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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—16th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Fred & Evelyn Bouro—Memorial
10:30AM Jennie Cotham—Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 —LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday

8:30AM Bernard Falchini—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM Wanda Zwolinski—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:30AM Louise Carvisiglia—1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

7:30AM Florence Woods—4th Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

7:30AM Gerald Frangues—Memorial

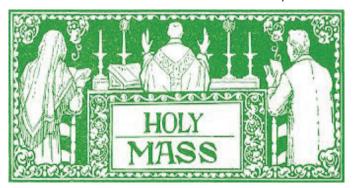
9:00AM Deceased Alumni, Faculty & Benefactors of OLM School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday; The Most Holy Name of Mary; BVM 8:30AM Young-Ho Pyun—Birthday Remembrance Mass of Anticipation for 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Catherine McKenna—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Dr. Mark A. Palumbo—1st Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

The Labor Day holiday is Monday. It was established as a civil holiday to recognize workers' labor, sacrifices, and contributions. In our Catholic tradition, Work is more than a way to make a living. It is not a burden, but a blessing.

Work is an expression of our dignity and a contribution to the common good. In spiritual terms, work is a way to participate in God's continuing work of creation. This Labor Day, let us prayerfully reflect on the dignity of Work and pray, especially for the unemployed.

Pope Francis teaches: "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use a metaphor, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts. Work gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation."

As we celebrate the Labor Day Holiday, we mark the unofficial end of summer. This Tuesday, the students and faculty at OLM School should return for all-day, in-person classes. We are so happy our students are back in school, albeit in a very new and different way.

Our student's and faculty's safety is paramount, and our reopening plan includes many new health policies and safety procedures. We've also made many upgrades to the building to ensure the health and safety of our faculty, staff, and student body.

On Tuesday, we'll again hear our students' laughter on the playground; their young voices lifted in prayer to God, and the old familiar ring of the school bell! It is a welcomed and joyful sound!

Since the lockdown in March, and our students' absence, we've been living with the isolation and silence of the pandemic. Let us give thanks to God for the blessing of our outstanding parish school. May His divine assistance keep all students and teachers safe, healthy, and happy!

Our Opening OLM School Mass is this Friday at 9:00 AM. It is to be live-streamed for our OLM School students, faculty, and families. Every parishioner is most welcome to join us at Mass online and pray in spiritual communion with us. We thank Bishop Evans, who is celebrating this Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Following the Mass, we are consecrating OLM School to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we ask for the protection of our school. As we begin school again, we call Our Lady to guide and keep our students, and faculty safe, happy, and holy!

How fitting that OLM School should begin classes on the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother, Tuesday, September 8th. And then on Friday, we again turn to Mother Mary as we consecrate our school to her maternal care and spiritual guidance. Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!!

Consecration means "to make holy" and is made ultimately to God with the understanding that it is a serious commitment. We must respond faithfully to God's grace at work in our lives. We consecrate our school administration, faculty,

staff, students, and families to Jesus through Mary.

Saint Pope John Paul the Great explained: "Consecrating ourselves to Mary means accepting her help to offer ourselves and the whole of humanity to Him who is holy, infinitely holy: it means accepting her help—by having recourse to her motherly heart, which beneath the cross was opened to love for every human being, for the whole world—in order to offer the world, the individual human being, humanity as a whole, and all the nations to Him who is infinitely holv."

We joyfully congratulate nine RCIA candidates the welcomed and fully initiated into the Church last Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. It was a joyful and solemn celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism. Communion, and Confirmation. It is truly a hopeful sign of faith and joy amidst the crisis of the pandemic. I thank Fr. Barrow for all his dedication, and work, in preparing these candidates for this joyful day.

In your name, I welcome these new, and fully initiated, Catholic brothers and sisters into the Church. We offer them the promise and pledge of our prayers. May they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love of Christ and His Church.

Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless. Happy Labor Day! God Bless America!

Father Healey



On the Dignity of Work

The Church's mission entails the good of humanity. Work is an essential part of human life. So, the Church's social teaching necessarily discusses and elaborates on the dignity of work. From the beginning work was a part the very fabric of creation. "On the seventh day God completed the work he had been doing; he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken" (Genesis 2:2).

In God's original plan, mankind was meant to participate in the work of God; caring for creation. This past May Pope Francis elaborated on this participation. He said: "Human labor is the vocation that mankind received from God ever since the creation of the universe. It is work that makes us similar to God, because through work men and women act as creators, and are capable of creating many things, even of creating a family." Even the Son of God worked during his time here on earth as the crowd asked: "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

After the Fall, work remains a necessary part of human existence, but due to sin it can become twisted and deformed. "Cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life" (Genesis 3:17). Hence, throughout history, the dignity of work and the worker has, at times, been under threat. God reminds humanity, through the Church, of the proper understanding of work.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "Work is for man, not man for work" (CCC 2428). This expression gets to the heart of an essential principle of Catholic Social Teaching; namely, the dignity of every human person. This dignity derives from a person's creation in the image and likeness of God, as well as each person's possession of free will. This dignity means that a person cannot be used as a means to an end. Hence, political or economic systems which compromise a person's dignity and use him simply for production, deny him legitimate forms of labor, or refuse a just wage, are immoral.

At the same time, persons have a duty and responsibility to contribute to the common good of society. "Everyone has the right of economic initiative; everyone should make legitimate use of his talents to contribute to the abundance that will benefit all and to harvest the just fruits of labor" (CCC 2429).

A person who refuses to contribute to society in some form of labor commits an injustice. Paul reminds us: "...if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). The common good does not simply mean the production of material prosperity. Instead the purpose and common good of society is for the formation of virtue of its members. Hence, just as a body has many parts but is one, society itself has many forms of labor which ultimately should contribute to the formation of virtue.

Weekly Collection

August 30, 2020

Weekly	\$8,688.00
EFT	\$3,940.00
	Total=\$12,628.00
Outreach	\$372.00
Weekly for last year on September 1, 2019	
Weekly	\$11.323.00

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



The Sunday Evening 5:00PM Mass scheduled to resume on Sunday, September 6, 2020 has been suspended until further notice due to the COVID-19 restrictions. All Mass intentions scheduled for this Mass time are to be satisfied at other weekend Masses. If you have

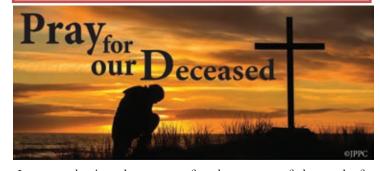
questions or concerns, please call the OLM Parish Office.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



<u>Labor Day Holiday</u> Monday, September 7, 2020

Mass at 8:30am
The OLM Parish Office is closed on
Monday for the holiday.



In your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Peltier** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last week.



The Celebration of First Communion at OLM

Saturday, September 12th at 12noon OLM School First Communion Class

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 10th at 6:00pm.

Saturday, September 19th at 12noon Religious Education students whose last names begin A—L.

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 17th at 6:00pm

Saturday, September 26th at 12 noon The Religious Education students whose last names begin M—Z.

Practice is in the church with students and at least 1 parent on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00pm.

Please pray for our First Communion Class as they continue to prepare to receive the Eucharistic Lord for the first time. Thank you for your support!



- OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated non-perishable foods 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!
- •If you are need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



OLM School Calendar

<u>Monday, September 7</u>: No School on the Labor Day Holiday

<u>Tuesday, September 8</u>: 1st Day of All-Day & In-Person Classes

<u>Thursday, September 10</u>: OLM School First Communion Mass Rehearsal at 6pm

<u>Friday, September 11</u>: Opening OLM School Mass (live-streamed) at 9:00am & Consecration of OLM School to the Protection of the Blessed Mother Mary

<u>Saturday, September 12</u>: OLM School First Communion Mass at NOON (live-streamed)

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HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Saint Joseph, patron of workers, pray for us!



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, September 11th
Exposition at 12Noon
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Brooke Elizabeth Sheen, and her parents, Colin and Katherine.

"Dear brothers and sisters: this child. reborn through Baptism, is now called a child of so indeed she is. God. for Through Confirmation she will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, she will share at the table of his Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church."—The Rite of Baptism

Prayerful Congratulations to the OLM 2020 RCIA Class

Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation

Andre Gennaro *Leo* Gianfrocco Nora Paige *Theresa* Gianfrocco Michael Alexander *Sebastian* Sack Alexander Marc *Augustine* Sack

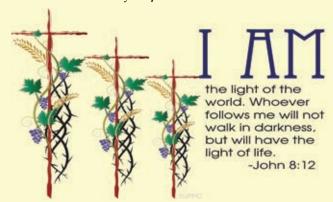
Reception, First Communion & Confirmation

Susan Ruth Elizabeth Ann Seton Clough

<u>First Communion & Confirmation</u> Jason Michael *Augustine* McCaughey

Confirmation

Robert Gennaro *Charles* Gianfrocco Melissa Tiffany *Jacinta* Joachim Corey *Raphael* Palumbo



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