

# 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time June 27th, 2021

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Saturday June 26, Vigil Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm John J. Senaldi Req. Wife Elsie & Family  
Sunday June 27, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Intentions of All Parishioners of the Parish

10:30am Robert Marotto Req. Rich & Sue  
Monday June 28, St. Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr

8:00am Joseph & Ann Eavarone Req. Kathleen & Michael Bernavage

Tuesday June 29, Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:00am Msgr. Bergan Req. Kathleen & Michael Bernavage

Wednesday June 30, The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

No Mass

Thursday July 1, St. Junipero Serra, Priest

8:00am Rose & Dominic Verrastro Req. Sister Eleanor

Friday July 2, Weekday, First Friday

8:00am Gerald O'Neil Req. His Sister Patricia

8:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Church

Saturday July 3, St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00am Anthony Forcella Month's Mind

Kim Coughlin Phillips Month's Mind

Daniel Coughlin Month's Mind

Timothy Fascendini Month's Mind

Anna Napolitano Month's Mind

Lorraine DeSocio Month' Mind

Noon Confession

Saturday July 3, Vigil Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Frank & Jessie Stawski Req. Family

Sunday July 4, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Intentions of All Parishioners of the Parish

10:30am Walter Poplawski Req. Family



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WEEKLY OFFERTORY

\$3,783 Weekly Donation for

June 20

\$2,216 Monthly Donation

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## A Thought for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Our second reading today is taken from the letter of St. Paul to the church in Corinth. In this section of the reading, we read today in chapter eight, Paul is appealing to the community in which at the time was undergoing severe persecution as well as famine. Another reference to this appeal is found in Acts 11: 20-30.



Today we read these words of St. Paul in our second reading:

*"As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also."*

The term gracious act, means generosity. In encouraging generosity Paul calls the Corinthian church to imitate the love of Christ, who gave life itself for others.

Giving is the Christian's response to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Through the cross, God offers us salvation. God has blessed us with the gift of life. We are blessed with time on this earth. We are blessed with talents and abilities. We are called to use these gifts for God's glory and the building of His Kingdom.

When we give to the work of God, we are declaring our freedom from materialism and our desire to help build up the kingdom of God. When we share our time, talent and treasure for the glory of God and the good of others, we give praise to God.



It is in giving that we receive joy.

God Bless, Fr. Ray



**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 Doug Roper*  
*Req. Laura & Jim.*

**Food Pantry Collection**

Next week is the Pantry Collection. Unsure what to donate? The staples are always great: peanut butter, soap, shampoo, pasta, laundry detergent, tuna, soup, and boxed macaroni and cheese.



**This Week This Week This Week**

**Sunday June 27**

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Gym*

**Monday June 28**

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Room 104*

6:30 – 9p Knights of Columbus, *Library*

**Tuesday June 29**

7 – 8:15p NA, *Room 106*

**Wednesday June 30**

6 - 8p Queen of Apostles Open House, *Parish Center*

**Thursday July 1**

6 – 9p Legion of Mary, *Gym*

**Saturday July 3**

8:45a Altar Society Team #1, *Church*

7 – 8p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

**Sunday July 4**

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Gym*



**Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!**

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, and to register. Registration can be completed by stopping by the parish office, 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?", or calling the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 and we can fill it out with you over the phone. Please return the hard copy to the office by dropping it off at the Parish Office, the collection box, or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.

**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.

**GET RESTORED!!**

Jesus wants to **RESTORE** us to the glory for which He created us. Join hundreds of Catholic teens from different churches at THE local Steubenville Event of the year! @ Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center on July 9-11 for a weekend that you'll remember for the rest of your lives with lots and lots of **FOOD** and a **LIVE BAND**. Contact Sue at 860-747-5451 for more information. **Please Register ASAP!** Anyone who would like to **VOLUNTEER** and assist with setting up for the Teen retreat on Thursday, 7/8, or Friday, 7/9 morning, please call Sue (860) 747-5451. Also help is needed for Clean-up on Sunday, 7/11, beginning at noon.

**OLM is in need of lots of napkins for the Retreat! If you can donate any, we would be so thankful. You can leave them in the Gathering Space marked "Teen Retreat" or bring them to the Parish Office. We would also like to borrow several Pop-Up Canopy Tents and a couple of Portable Basketball Hoops.**



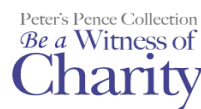
**OLM Vacation Bible School**

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. After a year of many ups and downs, this Vacation Bible School is bound to be a great experience for your children! This five-day school is open to children entering grades K – 6 the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9am - Noon. This year the theme will be **"Rocky Railway - Jesus Pulls us Through."**



**Games, Music, Food & Fun!**

Volunteers are needed. VBS is open to children of all faiths. The fee is \$25 for the first child, \$15 for the second and free for all other children in the same family. If you would like to register your child or would like to volunteer, please email or text Donna at [ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com) (860) 952-4005.



Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the activities of the Holy See through which Pope Francis governs the Church and exercises his charitable works. When used for charitable outreach, funds from this collection help those most in need. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign

of mercy. Please be generous today. For more information, visit <http://www.peterspence.va/en.html>.

### FORWARD WITH FAITH CAMPAIGN



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PLEDGED OR CONTRIBUTED TO THIS CAMPAIGN TO HELP BUILD THE VIBRANCY OF OUR PARISH AND THE

INNOVATIVE MISSION OF THE HARTFORD BISHOPS' FOUNDATION. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE A COMMITMENT. PLEDGE ENVELOPES ARE FOUND AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCE.

### Coffee and Donuts

We are grateful for the coffee and donuts that were served after the 8:30am Mass last Sunday. Many parishioners took the time to renew old friendships and begin to build Our Community once again! The effort was led by Cathi McQueeney and the Parish Life Committee. We look forward to the next coffee, donuts and juice gathering following the 8:30am Mass on the third Sunday of July, the 18<sup>th</sup>! Please join us!!

### Queen of Apostles Preparatory Academy...

has leased three classrooms in our Parish Center for the academic year of 2021 – 22. Queen of Apostles is a private academic school. It is not sponsored or supported financially by our parish. We wish Queen of



Apostles God's blessings in advancing their mission of helping students and their families develop spiritually, academically, and personally as they grow closer to Christ in their lives.

### Closing Mass Celebration for the 2020



### Archdiocesan Synod

It is with great joy that the Special Archdiocesan Mass will be celebrated at the Oakdale Theatre

in Wallingford on Friday, August 13 at 6:30pm. Every parish will send 30 representatives to join in this Mass. You are invited to be among the 30. Please call the Parish Office to reserve your spot at 860.747.6825 or email at

[olmct@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olmct@sbcglobal.net)! We are arranging transportation so all can travel together and not be concerned about driving.

### Altar Linens

Thank you to those who volunteered to wash and iron the corporals and purificators that are used at Mass on a periodic basis. More volunteers are needed to help with this ministry. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 or speak with Fr. Ray.

### Youth Minister Position

We are seeking a Youth Minister to accompany our teens as they grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. It is a part-time paid position.

Applicants must be actively practicing the Catholic faith. Experience in working with youth is preferred. Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and an updated resume to Fr. Smialowski at the Parish Office.

### 150 Years After Being Named Patron of the Church, St. Joseph Remains Vital to the World



Michael R. Heinlein December 4, 2020  
Continued...

Taken from:

<https://www.osvnews.com/2020/12/04/150-years-after-being-named-patron-of-the-church-st-joseph-remains-vital-to-the-world/>

### Emulating St. Joseph in Everyday Moments

In the daily moments of family life, St. Joseph serves as a model for any family truly wishing to build up its domestic church. When trust might be lacking among family members, or when it is hard to communicate the truth in

charity, we can emulate St. Joseph, who offers us a model of acting upon God's word. Our families would likely look different — truly the domestic Church wherein God dwells — if we approach difficulties and troubles in the manner of St. Joseph. Consider:

*What might God be speaking to us in moments of difficulty among our families?*

*What actions can we take to allow God's word to bear fruit?*

### Becoming a 'Watchful Defender of Christ'

One of St. Joseph's titles is "Watchful Defender of Christ." This is the same Christ that made each of us members of his own body in our baptism. Consider:



*What can St. Joseph offer parents as they assume greater responsibility to watchfully defend Christ, who is alive in our children?*

*What must we be watchful about?*

*What must we defend?*

## **Part 2: St. Joseph can be Our Strength in Time of Pandemic**

In the book I recently co-authored with Father Harrison Ayre on the coronavirus pandemic, titled “Finding Christ in the Crisis: What the Pandemic Can Teach Us” (OSV, \$1.95), Father Ayre and I reflected on the Babylonian captivity of the Israelites, which was certainly a moment of profound failure and hardship for God’s chosen people. Captives in a strange land, the Israelites found themselves faced with the choice of abandoning God or living in the memory of his goodness, which equipped them to sing songs of joy even in the midst of their sorrow.

No doubt there is a common theme that connects this episode of salvation history to our current time, as well. So much of what we have known has been taken away or changed indefinitely. One of the most painful consequences has been the separation of

Catholics even from the most precious gift of our faith — the holy Eucharist. And there will be an institutional cost to the Church, as we have already started to see.

While the physical effects of the pandemic are real — St. Joseph,

by the way, has been invoked for centuries as “Hope of the Sick” and “Patron of the Dying” — the spiritual effects of the pandemic are just as real, and they require our attention and contemplation. In this regard, St. Joseph again provides a model for emulation as we face these days of uncertainty and change, sickness and death.

The Israelites’ captivity was part of the fabric of faith that made up St. Joseph’s own consciousness. Similarly, the Gospel of Matthew tells us, Joseph had to find ways to adapt when, after the birth of Jesus, he was commanded by an angel of the Lord to flee with his family to Egypt. When violence and death threatened the Christ child, St. Joseph had to find a new way of living in order to keep his family safe. Detached from the familiar or the comfortable, St. Joseph had to find a way for the Holy Family to survive. He knew their exile would not be forever — but even if it was, he must have been reassured to have Christ with them. St. Joseph’s life had purpose, chiefly defined by his role as Christ’s earthly father, even amid the confusion and darkness. Meditating on this scene from Christ’s life (found in Matthew’s second chapter) with the benefit of *lectio divina* can be a spiritual consolation for our present situation.



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## HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko, Victim Assistance  
Coordinator, 860-541-6475  
[kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org](mailto:kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org)

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the [Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults](#). This document is also available online at [www.archdioceseofhartford.org](http://www.archdioceseofhartford.org).

The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities. Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:  
State Department of Children and Families  
Care-line  
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:  
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services  
– AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities  
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:  
Department of Social Services for the Elderly  
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.