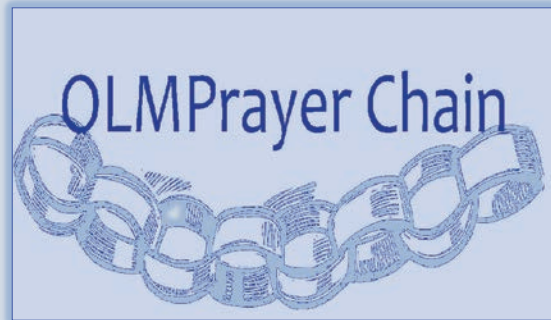
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• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.

• **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2022 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



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net. ***If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

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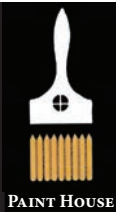
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Join us every Friday at 3:00PM as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in OLM Church before the Our Lady of Mercy Altar and Shrine.

A promotional poster for a golf tournament. At the top, it says "SAVE THE DATE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022" in large, bold, blue and yellow letters. Below this, a golfer in a light blue shirt and khaki shorts is captured mid-swing on a golf course. To the left of the golfer is a blue flag with the text "QUIDNESSETT COUNTRY CLUB" and a logo. To the right is the text "OLM SAINTS & SCHOLARS GOLF TOURNAMENT". At the bottom, it says "REGISTER ONLINE" and "OLMPARISH.ORG". A small sign on the grass says "HAPPY TO WIN!".



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