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# THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 27, 2023

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

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

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Michael & Wanda Zwolinski—Memorial

9:00AM Gene Schulak—Memorial

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

#### **MONDAY. AUGUST 28**

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Karen L. Vespia—Memorial

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist
7:30AM Ann Bartnick—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Weekday

7:30AM Fr. Roger A. Houle—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Weekday

7:30AM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey—37th Anniversary

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

9:00AM Stephen P. Lynch, Sr.—Memorial

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Philip Anthony Ciaburri—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Kevin F. Healey—4th Anniversary

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM George Babu—Memorial

10:30AM Bernard St. Jean—5th Anniversary



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This Wednesday is the First Day of School at OLM School. The summer is ending for our faculty, students, and their families. It's again back to class, homework, tests, and quizzes! Pray for them all as they begin a new school year. We will pray for them at the Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit this Friday at 9:00am.

Bishop Evans will celebrate the Mass as we call upon the Holy Spirit to guide and protect our school faculty and students. Following the Mass, we will dedicate the new field at school.

We are most grateful to David and Trisha Lynch and their family for their generous donation that made the project possible. The beautiful new grass is looking good and ready for recess and gym class! The field will be named in honor of the late Stephen P. Lynch, Sr., the grandfather of five OLM School students.

Mr. Lynch was an outstanding Catholic husband, father, and grandfather who generously supported Catholic Education, especially Our Lady of Mercy School. Bishop Evans will dedicate and bless the field following the Mass. Please join us for this celebration of Catholic Education.

Our faculty will make their Annual Retreat on Monday at the Christian Brothers Center in Narragansett. Our retreat is led by Father Matthew Norwood from the Archdiocese of Boston. He is a graduate of St. John Seminary in Boston. He serves as an Associate Pastor at two parishes in Hingham. Please pray for him and our faculty as they make their retreat.

The theme of the retreat is "Educating for Eternity." It is also the title of a book that was the summer reading for our faculty. Written by Dr. Brett Salkeld, Ph.D., a lay theologian for the Archdiocese of Regina, Canada.

In Educating for Eternity:
A Teacher's Companion for
Making Every Class Catholic,
Dr. Salkeld maintains that
providing an authentically
Catholic education does not
require revolutionary or
expensive initiatives in pedagogy
or infrastructure.

It requires only three things: faith, the ability to see the world—and all academic subjects—through the lens of faith, and a desire to pass the faith onto the next generation. Thus, the mission of all Catholic Education is to prepare every student for eternity. In other words, to get them into heaven!

This is what we strive to do at OLM School every day. Our students do it by striving to be scholars and, more importantly, saints! So please join us in praying for our outstanding school faculty and students at Mass this Friday. May the Holy Spirit guide and protect all returning students and teachers!

It gives me great joy to announce that one of our parishioners has entered Our Lady of Providence Seminary for formation and studies for the priesthood. David DelBonis, a long-time Altar Server, was accepted to the seminary by Bishop Henning.

David graduated from Bishop Hendricken High School as an All-State Track Star. He attended St. Joseph University in Philadelphia and URI. David will now reside at the seminary on Mt. Pleasant Avenue in Providence and attend Providence College to study philosophy.

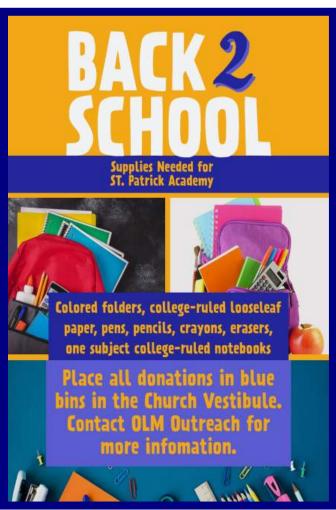
He is the son of Richard and Mary Ann, and his older brother John serves in the U.S. Army. We congratulate him on his decision to discern a vocation to the priesthood and acceptance into the seminary. Pray for him and his vocation as he begins his seminary formation and philosophical studies.

Three priests are native sons of OLM and graduates of our parish school. Fr. Luke (Tom Truhan), O.C.S.O., a Cistercian Monk at St. Joseph Abbey in Spencer, MA, Dominican Friar, Fr. Francis Belanger, OP, who serves at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in New York City, and Fr. Brian Morris, Chaplain at Bishop Hendricken and Pastor of St. Anthony and Christ the King Parishes in West Warwick. Pray for them.

Pope Francis has said: "A priestly vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call." Pray for all our seminarians and priests. May they persevere, and may God bless our Diocese with more priestly vocations.

I thank all those who generously supported the Back to School Drive for St. Patrick Academy with school supplies and financial donations. Your support and generosity is truly appreciated. Do good. Be well. God Bless.

Father Healey





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# **Second Collections**

Next Week: Building & Grounds

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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the soul of the faithful departed, most especially **John Richard Lutfy, Michael A. Nappa** and **Brendan Lombardi** whose Funerals were celebrated last week.

# Happy 100th Birthday



### John Romano

We congratulate and offer prayerful best wishes to John Romano, OLM's longest serving Usher at 7:30am Mass! John is a retired U.S. Navy Aviator who served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He served as a RI State Representative and State Senator. A man of faith who has served God and Country for a century!



- •<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 Bereavement Group</u>: Our next meeting is on <u>Thursday, 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.
- •<u>For more information</u>, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



## Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!

#### **Calendar**

- Sunday, August 27: New OLM School Families
   Welcome Mass at 10:30am
- Monday, August 28: Faculty Retreat at Christian
   Brothers Center, Narragansett
- •Tuesday, August 29: Faculty Professional Day
- Wednesday, August 30: First Day of School!
- Friday, September 1: Opening School Mass of the Holy Spirit & Dedication of Field at 9:00AM

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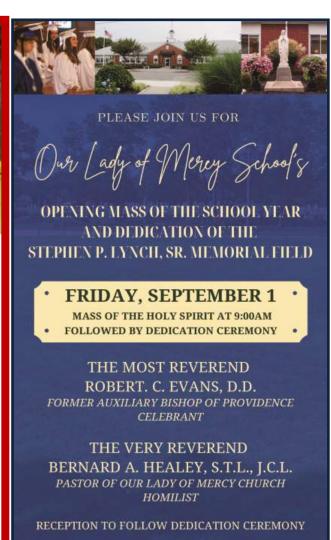
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