



*“Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 22, 2021**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
5:00PM Joanne Backiel—Birthday Remembrance

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

*The Twentry-First Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Mary Palombo Falchini—Memorial  
9:00AM Anne M. Sedlock—3rd Anniversary  
10:30AM Ruth Guilfoyle—100th Birthday Remembrance

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23**

*Weekday; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*  
7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24**

*St Bartholomew, Apostle*  
7:30AM Evelyn & Frederick Buoro—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25**

*Weekday; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*  
7:30AM Nancy, Pat & Marie Raimondo—Memorial

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26**

*Weekday*  
7:30AM Special Intention

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

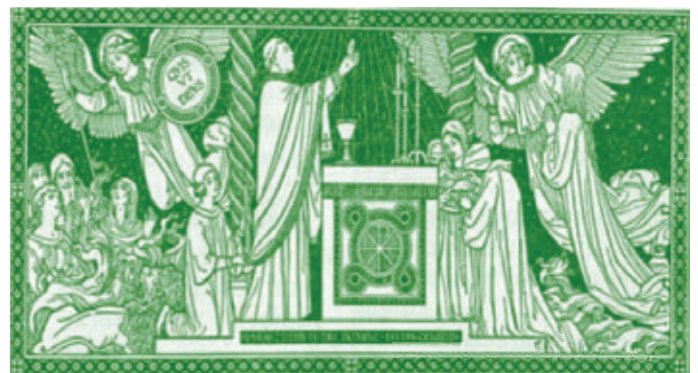
*St. Monica*  
7:30AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr.—11th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**

*St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
8:30AM Connor Bruno—1st Anniversary  
*Mass of Anticipation for 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
5:00PM Michael A. Rocchio—4th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29**

*The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy  
9:00AM Jack Durnin, Jr. —Memorial  
10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey—35th Ann.



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Dear Parishioners

In the name of Father Jose Jacob and the Mission Diocese of Daru-Kiunga in Papua New Guinea, I offer thanks for your generous support of last weekend's Second Collection. Over \$6,000 was donated in support of the Missions.

Many parishioners have also asked about how to support the people of Haiti. As you know, a massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit that country last week, killing nearly 1300 people, with death toll numbers increasing.

The shock leveled homes and other buildings, including several churches leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured, and hospitals are already overwhelmed.

Haiti is a country already susceptible to hurricanes and still recovering from the disastrous earthquake a decade ago. Many in Haiti are already facing widespread hunger due to drought as well as political and economic instability.

If you would like to help, I urge you to support Catholic Relief Services. They are already in Haiti and helping. When you donate to CRS, you provide immediate assistance for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Indeed, our prayers and support will make so much difference. To donate to CRS in Haiti, go to their website at [crs.org](http://crs.org).

We are also beginning our Annual Backpack Drive in support of St. Patrick's Parish in Providence. A list of needed supplies is in this week's

bulletin. These supplies, and any financial contributions, go directly to help the families in need at St. Patrick's Parish.

If you want to donate financially, write a check payable to OLM with "Backpack Drive" in the memo. A container is in the vestibule for any donated supplies, or leave them at the OLM Outreach Office at Mercy House.

I know how helpful this drive is to the people of St. Patrick's struggling to afford basic school supplies. Sadly due to the pandemic, we could not provide such assistance last year. Please also know of the thanks and gratitude of my dear classmate Father James Ruggieri, the Pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Speaking of schools, the good Dominican Friars of Providence College are coming to OLM this Monday for Confessions. The PC Friars are now scheduled once a month on Mondays to hear Confessions at OLM. I am grateful to them for their assistance with the beautiful Sacrament of Mercy! Not to worry, we only asked the kindest and most forgiving Friars to help out!!

This week we celebrate some noteworthy Saints. In particular, on Friday, the Feast of St. Monica and then her son St. Augustine on Saturday. He was a wayward soul who led a sinful life until his conversion. St. Monica, his pious Catholic mother, was left to weep and pray for his salvation for more than a decade!

She never ceased praying for his return to the Catholic Faith. After more than 15 years of prayer, Augustine heard St.

Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, preach. He decided to study the Faith and eventually being baptized in 387. St. Augustine became a priest and then a bishop and is now considered a Doctor of the Church.

Like so many Catholics today, St. Monica wrestled daily with the pain of having a loved one fall away from the Faith. Like us, she often feared that her prayers and tears were of little worth, empty, futile.

Not so! Her prayerful perseverance led to the conversion of her son, her mother-in-law, and her husband. Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, Amazon Prime, and instant credit, there is little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Instant gratification and immediate answers are a part of our troubled culture.

Yet the Church offers us the witness of St. Monica, the patroness of troubled parents, as a model of patience and perseverance in prayer. Her years of prayer finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law, and her brilliant, but wayward son, Augustine. May she intercede for us that we might grow in faith, hope, patience, and perseverance in our prayers! As St. Monica said: *"Nothing is far from God."*

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

# Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Parish



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

#### Saints & Scholars Open



OLM School Golf Tournament  
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Register online at [olmparish.org](http://olmparish.org)

### WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 7 P.M.



#### Holy Hour of Mercy

Eucharistic Adoration, Meditative Music & Benediction  
Homilist: Fr. Eric Sliva, Associate Pastor of St. Luke Church, Barrington

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6 P.M.



#### Work of Mercy

Our Lady of Mercy School  
Join OLM Outreach Volunteers in preparing meals  
for the hungry & homeless

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24



#### Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Patronal Feast Day Mass at 9 a.m.  
Celebrant: Bishop Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop  
Homilist: Father James Mary Sullivan, OP,  
Pastor of St. Pius V, Providence

### OLM Oktoberfest, 5 to 8 p.m.



From 5 - 8 p.m., join us in the Beer Tent at  
Our Lady of Mercy School Field for German Beer,  
German Food & German Music  
See you in September Raffle Drawing!

*Congratulations  
To  
The  
Newly Baptized*

**Lily Alice Gonzalez,**  
and her parents, Manny and Christine

*"Dear brothers and sisters: this child has been reborn through Baptism, and is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is. 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 Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church."*

— The Rite of Baptism

## Weekly Collection

August 15, 2021

Weekly.....	\$9,307.00
EFT.....	\$5,726.00
	<b>Total=\$15,003.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,420.00
Mission Co-Op.....	\$6,322.00

August 17, 2020

Weekly.....	\$9,796.00
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**Thank You for Your Generous Support!**



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



## Mass Schedule Change

The 5:00PM Sunday Evening Mass at OLM resumes on Sunday, September 26th. Please note the later start date. Thank you.



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Dr. Stephen P. Burns, Dr. John Lawlor, and Rose Mele-Talley** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at OLM last week.



### 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!*

***Save the Date!!!!***

**Sunday, September 26th at 5:00PM**, Opening Mass for Religious Education Families (All Grades)



•**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, September 2 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 email at outreach@olmparish.org



**CONFESSION ALL SUMMER AT OLM**  
**MONDAYS AT 6:00PM**  
**SATURDAYS AT 4:00PM**

**Monday, August 23 at 6:00pm**  
**Dominican Friars from Providence College to hear Confessions**



## ***Striving to Be Saints & Scholars!***

### Calendar of Events

**Sunday, August 29:** Welcome New School Families Mass & Reception at 10:30am

**Monday, August 30:** Faculty Retreat at Christian Brothers Center, Narragansett. Fr. Chris Murphy, Retreat Director

**Tuesday, August 31:** Faculty Professional Day

**Wednesday, September 1:** First Day of School! Welcome Back Students!

**Friday, September 3:** Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit at 9:00am

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***The Saints and Scholars Open***

**Monday, September 20, 2021**  
**1:00 p.m Shotgun Start**

**11:30 Lunch/Registration**  
**Quidnessett Country Club**



# *Backpack Drive*

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