

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 28, 2020



Sunday June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Intentions of All Parishioners

Fr. Ray will be celebrating this Sunday Mass above privately at an unannounced time

Monday June 29, Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8am Theresa Bagliore Req. Family

Tuesday June 30, First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8am Joe Maksimczyk Req. The Breakfast Club

Wednesday July 1, St. Junipero Serra, Priest

No Mass

Thursday July 2, Weekday

8am Joe Maksimczyk Req. Friends

Friday July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle

8am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday July 4, Independence Day; Blessed Virgin Mary

8am For the Intentions of Our Nation

4pm Edwin Michaud Req. Joseph & Rose Ciccio

Sunday July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:30am Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30am James & Justina Tella Req. Brenda

10:30am Russell Martin Req. Regina & Annmarie

Tardiff

A Thought from Fr. Ray - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today our scripture readings from Second Kings 4 and our Gospel reading from Matthew

10 speak to us about being welcoming. In 2 Kings we read about a Shunamite woman who

welcomes the prophet Elisha. The hospitable Shunamite woman made for Elisha a small room on the roof of the house containing not only a bed, but also a table, a chair and even a lamp. These basic gestures of hospitality were given out of respect for a man of God and with no thought of a reward.

In our Gospel reading Jesus reminds us that even so simple a gift as a cup of cold water to someone will not go unnoticed by the Author of Life.

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 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.

Expanded Summer Mass Schedule

As Sunday Masses resume next weekend an additional Mass has been scheduled through July and August to allow for proper distancing in church in light of the covid-19 pandemic:

Summer Mass Schedule

Sundays 6:30 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Please be advised of the necessity of wearing a face mask.

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 Andrzej Predota. The Tabernacle

Lamp is available as a memorial for \$5.

Religious Education News

Volunteers Needed - For Religious Education for all Grades



There is a possibility that we may be able to gather for CCD classes in the fall. If so, I am looking for a few people who have a love for Christ and want to share that love with kids and teens. We will be having Edge Ministry for the middle schoolers and Purpose for the Confirmation teens. In the event, that we can't meet, programs will be moved online and still need volunteers to help. If you are interested or have questions, please call Donna at (860) 952-4005 or email at ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com

Enrollment 2020/2021 Year Under Way

Mailings were sent out last week. If you did not receive yours, please call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825.

Please return the registration form and payment to the office by July 31st.

Grades 1-5 - Will be on Monday's 4-5pm.

Grades 6-8 - Will also be on Monday's from 6:15-7:30pm.

Grades 9-10 (Confirmation) - Will be on Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm.

Hopefully we can meet in person for classes. If not, we can still meet online using either Zoom or Google Meet platform. Any questions, please email Donna at ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com

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. We continue the

process of cleaning up the cemetery of any extra decorative items such as: statues of any kind that are on the ground or on the monument that are not attached, decorative plaques, glass vases, garden flags, shepherd hooks, fencing of any kind around monuments, artificial flowers, etc. Such glass objects and fencing are a potential danger to our personnel, particularly when the lawn is being mowed. Fencing of any kind 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.*

Mailboxes with the label "CEMETERY RULES" have been placed in the cemetery on two metal poles in sections A & B. Please call the cemetery office at 860.747.6825 with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Is a Vocation Right for You?

Jesus said "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me and whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me". Are you willing to embrace the cross and follow Jesus as a priest? Call Fr. Michael Casey Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com



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

OLM Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive in the Parish Center **THIS** Wednesday, July 1st, 9am - 2pm and The American Red Cross is pleased to share that all blood,

platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. They are an organization dedicated to helping others and are fortunate to be able to step up to help during this pandemic by offering this service at our upcoming blood drive.





The Parish Office

will be closed Friday, July Third in observance of Independence Day!

Food Pantry Collection is NEXT Weekend!

OLM Reaches Out

During the last 2 ½ months, we called everyone in the parish to “check-in” to see how you are doing. We were unable to get a hold of many during this time and would like to stay in touch. If you didn’t receive a call it was because we were unable to reach you by phone. Can you please provide us with an updated phone number or cell number and an email address so that we may keep you updated as to what is going on at OLM. You are invited to email Donna at ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825. Once we are able to update your information, you will be entered into a drawing to receive a \$25 gift card form Saints Restaurant, Big Steve’s Grill and Mangiaficio’s Bakery.

The Word Among Us...

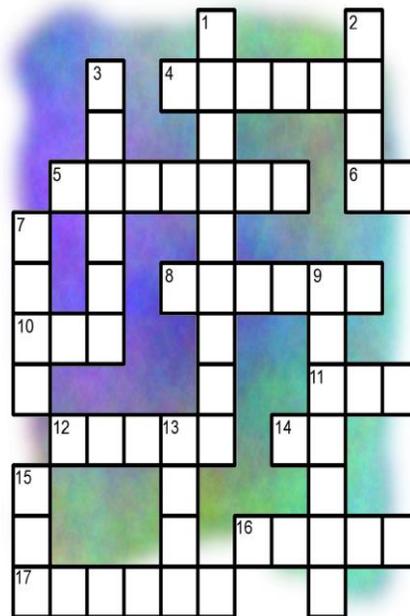
for July and August has been put out at the church entrances. Also, complimentary copies of the July issue of Magnificat are also available.

Both publications contain the texts of the weekday and Sunday readings. In addition, Magnificat contains the order of the Mass, including the Gloria, the Creed, etc. In preparation for the resumption of weekday and Sunday Masses, the hymnals which contained not only the hymns but also the readings, etc., needed to be removed from church due to the fact that they are handled by many people.

Keeping this in mind, it might be wise to subscribe to either Magnificat or the Word Among Us to ensure that you would have your own personal copy.



A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

**A=Across
D=Down**

He who loves father or _____ (17A) more than me is not worthy of me; and he who _____ (16A) son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not _____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will _____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my _____ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives _____ (14A), and he who receives me receives _____ (15D) who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a _____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A) ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS!
**May God always be with you on your next path in life's
journey. Blessings upon you.**

- Your OLM Parish Family



Nicole Cal

Allie Elizabeth Chambrello

Jillian Marie Conte

Samantha Rose Conte

Grace Elizabeth DiMinno

Tomasso Joseph Ettore

Victoria Katherine Farrow

Wyatt Jeffrey Gelt

Sarah Marie Jusa

Elizabeth Ann Lahoud

Nicholas Thomas Lentini

Dylan Joseph Liistro

Tyler Mattingly Mandeville

Michael Anthony Melninkaitis

Logan Alexander Miller

Cassidy Marie Norman

Joseph Salvatore Raimondi

Kelly Lucille Russell

Teagan Cody Russell

Emily MacKenzie Savage

Alexia Rose Sirois

Esteban Edward Torres

Angel Joseph Wren

Congrats to:

**Olivia Marie Heslin – who
graduated from St. Paul Catholic
High School**

