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## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday ..... 9:00 AM (Chapel)  
Saturday Evening ..... 5:30 PM (Church)  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 10:30 AM (Church)

## CONFESSION

Mondays ..... 7:00-8:00 PM (Chapel)  
Saturdays ..... 5:00-5:30 PM (Church)  
or by appointment

## DEVOTIONS

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Chapel)

- Monday 7:00-8:00 PM
- Friday 9:30-10:00 AM (Divine Mercy Devotion)
- First Friday 9:30 AM - 12:00 noon

### Rosary

- Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (Chapel)
- Saturday 5:10 PM (Church)
- Sunday 7:00 AM (Church)

### Miraculous Novena (Chapel)

- Wednesday after 9:00 AM Mass

## SERVED BY

**Pastor** ..... Fr. Michal Rybinski  
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## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### Coordinator of Religious Education

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## YOUTH PROTECTION COORDINATOR

### Christine Selitto

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## PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Thursday ..... 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Friday ..... 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon  
Holy days; Saturday-Sunday ..... Closed

## BAPTISM

We celebrate Baptisms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at any Sunday Mass or 12:00 PM. For first-time parents, a preparation session is required.

## MATRIMONY

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the priest one year in advance of the wedding date.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office when a family member is in the hospital or homebound.

## MINISTRIES

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**Ushers** John Guido (973-769-2528)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 27

5:30 PM † John Konesny; † Anna Ganley Mahig;  
† Colleen Asea; for the protection of the  
unborn and their mothers.

### Sunday, July 28 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † Gloria Hennessey; † Marge Keller;  
intention of Wesley Matys and Neptun  
Families

10:30 AM † Jean Sweeney (18<sup>th</sup> Ann.); † Anna E.  
Peters; † Charles LoBello; † Tadeusz  
Rzeszotarski

### Monday, July 29 *Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*

9:00 AM unborn child; Healing for Fr. Stephen  
Giorno

### Tuesday, July 30

9:00 AM † Claire Spada Scalzo

### Wednesday, July 31 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

9:00 AM † Colleen Asea

### Thursday, August 1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

9:00 AM † Claire Spada Scalzo

### Friday, August 2 *First Friday*

9:00 AM † Marie Karr

### Saturday, August 3

5:30 PM † Emilia Catizone; † Anthony Caprio; †  
Colleen Asea; † Patrick Monaghan; †  
Maria Santoro

### Sunday, August 4 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM † deceased members of the Guerin  
Family; † Bob Cobane (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.); special  
intention of Wesley Matys; special  
intention of Schleifer Family

10:30 AM † Martin Cullen; for the protection of the  
unborn and their mothers; † Susan  
Rufano

## PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers: Nick  
Agro, Nancy Bakalis, Michael Bota,  
Giuseppa Casarrubea, Lisa Cifaretto, Lia  
Colorio, Beverly & Blaine Fresco, George  
Fresco, Arlene & Fred Gentile, Marla Giordino, Bertha  
Gonzalez, Kevin Goodsir, Cristopher Gruno, Emil  
Herkert, Georgjean Huegler, Helen Kasiski, Anthony



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Morpeth, Anne Marie Nappi, John O'Connor, Michael  
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Philip Patavia, Anna Quagliato, Jaxson Rivera, Bob  
Roberts, Agnes Ryan, Mary Ann Schilare, Theresa  
Seleski, Theresa Stancel, Janice Trocino, Belarmino  
Viegas, Joseph Ward, Rick Yarem, Gloria Zawacki,  
Susan.

To add or remove from the list, please contact  
[olmhealthministry@ourladyofmercyparish.com](mailto:olmhealthministry@ourladyofmercyparish.com).

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week

Church: in memory of Colleen Asea

Chapel: Margaret and Louis Schuler

To request the Sanctuary Candle, please contact  
the Parish Office.



## COLLECTION

Sunday collection (July 21) .....\$3,841.00

Second collection .....\$523.00

Thank you for your generosity!

## THIS WEEK AT OLM

### Weekend, July 27-28

- after Masses: blessing of cars

### Monday-Friday

- 8:30 AM: Rosary (Chapel)

### Monday-Wednesday

- after Mass: Litany to the Precious Blood of Jesus

### Monday, July 29

- 7:00-8:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

### Wednesday, July 31

- after 9:00 AM Mass: Miraculous Medal Novena  
(Chapel)

### Friday, August 2

- 9:30 AM-12:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)

### Weekend, August 3-4

- food collection

## VACATION SCHEDULE

Please remember that in July and August, we have  
a summer schedule of Masses:

- Saturday 5:30 PM
- Sunday 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM
- Monday-Friday 9:00 AM, no morning Mass on  
Saturday
- the Novena is after the 9:00 AM Mass on Wednesday

## FROM FR. MICHAL

### St. Mary's Cemetery

We have scheduled our cemetery to undergo scanning by a professional company this August. In preparation for this project, we kindly request that all items surrounding the burial markers be removed by **August 1**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

### Thank you

Thank you for your generous donations to renovate our bell and improve the chapel tower. It is very encouraging that we all care about our most precious treasure, which is our chapel from 1854 and the bell from 1881. Work will begin when the bell company and contractor can come to us. Our bell, which has served previous generations, will serve all of us and future generations in good condition for many years.

Many thanks also to Tom Brueno and the gardening ministry for taking such beautiful care of the greenery and plants on our property. It is quite a task, especially in such a hot time. Thank you to all those who also helped spread new mulch. Thank you for cleaning up the vegetation at our Parish Center. Many neglected things have already been done, so it will be easier to keep our property in good condition.

I would also like to thank Mr. Leszek Lasota and Witold Tomczyk for installing a new stained-glass window in our church. This was a difficult task that required a lot of work, but now, thanks to their efforts, we can enjoy a new image of the Holy Spirit.

I am thrilled and grateful that more and more parishioners are caring for our church! It's great that so many of us want to get more involved! Even a small thing done with great love is divine!

## FAITH FORMATION

The Religious Formation program is accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year for students in grades 1-8. For a registration form and further information, see the parish website, scan the QR code, or email Sarah Hunter, OLM's Coordinator of Religious Formation at [olmrf@ourladyofmercyparish.com](mailto:olmrf@ourladyofmercyparish.com).



## BALTIMORE CATECHISM

**158. Why is the Catholic Church catholic or universal?** The Catholic Church is catholic or universal because, destined to last for all time, it never fails to fulfill the divine commandment to teach all nations all the truths revealed by God.

**159. Why is the Catholic Church apostolic?** The Catholic Church is apostolic because it was founded by Christ on the apostles and, according to His divine will, has always been governed by their lawful successors.

## FOOD COLLECTION

Our monthly food collection to benefit the OLM and Interfaith Food pantries will be held on the weekend of **August 3-4**. Kindly leave your donations in the Church vestibule. Thank you, again, for your overwhelming generosity.



## BACKPACKS

Please consider donating backpacks and school supplies for a special OLM initiative sponsored by our Caring and Sharing Committee and our Health Ministry for the benefit of students in need. Leave your donations (backpacks, pens, pencils, calculators, notebooks, glue sticks, rulers, folders, arts & crafts supplies, and tissues) in the main vestibule of the church on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The closing date is August 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much for your generosity to the needy youth of the parish and the diocese.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**July 29** ▶ Today, we celebrate an extraordinary celebration - in one liturgy, we commemorate three siblings. **Martha** came from Bethany, a town on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, near the village of Bethphage, about 2 miles from Jerusalem (today Al Azariya). She was the sister of Mary and Lazarus, whom Christ had been friends with. St. Luke describes one of their meetings in detail (Lk 10:38-42). Martha is also mentioned in the Gospel of St. John, who records the raising of Lazarus after she confessed her faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God (Jn 11:1-45). John also describes Jesus' visit to Lazarus six days before the Passover, where Martha served (Jn 12:1-11). It was from Bethany that Jesus set out in triumph on a donkey for Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Mk 11:1). Finally, near Bethany, Jesus ascended from the Mount of Olives into heaven (Luke 24:50). St. Martha is the patron saint of housewives, hoteliers, cooks, cleaners, and innkeepers. A Provence legend states that after Jesus' Ascension, the Jews put Lazarus, Mary, and Martha on a ship without a rudder and so sent them out into the Mediterranean Sea. They all landed safely on the coast of France, near Marseille (other stories indicate Autun and Avallon). Lazarus was to become the first bishop of this city, Martha founded a convent nearby, and Mary did penance in a nearby hermitage. **Mary** was the sister of Martha and Lazarus. She believed in Christ even before her brother was raised from the dead (John 11:1-44). She was the woman who, according to Jesus' words, "chose the good part" (Luke 10:42), listening to the words of the Savior. She anointed His feet with a precious ointment made of spikenard (John 12:3). According to Tradition, Mary and Martha were among the women who rushed to Jesus' tomb with spices. We know **Lazarus** from the Gospel of John (John 11:1-44; 12:1-11) as the brother of Mary and Martha. When Jesus was staying on the shores of the Jordan River due to fear of the Jews, news of Lazarus' death reached him. He then returned to Judea and went to Bethany. St. John describes in detail the scene of His meeting with the sisters, the dialogue with Martha, Jesus' deep emotion, and the resurrection of Lazarus. We also learn about the reaction of the Jews, who could not deny the facts but hated Jesus even more. This reluctance also affected Lazarus. John the Evangelist also describes another stay of Jesus in Lazarus' house the day before He entered Jerusalem (John 12:1-11). Anonymous Christian writers supplemented the Gospel's silence about Lazarus's further fate. In the East, the most famous legend was that which made Lazarus the bishop of Cyprus and placed his - second - tomb there. The so-called Lazarus Sunday, one of the last Sundays of Lent, on which the Gospel of his resurrection was read, and scrutiny was carried out before admission to baptism. **July 31** ▶ **Ignatius** was born in 1491 in the castle of **Loyola** in Spain. He was wounded in 1521, and during his recovery, he read "The Golden Legend" and "The Life of Jesus". After recovering, he gave away his expensive knight's robes to a beggar and settled in Manresa, choosing to live in one of the caves. In 1523, Ignatius went on a pilgrimage through Rome and Venice, living on money he begged and favors he did along the way. He studied Latin for two years in Barcelona despite being 34 years old. He studied philosophy, founded the Society of Jesus, and took vows of poverty, chastity, and fidelity to the Church. He went to Rome with some followers, and

Pope Paul III kindly received them. Ignatius and his companions became priests and focused on serving the sick and teaching children. The Society grew quickly, and in 1541, St. Francis Xavier was invited to India. St. Peter Faber preached in northern Italy, southern France, and Spain. In 1541, Ignatius was elected superior general of the Jesuits. The Pope gave them the Church of Our Lady della Strada the same year. In 1542, the Jesuits founded a college in Coimbra. In 1550, St. Francis Borgia joined the order. Ignatius died on July 31, 1556, leaving behind valuable writings on spirituality and mysticism. **August 1** ▶ **Alphonsus Maria Liguori** was born in 1696 into a wealthy noble family near Naples. He became a renowned preacher and established the Congregation of the Savior. Alphonsus also noticed the local highlanders lacked pastoral care, so he established the male congregation "Most Holy Redeemer" in 1732. In 1762, he was appointed a bishop of S. Agata dei Goti. Alphonsus dedicated himself to apostolic work, giving all his income to the poor and new institutions. He died on August 1, 1787, at 91 and was beatified in 1816 and canonized in 1839. St. Alphonsus Liguori was known for giving over 500 missions and retreats and was a prolific writer. He is the patron of the Redemptorist Order, lawyers, lay people, confessors, and theologians, especially moralists.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### KNIGHTS DONATE DRIVE CHECKS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Elizabeth Ann Seton Council delivered checks this week to three of the local organizations that help the intellectually and physically challenged.



The donations were raised from the generous parishioners of both Our Lady of Mercy Church and Notre Dame Church last Fall, and from local businesses this Spring. The Knights raised \$11,000 this year, and the past 30 years have totaled over \$306,000 to enhance the lives of those in need. Photos

below show co-chairmen Dennis Fashano and Mike Mulligan giving checks to Executive Director Patty Sly of PG Chambers School, HR Coordinator Theresa Goddings of The Rose House, and Manager of Fundraising and Events Karen Rynearson of Employment Horizons. Checks were also sent to the Department of Persons with Disabilities, Arc of Morris, and Allegro School.



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