



He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,

**‘PAY BACK
WHAT YOU OWE.’**

Falling to his knees,
his fellow servant begged him,

**‘BE PATIENT WITH
ME, AND I WILL
PAY YOU BACK.’**

MATTHEW 18:28-29



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**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mass of Anticipation for the 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 7:30AM Paul Soucy—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
 7:30AM Decd. Members of Pundys & Dikinis Fam.—Mem.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

St. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
 7:30AM Paul Cienki—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday; St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM John Stetkiewicz—Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday
 7:30AM Donna Marie Nerney Marinelli—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

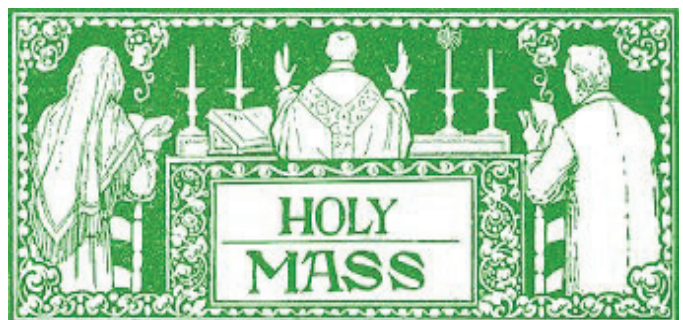
Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr; BVM
 8:30AM Fr. John Rainone—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Filippi & Catanio Family—Mem.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial
 Alex, Diamond & Joanne Tagliatela & William &
 Renate McGlumphy—Memorial

10:30AM Josephine Lanna—8th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

The sun was shining, and the children were smiling beneath their face masks! It was a great first day of school on Tuesday. It was a different kind of school day with temperature checks, face masks, social distancing, and car drop-offs. It is the new normal during this time of the pandemic.

I thank our outstanding OLM School Principal, Mr. McNabb, for his great job in planning our school's re-opening. Since April, he has been working tremendously hard to ensure the safe and happy re-opening of our school this fall. The cooperation of our faculty, staff, parents, and students has been terrific too.

On Friday, we celebrated the Opening OLM School Mass and consecrated our parish school to our Blessed Mother Mary. We ask Mother Mary to protect our school community from all harm and guide them in faith, hope, and love to Christ, the Divine Teacher. Please keep praying for students and teachers everywhere.

I wish to thank the many parishioners who attend the 7:30 am Daily Mass at OLM. First, they were so kind and hospitable last week to our visiting Missionary Sisters of the Word. Almost 30 of these holy Sisters attended Mass at OLM for the week. They were on retreat at their Provincial House in West Greenwich. It was terrific having the good sisters pray with us and for us!

Our Daily Mass parishioners were so cooperative in helping make our first day of school run smoothly. The new parking procedures began on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, and

continues to be in effect while school is in session. This plan includes no parking on the section of Third Street parallel to the school building or the side parking lot closest to the school.

These measures allow for our students' adjusted arrival procedures and create additional outdoor learning space as part of our school's re-opening plan. When arriving for daily Mass, please avoid parking in those areas while school is in session. We thank the many parishioners who were so cooperative and understanding in helping keep our school students safe and happy.

We congratulate our OLM School First Communion Class, who celebrate their First Holy Communion this weekend. On Saturday, they gathered with their families for the First Communion Mass (live-streamed for their family and friends unable to attend). It is always such an occasion of joyful and hopeful faith when our children receive the Eucharistic Lord in Holy Communion for the very first time. As St. Pius X said: "*Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven.*"

Next Saturday and again on Saturday, September 26, the students from the OLM Religious Education Program celebrate their First Communion Masses. We thank all who help prepare the children for this important day in their lives, especially their parents, who are the first teachers of the faith. We also thank our First Communion Teachers, OLM RE Directress, Mickey St. Jean, and OLM School 2nd Grade Teacher, Jean Perretta. Please pray for all the

OLM children making their First Holy Communion, may they grow in love and devotion of Christ truly present in the Mass.

Our Parish Patronal Feast is fast approaching on September 24. The OLM Feast is a day to celebrate as a parish family. We begin our celebration this year with Devotions in honor of Our Lady of Mercy on Monday, September 21, at 7:00 pm. Dominican Father Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, is preaching on Mercy as we gather in adoration of the Eucharist and pray the Rosary for our parish. Fr. Briscoe and another Dominican Friar will also hear Confessions on Monday, September 21, beginning at 6:00 pm.

The Feast Day Mass is on Thursday, September 24, and is to be live-streamed. The Feast Day celebrations include the "See You in September" Raffle drawing via live stream. It should be a great day of faith and fun as we celebrate our patroness, Mary, the Mother of Mercy!

Raffle tickets are still available for purchase. Please remember, "you got to be in it to win it"!! Only 600 tickets are being sold with cash prizes of \$10,000! All proceeds help OLM School stay safe and keep students healthy, happy and holy! Thanks for helping support our outstanding parish school with this raffle.

Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless. Go Pats!!!!

Ask Father

Is it Time to Go Back to Mass??

In March of this year Bishop Tobin dispensed Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. On May 30th, the bishop allowed for the public celebration of Mass, but did not remove the dispensation. The faithful may be wondering: is it time for me to go back to Mass?

As a rule, Sunday Mass is not optional. The requirement to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation finds its origin in the Third Commandment and the Church's teaching. Bishop Robert Barron recently reminded the faithful that following moral prescriptions are not enough. Liturgical practice, particularly attending Mass, is essential for a Catholic.

Yet, in dispensing the faithful from attending Mass the Bishop did not invent anything new in the Church. There are many legitimate reasons why a Catholic can miss Mass and not incur mortal sin. Canon 1248 envisions the possibility that the celebration of Mass may become impossible due to the absence of a priest or other grave reason. A grave reason may include illness, disease, natural disasters, political turmoil, and the like. For instance, if there is a massive snowstorm that makes travel to and from the church dangerous, then the faithful do not incur mortal sin for missing that Mass.

So, if a person is elderly or at particular risk due to comorbidities, then that person has a grave reason and will not incur mortal sin. That person should still do some act of prayer or devotion on Sunday, however, as a demonstration that they still desire to be with God. The continual cultivation of a desire for God is paramount in these circumstances. Habits are easier to lose than they are to form. The risk of missing Mass regularly is that a person stops thinking about God and the Mass. Likewise, if a person is young and healthy, then he or she can return to Mass. A rule of thumb may be this: If you have been eating out at restaurants, but missing Mass on Sundays, it is time to go back to Mass

Weekly Collection

September 6, 2020

Weekly.....\$10,676.00
EFT.....\$3,360.00
Total=\$14,036.00

Outreach.....\$966.00
Building & Grounds.....\$1,331.00

Weekly for last year on September 1, 2019

Weekly.....\$14,296.00

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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.



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Religious Education
NEWS

The Celebration of First Communion at OLM

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!*



Outreach
Update

• **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



Prayers and Best Wishes to the OLM School First Communion Class on the occasion of their First Holy Communion!

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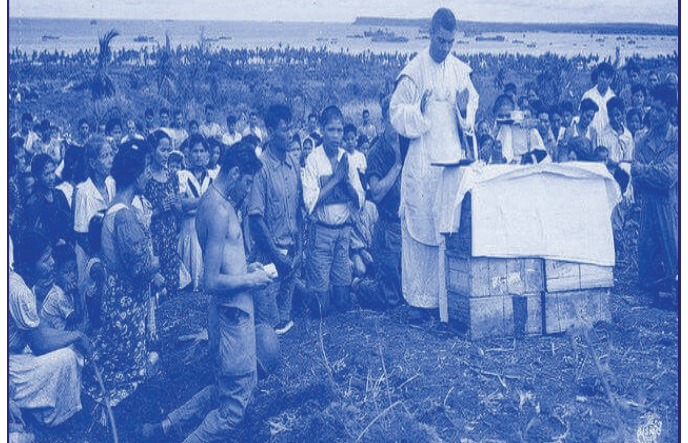
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Thursday, September 24, 2020

GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000

First Prize \$2,500

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Third Prize \$1,000

Fourth Prize \$500



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In order to obtain your ticket or tickets, please send a check for \$100 per ticket payable to "OLM" to Our Lady of Mercy, "See You in September" Raffle at 65 3rd Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818 or call the Parish Office at 884-4968. There is no limit on the number of tickets you may wish to purchase and the more you buy the better the odds of winning!!!

**Put your money on
the OLM Saints and Scholars!!**

*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

John Noble D'Ambrosia,
and his parents, Jason and Elaine.

"Dear brothers and sisters: this child, reborn through Baptism, is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is. Through Confirmation he will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, he 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



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