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ON EARTH?**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 20, 2019

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Mass of Anticipation for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Jeanne Scott—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Frank & Jennie Longo—Memorial
 10:30AM Andrew Rockett—1st Anniversary
 5:00PM Sylvia Maddalena—10th Anniversary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Weekday
 7:30AM Vivian Ross—4th Anniversary

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Weekday; St. John Paul II, Pope
 7:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Weekday; St. John of Capistrano, Priest
 7:30AM Thomas Granahan—22nd Anniversary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

Weekday; St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
 7:30AM Florentina deLeon—34th Anniversary

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

Weekday
 7:30AM Ada Pyun—10th Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Weekdays; BVM
 8:30AM Louise Kiernan & Mary Shehab—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Gary Bizjack—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Memorial
 9:00 AM Catherine Grimes—35th Anniversary
 10:30AM John T. Cole—1st Anniversary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

I am happy to announce that my time as Administrator *pro tem* at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and St. Vincent De Paul Church in Coventry ended on October 5th. Their pastor is back and I'm now back at OLM! I thank Fr. Barrow, the OLM Staff, and you, for your patience and understanding during the eight weeks I served in Coventry. It's good to be back full-time at OLM!!

Last Sunday at Mass our talented musicians sang a hymn, entitled *Lead, Kindly Light*. The words were written in 1833 by Saint John Henry Newman as a poem titled "*the Pillar and the Cloud*". Newman was canonized a saint last Sunday by Pope Francis.

As a young priest, Newman became sick while in Italy and was unable to travel for almost three weeks. In his own words: "*I was aching to get home, yet for want of a vessel I was kept at Palermo for three weeks. I began to visit the churches, and they calmed my impatience, though I did not attend any services. At last I got off in an orange boat, bound for Marseilles. We were becalmed for whole week in the Straits of Bonifacio, and it was there that I wrote the lines, Lead, Kindly Light, which have since become so well known.*"

The lyrics of Newman's poetic hymn read: "*Lead, kindly light, amidst th'encircling gloom, lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home, lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me. I was not ever*

thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will. Remember not past years! So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on. O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone, and with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile! Meantime, along the narrow rugged path, Thyself hast trod, lead, Savior, lead me home in childlike faith, home to my God. To rest forever after earthly strife in the calm light of everlasting life."

Nearly two centuries ago, John Henry Newman was England's most well-known Anglican priest, until he risked everything to become a Catholic. Newman was a 19th-century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Born in 1801, well before his conversion he was a well-known and highly-respected Oxford academic, Anglican preacher, and public intellectual.

In 1845 his conversion to the Catholic faith resulted in the loss of many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again. He became a Catholic priest in 1847 and founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England. In 1879, Pope Leo XII named him a Cardinal.

Newman was dedicated to education and founded schools as well as the Catholic University of Ireland. His "*Idea of a University*" became a foundational text on Catholic higher education. He was a prolific author, poet and letter

writer. Newman died in Birmingham in 1890 at age 89.

Pope Francis named Cardinal John Henry Newman a saint last Sunday and told Catholics that the goal of life is a transforming encounter with Jesus. He said: "*The ultimate goal is not health or wellness, but the encounter with Jesus. He alone frees us from evil and heals our hearts. Only an encounter with him can save, can make life full and beautiful.*"

The canonization was attended by Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, along with delegates from the Church of England. At the Canonization Mass, Pope Francis read a quote from one of Newman's sermons describing the holiness of daily life. Newman wrote: "*The Christian has a deep, silent, hidden peace, which the world sees not. The Christian is cheerful, easy, kind, gentle, courteous, candid, unassuming; has no pretense with so little that is unusual or striking in his bearing, that he may easily be taken at first sight for an ordinary man.*"

On Monday night, Dominican Father Alan Piper, OP, Theology Professor at PC, leads our Devotions and offers a reflection on the rosary. He also hears Confessions beginning at 6:00PM. I hope you can join us as we pray the rosary.

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us! *Oremus pro invicem!*

Father Healey



How long are the days in Genesis?

One of the questions that I have been asked by the eighth graders whom I teach is whether the days in Genesis chapter one are 24-hour periods. It is a good question, especially if one considers that contemporary scientific investigation dates the earth at 4.5 billion years old and the galaxy at a whopping 13.7 billion years old. Genesis chapter one seems to describe the creation of the entire universe over a span of a mere six days. How do we understand the Genesis chapter one creation account in light of modern science? In particular, what is the meaning of a “day” in Genesis?

It is sometimes risky to harmonize and concord everything we have in scripture to the science of the day (it is a movement called Concordism). Sometimes science changes and we find the interpretation of scripture tied to an outdated theory. But this should not disconcert us, for both reason and faith, science and religion are never in competition or contradiction. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church (159) tells us, “Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth.”

So how long is a “day” in Genesis? The Hebrew word for “day” is yom and can mean at least three different lengths of time: (1) A period of twenty-four hours. (2) The period from sunrise to sunset. (3) A time period of an unspecified, but finite length. In the writings of the Fathers there are various opinions as to the length of these days. For instance, Augustine writes, “...we must bear in mind that these days [24-hour time periods] indeed recall the days of creation, but without any way being really similar to them.”

So, the Church has not definitively stated the length of the days of Genesis and we as Catholics are free to interpret a “day” in Genesis according to how we see the evidence.



Weekly Collection

October 13, 2019

Weekly.....	\$13,126.00
EFT.....	\$2,773.00
	Total=\$15,899.00
Outreach.....	\$632.00
Seminarian Education Fund.....	\$2,691.00
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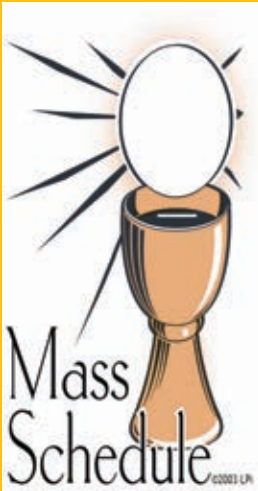
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This Week: World Missions**



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SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE

The 5:00PM Saturday Evening Mass moves back to 4:00PM start time beginning on Saturday, November 2nd. Saturday Confessions move from 4:00PM back to 3:00PM start time on Saturday, November 2nd.



Upcoming Dates to remember:

All RE Classes meet this weekend and next weekend.



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets **Thursday, November 7th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.** All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Come,
Pray +
the Rosary

October Devotions

Every Monday in October at 7pm
Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction

Monday, October 21

“Mary: Bearer of Revelation”

A Reflection by Fr. Alan Piper, O.P
Professor of Theology, Providence College

*Fr. Piper will be hearing
Confessions at 6pm*



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Tuesday, October 22: OLM School Mass at 8:15am; PTG Meeting at 6:15pm
- Wednesday, October 23: Flu Clinic at 4:30pm
- Friday, October 25: Trunk or Treat from 5:30pm–7:30pm

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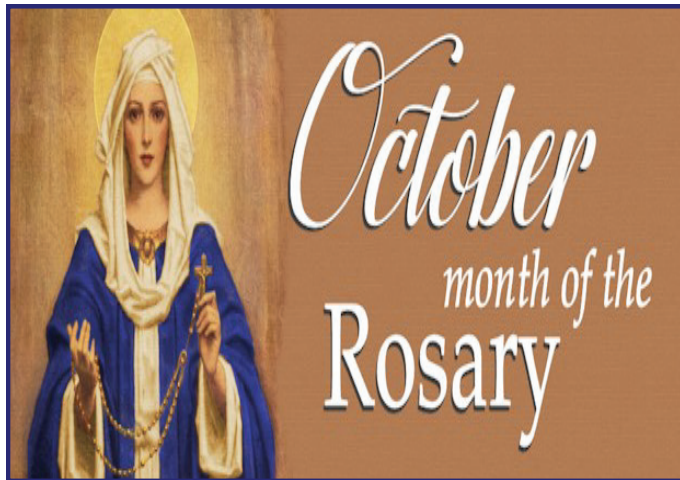
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CHILDREN
TO PRAY.**





Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!



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and his parents, John & Kerry

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and his parents, Brian & Christina.

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