

# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21, 2020



Sunday June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Father's Day

Intentions of All Living and Deceased Fathers

Monday June 22, St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts.  
John Fisher, Bishop, & Thomas More, Martyrs

8am William Wallace Req. Family

Tuesday June 23, Weekday

8am Beverley Andree Req. Friend

Wednesday June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist

No Mass

Thursday June 25, Weekday

8am Rosaire Gagnard Req. Wife

Friday June 26, Weekday

8am Harnold & George Kelsey Req. Family

Saturday June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

8am Gerald L. Poulin Req. A Former Student

Sunday June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Intentions of All Parishioners

**Fr. Ray will be celebrating the Sunday Masses above  
privately at unannounced times**

A Thought from Fr. Ray - 12th  
Sunday in Ordinary Time



In our Gospel reading today Jesus  
says:

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a small  
coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without  
your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs on your  
head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth  
more than many sparrows."*

These words of Jesus are very comforting, particularly  
in light of the sometimes dangerous and chaotic world  
we live in. In light of the pandemic and chaos that  
abounds, we can be frightened. When it comes to  
fear, Shel Silverstein summarized it quite well in his  
poem, "What if."

*"What if I get beat up? What if there's poison in my  
cup?... What if I flunk the test? What if green hair  
grows on my chest?..."*

In light of such fears real or imagined, we are assured  
today in our scripture readings of God's protective  
care and His active presence in our lives. They  
reiterate the importance of faith in God, especially  
during challenging times.

## Sunday Holy Hour

Please join us today, Sunday, June 21,  
for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition will take place at 8:30am.

The Holy Hour will end with  
Benediction at 9:30am.

## Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!

We welcome you to enjoy this  
online bulletin at a time when we  
are not able to worship on Sundays. If you are new to  
our parish and wish to become a member of OLM, we  
invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr.  
Raymond Smialowski when Mass resumes on Sundays,  
and to register. Registration can be completed by  
stopping by the parish office or completing a short  
registration form which can be found on our home page  
at [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org) under the heading "New to Our  
Parish?" Please return the form to the office by dropping  
it off at the Parish Office, the collection box, or mailing it  
to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.



## Helping Our Parish Grow WEEKLY OFFERTORY



We ask that you continue to support OLM with  
your weekly offerings by placing your donation in  
the mail, dropping it off at the office or placing in  
the donation box in the church.

*Thank You for Your Continued Generous  
Support & May God Bless You!*



**The Tabernacle Lamp...**  
is lighted for the Greater Glory of  
God and in recognition of the Real  
Presence of Christ. This week the  
candle is flickering *in memory of*  
**Herbert & Helen Barber.** The  
Tabernacle Lamp is available as a  
memorial for \$5.

## Sacrament of Baptism

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. You may begin preparation even before your child is born. To begin the process, call Sue at 860-747-5451. The date of the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Parent Preparation Program. Please note that Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a



*Sponsor Certificate* from their own Catholic parish.

### St. Joseph Cemetery News

In mid April we posted a notice in our parish cemetery announcing that over grown shrubs will be removed by cemetery personnel beginning **June 1, 2020**. We have completed this process. Please understand that there is a great need to maintain our parish cemetery benevolently. In addition, glass vases, containers, wire fencing around monuments are not allowed in our cemetery and are gradually being cleaned up. Such glass objects and fencing are a potential danger to our personnel, particularly when the lawn is being mowed. Wire fencing can get caught in lawn mowing machinery and cause mishaps and injuries. Also small stones that are used for decoration can become projectiles by the lawnmower and hit other workers or visitors that are in close vicinity.

These items have been placed at the back of the cemetery behind the green fence, where the shed is, for you to claim. Any broken items, old weathered plastic flowers and metal grave markers that have been greatly faded, have been thrown away.

We ask that you **ONLY plant flowers 10" from the base of an upright monument. To ease mowing, plantings of any kind are prohibited near flat markers.**

If you would like a copy of the updated cemetery rules mailed to you, please call the cemetery office at 860.747.6825. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### Is a Vocation Right for You?

Let no one intimidate you. Jesus said to the twelve: "Fear no one. What I say to you in darkness, speak in the light, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." If you are being called to the priesthood or religious life, have courage. The Lord is with you! Call Fr. Michael Casey Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail [vocations@aoht.org](mailto:vocations@aoht.org) or visit the web at [www.hartfordpriest.com](http://www.hartfordpriest.com)



## Happy Father's Day!

Today is Father's Day. We thank God for the fathers in our parish and in our lives.



Fatherhood does not come with a manual and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask God to bless our fathers and to grant forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families. We also remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. May God give them the strength to do well by their children in thanksgiving for the gift of their children and most especially for the Glory of God.

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### 2020 Ordinations

An Ordination Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. During the Mass, Rev. Mr. Jaime Maldonado-Aviles will be ordained to the priesthood. Matthew Collins and Joseph MacNeill will be ordained to the Diaconate. Matthew Collins is from our neighboring parish of St. Matthew in Forestville. Due to current restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be limited to invitation only. The ordination will be streamed live at [www.2020ordination.com](http://www.2020ordination.com) All are most welcome to watch. Please remember those who will be ordained in your prayers as well as prayers for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

### Volunteers Needed -

To help stuff envelopes and address them. We have a bulk mailing that is going out to parishioners who were not able to be reached during the quarantine. Please call the office for more information or email Donna at [ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com)



### CRAFTERS WANTED!

St. Ann Craft Fair is a "Handmade Crafters Only" Event, Saturday, November 21, 2020, 215 West St., Bristol, CT

For an application & event documents, please contact: Rachel at [urieldionne@sbcglobal.net](mailto:urieldionne@sbcglobal.net) or 860.989.1560.

