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# Mass Intentions for the Week

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 16, 2022

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

*The Mass of Anticipation of the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
4:00PM Jeffrey D. Ferland—1st Anniversary

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Shelia Andrews—Memorial  
9:00AM Donna J. Storti—Memorial  
10:30AM Norman Murtha—42nd Anniversary  
5:00PM Joseph Arroyo—Memorial

## MONDAY, JANUARY 17—MLK HOLIDAY

*St. Anthony, Abbot*  
8:30AM Souls in Purgatory

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

*Weekday*  
7:30AM Rosalie Ferruccio—Memorial

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

*Weekday*  
7:30AM John, David & Louise Kiernan—Memorial

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

*Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr*  
7:30AM Christopher Franzone—Memorial

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

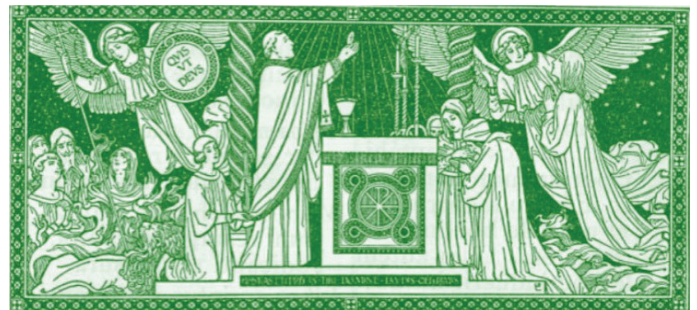
*St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*  
7:30AM Jean M. Selwyn—21st Anniversary

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*  
8:30AM For All Unborn Children  
*The Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
4:00PM Ellen Simms—Memorial

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

*The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial  
9:00AM For the Souls in Purgatory  
10:30AM Margaret Healey—34th Anniversary  
5:00PM Peter Bamberry—Memorial



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Dear Parishioners:

Next Saturday, January 22nd, marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decision reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.”

However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. So I urge you to take up prayer this week for the legal protection of the unborn and an end to abortion.

Please consider signing up for the 9 Days for Life. It is a novena for the protection of human life and begins on January 19th. Each day’s prayer intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. You can sign up online by going to [9DaysForLife.com](http://9DaysForLife.com)

Next Saturday, the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. At OLM, we begin this sad day with Mass for the Unborn at 8:30 am, followed by Eucharistic Adoration. At Noon we pray a Rosary for Life and receive Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please take the time to join us in prayer for the protection of the unborn.

As we mark this sad anniversary with prayer, thousands will march for life in Washington, DC. They will be praying for the Supreme Court to overturn the Roe v. Wade Decision. Then some states can begin to outlaw the evil of

abortion.

Tragically in 2019, the R.I. General Assembly, enthusiastically supported by Representatives and Senators from East Greenwich, North Kingstown, and Warwick, passed legislation that enshrined the Roe v. Wade Decision in R.I. Law. As a result, in Rhode Island, innocent unborn children can now be killed by abortion up until the time of birth.

Apparently this evil is not enough for the purveyors of abortion at Planned Parenthood and their enthusiastic allies at the Assembly. Last week, the supporters of abortion introduced legislation in the R.I. General Assembly requiring Rhode Islanders to pay for abortion with tax dollars.

The Catholic Church firmly believes in the dignity of human life from natural conception to natural death, including that of all unborn children. This bill would be a step in the wrong direction to protecting unborn children and their mothers from the violence of abortion.

Saint Pope John Paul II teaches that *“a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.”*

Those who advocate for abortion often suggest that it is cheaper to abort the children born into poverty than care for them after birth. Yet, as a caring and compassionate society, we

must provide the necessities to sustain life—adequate housing, nutrition, clothing, education, employment, healthcare, prenatal care, and childcare for *“those who are in the shadows of life.”* For women who live in poverty, abortion is a desperate act, not an act of choice.

We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this weekend and recall his heroic work for racial justice and equality for African Americans. And while there have been great advancements in civil rights, we continue to pray for an end to all racism, hatred, and injustice. Dr. King said: *“The time is always right to do what is right.”*

His prophetic words should call us to prayer and action to end the intrinsic evils of abortion and racism. For the two are often connected. Margaret Sanger, who founded Planned Parenthood, is now disavowed for “her racist legacy” and her “connections to the eugenics movement.” She once wrote, *“The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”*

Sadly, such macabre ideas are alive and well in our world, our nation, and at our State House. So pray for life, contact your elected officials, and tell them to oppose the public financing of abortion. Join us next Saturday as we pray for the legal protection of the unborn. Be well. Do good. God Bless. God protect the unborn!



*As we enter this new year it is time to change things up a bit. One of the great treasures of the Catholic Church is the feast days of saints that we celebrate throughout the year. They open up to us up the rich tradition of the Church as we turn to her saints as a sign of hope of eternal life in heaven and for their intercession. We should celebrate these feast days with prayers and a meal. With that in mind each month I will provide a recipe based on the feast day of the saint we celebrate that month.*

**January 17 – St. Anthony the Great**

A 4th century hermit is called the founder of Christian monasticism. Through his time as a hermit he was greatly tormented, especially by the devil who had taken the form of a pig. Never relenting St. Anthony stayed with his great devotion to prayer and penance. The fact that the devil took the form of a pig to torment him led St. Anthony to being named the patron saint of bacon and butchers! The Church often has a sense of humor in naming patron saints! Here is a recipe to help celebrate this great saint!

**Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin**

**Ingredients**

- 10 slices of bacon
- 1 Lbs. pork tenderloin
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp honey

**Cooking Instructions**

Preheat Oven 400 °F. Lay out bacon on a cutting board so that the strips slightly overlap on the long side. Tuck the thin end of the pork tenderloin under so that both ends are roughly the same thickness, then season with salt and pepper. Heat oil in an oven proof skillet on high heat. Then sear the pork until all sides are browned (don't cook it through as it will be going in the oven). Turn off heat and allow to cool until the pork can be handled. Wrap pork in bacon. Place the pork tenderloin across the bacon (so it goes over every strip). Slide a long knife under the bacon and pork and lift to get started rolling it. Transfer the roll to the previous skillet, with the seam side down. Drizzle with honey and brush to coat. Bake for 20 minutes (time may vary based on oven, looking for an internal temperature of 150°F). At the 15 minute mark baste with the juices from the pan. Remove from oven and let rest for 5 minutes, baste once more. Slice and Serve! Bacon Wrapped Pork Tenderloin can be served with just about any sides you like!

**Weekly Collection**

**January 9 2022**

Weekly.....	\$12,230.00
EFT.....	\$9,535.00
	<b>Total=\$21,765.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,989.00


**January 10, 2021**

Weekly.....	\$15,098.00
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**Second Collections**  
**This Week: Catholic University of America**  
**Next Week: The Church in Latin America**


*Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.*



**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**  
**Monday, January 17, 2022**  
**Mass at 8:30am**

*The OLM Parish Office will be closed*

**WHERE ARE THE BUDGET ENVELOPES?????**



If you have not yet received your OLM Budget Envelope Package this month, please note that this a U.S. Postal System delay. The envelopes are mailed by a third party vendor not by OLM. **Please call the local Postmaster to inquire about the location of your envelopes. Also, please consider giving online instead of relying upon the U.S. Post Office; sign up with Parish Giving at [olmparish.org](http://olmparish.org)**



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially for **Anthony D. Mastronardi** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



# Religious Education NEWS

**RE Calendar of Events**

**Sunday, January 16:**

5:00PM Mass and NO CLASS (MLK weekend)

**Sunday, January 23:**

5:00PM Mass & Class: 1st Communion and Grade 1

**Sunday, January 30:**

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

*Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class.*



**PRAY  
TO END  
RACISM**



## Outreach Update

• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

• **OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 4:00PM** in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

• For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



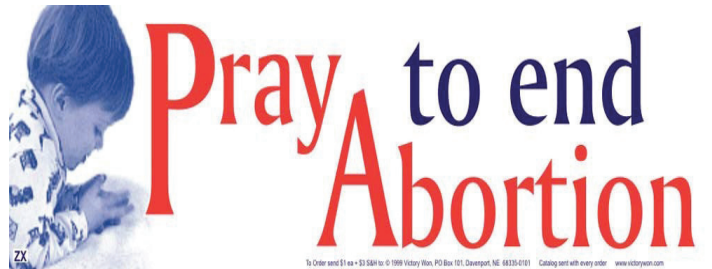
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**Schedule of Events**

• **Monday, January 17:** No School for the MLK Holiday.

• **Tuesday, January 18:** OLM School Weekly Mass at 8:15am

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**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of  
Unborn Children**

**Saturday, January 22, 2022**

Mass at 8:30am

Adoration & Prayer Follow Mass

Rosary for Life & Benediction at NOON

# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE!

**JANUARY 19-27, 2022**

*9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



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