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this bread will
live forever.*

JOHN 6:51

Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 8, 2021**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

The Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Celestina, Felix & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 AM Rosalie Ferruccio—Memorial
- 9:00AM John Bucci—11th Anniversary
- 10:30AM George Cooper—Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 9—VJ HOLIDAY

Weekday; St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
8:30AM Judge Vincent Ragosta—Memorial

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
7:30AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—50th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Claire, Virgin
7:30AM Decd. Mbrs of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Mem.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday; St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
7:30AM Gail Hebert—Memorial

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Weekday/ St. Pontian, Pope & St. Hippolytus, Pope, Martyrs
7:30AM Michael Murtagh—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
8:30AM Clarence, Brian & Noella LaRocque—Memorial
Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:00PM James Viola—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
9:00AM Regina M. Capuano—17th Anniversary
10:30AM Elizabeth Miranda—1st Anniversary



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Dear Parishioners

Last week the U.S. House of Representatives voted in favor of a package of appropriations bills that currently exclude the Hyde, Weldon, and Helms amendments and other longstanding, pro-life language that have always had bipartisan support in Congress.

This legislation could now force foreign countries with strong legal and cultural opposition to abortion to embrace abortion in order to receive desperately needed help for their people. Pope Francis has referred to this type of situation as ideological colonization. Further, this legislation allows for abortions and abortion advocacy to be funded with tax dollars.

Sadly, yet not surprisingly, our U.S. Representatives, Mr. Langevin and Mr. Cicilline voted in favor of these bills. Mr. Langevin represents the Second Congressional District which includes East Greenwich and Warwick. He is Catholic and has claimed to be pro-life.

However, as these votes indicate, Congressman Langevin does not favor protecting the lives of the innocent unborn and believes that tax dollars should pay for abortion. I urge you to contact Mr. Langevin and share your disappointment and dismay at his shameful vote. Contact the Congressman at his Rhode Island Office at (401) 732-9400. Also, contact U.S. Senators Reed and Whitehouse to encourage them to stop the funding of abortion with tax dollars.

The drive to eliminate these pro-life amendments has long been a goal of the radical

pro-abortion lobby led by Planned Parenthood. The Biden Administration and Speaker Pelosi are their champions and use the pro-abortion messaging strategy, abandoning the slogan of "choice" to claim that abortion instead is essential healthcare for women.

But this claim is contrary to the facts. Abortion is a marginal practice, neither performed nor accepted by most healthcare providers; it does not improve and can even jeopardize women's life and health. Moreover, American law has recognized for decades that it is not "just another medical procedure." Far from being integral to our healthcare system, abortion is something that supporters seek to impose on that system by force of law.

Further, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *"Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law"* (No. 2271).

President Biden, Speaker Pelosi, Congressman Langevin, and Senator Reed, all of whom profess to be Catholic, would do well to reflect upon the words of Pope Francis. The Holy Father states: *"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays, efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and do with them whatever one pleases, taking*

their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in this way.

Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change Her position on this question. It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."

Next weekend is the Annual Mission Cooperative Appeal at OLM. Each year a missionary visits our parish to preach about the work of the Missions. In turn, we generously offer our financial and spiritual support to these missionaries. In this way, we bear witness to the reality that we are a universal Church.

Fr. Jose Jacob, SMM, a member of the Montfort Missionaries, is preaching all the Masses next weekend about the Mission Diocese of Daru-Kiunga in Papua New Guinea. Father worked for many years there and understands well the needs of the Mission Church. Our support aids in faith formation programs, offering the Sacraments, and serving the poor and needy.

The Diocese of Daru-Kiunga is very poor and needs our prayers and financial support. Next week's Second Collection is our chance to help, so please be generous. Thank you for your support.

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



WEEKEND OF AUGUST 14/15, 2021

**Diocese of Daru-Kiunga
in Papua New Guinea**

The country of Papua New Guinea is a cluster of islands located south of the equator to the north of Australia and to the east of Indonesia. The Diocese of Daru-Kiunga is one of the 18 Catholic dioceses in this country and covers the entire state of Western Province. The geography of this massive area of approximately 42,000 sq. miles is most challenging: swamps, lakes, rivers and mountains, most of which are dense tropical forests cover the area. As the country is close to the equator it is very hot and humid throughout the year.

The tribal people, of Melanesian race, came in contact with the external world when Montfort Missionaries from Canada arrived in the late 1950's. Since then the Church in this remote and undeveloped part of the world has brought faith, health and education to the people. Today the Catholic population is around 40,000 and makes up approximately 42% of the total population of the state.

The church began its work in the remote villages by establishing schools and primary health clinics which have brought considerable improvement in the quality of life of the people. To this day it is the diocese that provides basic health and educational needs of the people, in the absence of such services from the government. The area has few transportation facilities and depends on small planes to transport essential medical supplies and other necessities. In the absence of electricity, and roads, the main means of communication between parishes and the diocesan headquarters has been two way radios.

A very vibrant and energetic Church has emerged here over the past 50 years due to the hard work of the innumerable missionaries, some of whom have given their entire working years in the service of these simple, yet happy and welcoming people. Having emerged in the post Vatican period, the diocese promotes the Spirituality of Communion among all its faithful thus involving them in the decision making from the grass roots level.

One of the main challenges before the diocese is to raise enough funds to continue all these services in the formation of faith as well as other humanitarian and developmental activities. It is with the help of Catholics from Canada, the United States and Germany that the diocese has been able to accomplish so much over these years.

Through the mission appeal during the weekend of August 14th and 15th, 2021, we invite the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church to join us in bringing the message of Jesus to the people of Western Province in Papua New Guinea. Fr. Jose Jacob is preaching all weekend Masses.

Please visit us at: missionfrontier.org

Weekly Collection

August 1, 2021

Weekly.....	\$10,665.00
EFT.....	\$5,005.00
	Total=\$15,670.00
Outreach.....	\$2,085.00
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August 3, 2020

Weekly.....	\$15,543.00
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Second Collections
This Week: Peter's Pence Collection
Next Week: Mission Co-op Appeal

OLM Parish Office Summer Hours



**Monday—Thursday
8:00AM—4:00PM**

*The Parish Office is closed on all
Fridays in August*



VJ HOLIDAY
MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021
MASS AT 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



Religious Education Registration for Next Year

Registrations are presently being taken on the OLM Parish website for all grades, 1 through 8 for the Religious Education Year 2021 - 2022.

Please register your child today! Thank You!



•**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-perishable food items only and paper goods** in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. ***Thank you for your support!***

•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Next Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 19 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



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Constance Greene** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.



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- Pope Francis



THE MASS: Liturgy of the Word

Most of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of readings from Scripture. On Sundays and solemnities, there are three Scripture readings. During most of the year, the first reading is from the Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament letters. During Easter Time, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The last reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, no. 51). The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

The Responsorial Psalm is sung between the readings. The psalm helps us to meditate on the word of God.

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel. Because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, and preaching of Christ, it receives



several special signs of honor and reverence. The gathered assembly stands to hear the Gospel and it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. Apart from Lent, that acclamation is "Alleluia," derived from a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" A deacon (or, if no deacon is present, a priest) reads the Gospel.

After the Scripture readings, the celebrant preaches the homily. In the homily, the preacher focuses on the Scripture texts or some other texts from the liturgy, drawing from them lessons that may help us to live better lives, more faithful to Christ's call to grow in holiness.

In many Masses, the Profession

of Faith then follows the homily, either the Nicene or Apostles' Creed. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith dating from the fourth century, while the Apostles' Creed is the ancient baptismal creed of the Church in Rome. If baptismal promises are renewed, from a formula based on the Apostles' Creed, this takes the place of the Creed.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Universal Prayer, also called the Prayer of the Faithful. The gathered assembly intercedes with God on behalf of the Church, the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.

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