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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Ray & Theresa Sylvia, Ellen & Al Silva—Memorial SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church 9:00 AM Alex, Diamond, & Joanne Tagliatella & William & Renate McGlumphy—Memorial

10:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

5:00PM Bernice Primeau—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—2nd Anniversary

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

7:30AM Jane Daly—7th Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday; St. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent De Paul, Priest

7:30AM Raymond Vigeant—2nd Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday; St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz

& Companions, Martyrs; BVM

8:30AM August Ise—1st Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Joseph J. Spicola, Jr.—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Joseph M. DiGianfilippo—Memorial 10:30AM Thomas J. Sheehan—1st Anniversary

5:00PM John Joseph Tripode, Jr. —25th Anniversary



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

On Tuesday we celebrate the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. The title for Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, dates from the early thirteenth century and is marked on September 24th.

At that time, Christians had fallen into the hands of the Saracens and were enslaved and so were in need of ransom. The Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy, Mercedarian Friars, were founded in 1218 by Saint Peter Nolasco for the redemption of captive Christians

The purpose of the Order's founding was to ransom those Christians who were held captive because of their faith in Christ. Often in prisons, these Christians suffered greatly until they publicly renounced their faith in Christ, thus committing apostasy. Saint Peter Nolasco, inspired by our Blessed Mother, with his followers, saw an urgent need to put into practice the mercy inspired by the divine mercy of Jesus Christ.

Christians still suffer enslavement and persecution in parts of the world. We can no longer physically ransom ourselves for those who are persecuted today as was done in the thirteenth century. But we know that Mary's mercy still ransoms her children from a form of enslavement, namely from sin.

Mary's maternal mediation encourages us to entrust ourselves to her care. As our spiritual mother, Mary assures us that God's mercy applies to each one of us. So in prayer and supplication, we always turn to Our Lady of Mercy.

We mark our Parish Feast

with a Solemn Mass on Tuesday at 9:00AM. Father Eric Silva is our homilist this year. He serves as the Associate Pastor at St. Luke's in Barrington and was just ordained this past June. You may remember Father from the summer he served at OLM as a seminarian. I hope you join us for the Patronal Feast Day Mass.

On Monday we start the OLM Feast Week with our 3rd **OLM** Saints Annual and Scholars Golf Tournament. This year we are hosting the tournament at Ouidnessett Country Club. Please pray for good weather as we tee it up for **OLM** on Monday!

Wednesday night please join us for Eucharistic Adoration and sacred music in honor of Our Lady of Mercy. A time of prayer, music and reflection before the Eucharistic Lord as we prayerfully bring our needs, and offer our thanksgiving, to our parish patroness.

Thursday night join us in the OLM School Cafeteria as we perform an Act of Mercy. Once again we invite all parishioners and all parish families to join us at 6:00pm as we make sandwiches for the hungry and homeless. We ask you to please bring a pair of new adult socks with you and join us in living Mercy!

Friday we gather as a parish family for Octoberfest! Once again we have German food, beer and music. It's a fun event for the whole family with good times for all! So stop and join us from 6pm until 9pm.

Oktoberfest began in the 19th Century with the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria who later became King Ludwig I. His marriage to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen was celebrated in Bavaria. In anticipation of the wedding, a great festival was held.

Today, Oktoberfest in Munich is celebrated in September in anticipation of October. In Munich, the fest lasts for 16 days, beginning on a Saturday in September and always ending on the first Sunday in October.

We gather together this OLM Feast Week with golf, Mass, prayer, music, mercy, charity and fun! So please join us for one, or all, of the many events planned this week. We celebrate what it means to be a parish family this week, spending time together in prayer and worship, but also sharing some social time together and helping the less fortunate. We pray that Our Lady of Mercy, our patroness, continues to lay her mantle of love and protection upon our parish.

I offer my profound thanks the many parishioners who have been so generous in supporting our Annual Parish Collection this year. important collection helps us maintain our large physical plant with its two convents, school, rectory, church, outreach office and cemetery. I am truly for grateful the parishioners who are always so generous in supporting parish. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! Oremus pro invicem!

Father Healey



When is technology a bad thing?

I am a great admirer of gadgets, computers and electronics. I peruse the tech journals and news reports for upcoming advancements in technology. Technology has led to a great many good things in our world today. I remember when I used to have compose papers on a typewriter. If I made any kind of mistake I would have to start anew. With computers, I can go here, there, everywhere in my papers, making all sorts of corrections, additions and subtractions at a whim. This saves so much time. Yet, we see news reports of technology causing declining attention spans, lack of communication, and so on.

So, here are some limited musing on some possible negatives of technology.

First a little background. Technology comes from two Greek words: techne and logos. Logos means "word," "knowledge," "idea," or "utterance" and a more elevated use of it should be familiar to us. "In the beginning was the Logos and the Logos was with God and the Logos was God" (John 1). Techne means "art," "skill," "craft," or the means by which something is gained. Today the term means the organization of knowledge for practical purpose. The practical purpose of most technology today is to make things easier, more convenient, and faster.

Ease of use, convenience, and speed are not necessarily always and everywhere qualities to seek in everyday life. Some activities which could be accomplished quickly, only satisfy and produce happiness when done deliberately and slowly. For instance, our enjoyment of friends is not measured by the speed of our interactions. Instantaneous access to information allows for immediate acquisition. Such access does not necessarily translate into true knowledge, memorization of facts, or the coherent organization of such facts. Instead, it may give a false security that discourages true learning (I can simply look that up). Learning requires effort, takes time, and is not easy. These are precisely the qualities our technological society tries to avoid. Even our devices which allow for instantaneous communication, do not translate into intimate conversation and friendship. Facebook allows a level of transparency hitherto impossible until our present age. Unfortunately, the information presented on many pages reaches merely the superficial level of most people's lives. Likewise, the limited space of twitter does not encourage detailed and informative information. Instead ideas must be truncated and simplified; not exactly the ideal way to transmit information.

I would never go back to a typewriter and yet the typewriter forced me to slow down and to seriously think about the words I was putting on the paper, lest I make a mistake. Further, some typewriters I remember seeing were beautiful, finely crafted machines. Today's computers are built with utilitarian motives first rather than beauty (in most cases). Constant proximity to utilitarian designs leads to a utilitarian mindset. Whereas proximity to beauty expands the mind. These thoughts are all just some musings and as such they require more time (and space) for fleshing out. As I mentioned above, I enjoy technology and look forward to further advances. Yet, as with anything in this world, we should ask ourselves who, or in this case, what is in charge of our lives.

Weekly Collection

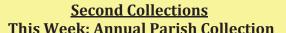
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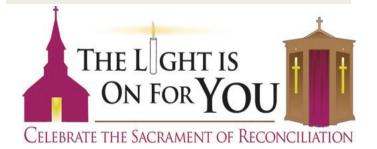
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Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.





We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of **Louise Carvisiglia** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM



Religious Education Calendar available on the Parish Website www.olmparish.org

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Sunday, September 22nd: Grades 3-5 only have their first class on at the usual class time of 10-11:00am. Parents need to stay only to hear room assignments. Grades 6-8 have their first class at the usual class time of 6-7:00pm on Sunday, September 22nd.

<u>Sunday, September 29th:</u> Grades 1 and 2 have their orientation on Sunday, at the usual class time of 10-11:00am. Parents should attend the beginning of class. All meet in the school cafeteria. NO CLASS for grades 3-5 that morning.



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- For more information about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Monday, September 23: Saints & Scholars Golf Tournament, Quidnessett CC, 1pm Start
- <u>Tuesday, September 23</u>: Patronal Feast Day Mass at 9:00AM

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Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

OLM Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament · 1:00 p.m.

Quidnessett Country Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Feast Day Mass 9:00 a.m.

Fr. Eric Silva Associate Pastor of St. Luke Church, Barrington Homilist

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Celebration of Mercy · 7:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration & Sacred Music
OLM Adult & Children's Choirs

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Act of Mercy · 6:00 p.m.

Join us for "Socks & Sandwiches for the Homeless" All are invited to join us in preparing sandwiches, please bring a pair of new adult socks!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

OLM Octoberfest · 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us under the tent for German food, beer, and music as we anticipate the Month of Mary.

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