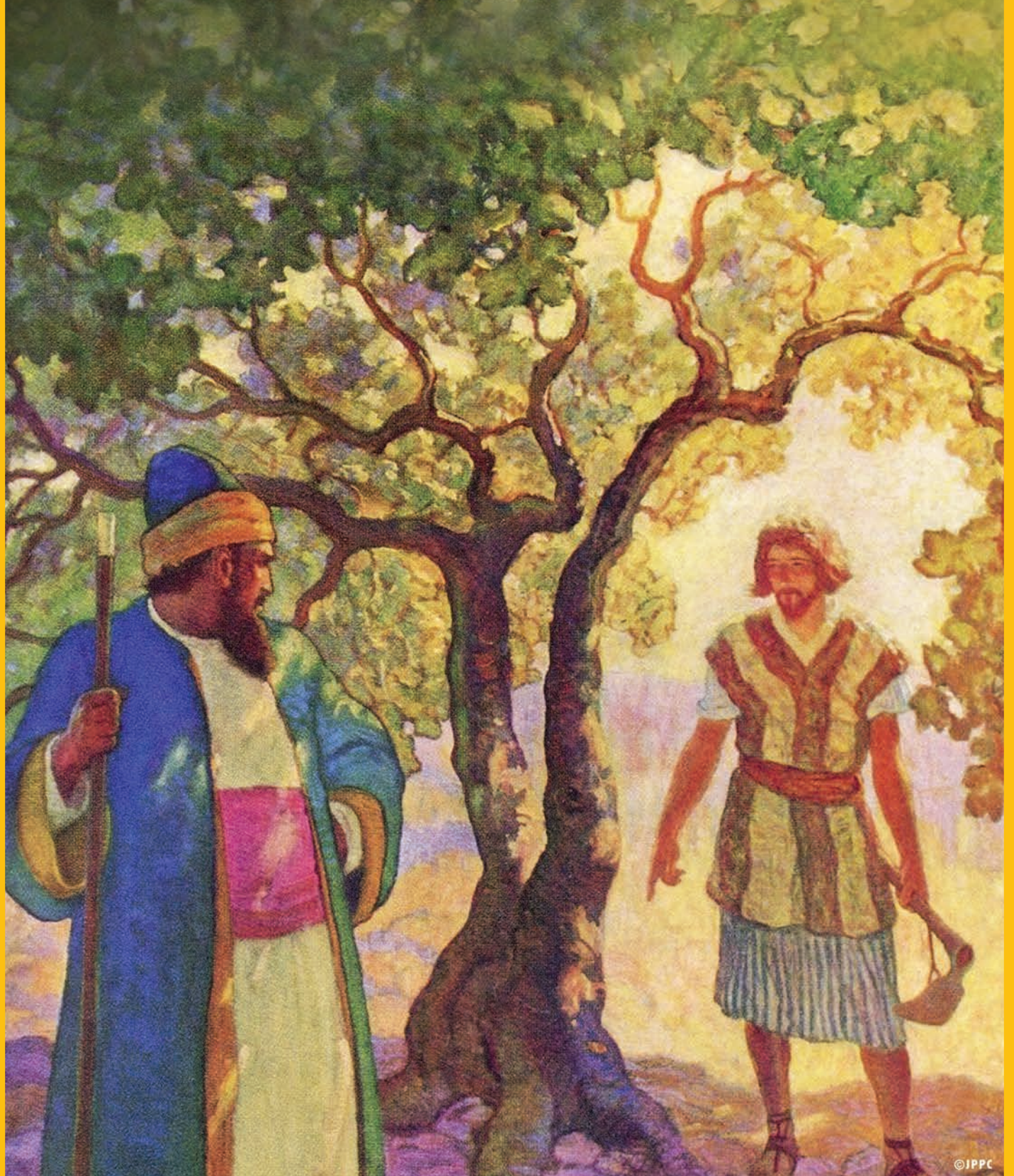


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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 20, 2022**

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

The Mass of Anticipation of the 3rd Sunday of Lent
4:00PM Daniel J. Storti—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Michael McGlynn—Memorial

10:30AM Maria Aquino & Jerry Caporaso—Birthday Rem.

5:00PM Dr. Bernard St. Jean

MONDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Huberta R. McDevitt—Memorial

12:05PM Anna Abatamatao—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM William J. Manton, Jr. & Warren Manton—Mem.

12:05PM Phyllis Dailey—2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:30AM Ronald Oliver—1st Anniversary

12:05PM Doreen Kiernan Scott—Memorial

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday: St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Tom Cavanagh—Birthday Remembrance

12:05PM Pauline Salvatore—Months Mind

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30AM Ada Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

12:05PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Elizabeth Loughlin—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00PM Helen Whalen—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:30 AM Dino Martini—Memorial

9:00AM David & Bethany Briggs—Memorial

10:30AM Dolly Healey—35th Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





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I thank those parishioners who have so generously supported the Catholic Charity Appeal. With the support of every parish family, we can make our parish goal of \$190,000. So far, just 220 parish families in a parish of over 2,000 families have pledged, and we have raised just over \$116,000.

We ask every parish family to pledge a gift of \$300 over ten months. Your monthly pledge of \$30 helps fund the many ministries and charitable services of the Diocese of Providence.

Each day thousands of our brothers and sisters in need are served thanks to the good works funded by the CCA. With the support of all our parish, we can achieve our goal. May God bless your generosity to the poor and needy!

We had two grand celebrations of faith and heritage this past week. The annual celebrations of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, and St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church. It was wonderful to have our festive receptions following the joyful Masses after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. My thanks to all those who made these days so special.

We have a special event this week as the noted Catholic writer, George Weigel, speaks at OLM. He is the Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and the author of the much-acclaimed two-volume biography of Pope St. John Paul II, *Witness to Hope*.

Mr. Weigel's essays, op-ed columns, and reviews

appear regularly in major opinion journals and newspapers across the United States. He is also Senior Vatican Analyst for NBC News. His weekly column, "The Catholic Difference," appears in the Rhode Island Catholic.

Mr. Weigel is speaking as part of a series of events marking the Diocese of Providence's 150th Anniversary. He has titled his talk for Wednesday "*The Catholic Moment: The Church in the United States and the Redemption of American Democracy*." There are no tickets or reservations necessary to attend the event, so please join us.

Lent is the time of year when God obligates us to prepare our hearts and purify our souls so that we are ready to receive Our Lord in His glorious coming at Easter. There's no time to delay. Scripture says, "*Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*"

Yet, for many Catholics going to Confession is a daunting thought. However, Confession is the Sacrament in which God's Mercy manifests itself most dramatically. It reminds us that no matter how great our sins, God's Mercy abounds; no sin is too great for God.

In approaching the Confessional, no matter how uncomfortable, ashamed, or afraid we might feel, we place our trust in God, and our joy is complete at the end of the experience. Jesus demonstrates the depth of His mercy in the parable of the prodigal son. There is much rejoicing in heaven when just one sinner

repents.

So although we may be ashamed or afraid, we are called to have courage and humbly approach this great Sacrament of Mercy. God's mercy knows no limits and understands our human limitations.

In this Sacrament, Christ transforms our lives. If we are open to his mercy, have true sorrow for our sins, and the desire to turn from sin into a life of grace, then the Sacrament is a rich source of grace. It calms the conscience and consoles the spirit.

Next Saturday is a great opportunity to come to OLM, make a good confession, and truly prepare for Easter. All-Day Confessions at OLM with four confessors are from 9:00am until 3:00pm. I am grateful to the many priests from across the Diocese of Providence coming to OLM to hear Confessions.

St. Augustine says: "*In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You.*" So don't hide from God but come to him in humility and with repentance in the Sacrament of Confession. He is waiting patiently to forgive your sins and impart the grace needed to follow him with faith, hope, and love. Indeed there will be much rejoicing in heaven next Saturday for just one repenting sinner!

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Prepare for Easter, humbly seek God's mercy and make a good Confession next Saturday!

Father Healey



March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Many already have their St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day meals planned, so for the Month of March we move to the "New World" and the Archdiocese of Lima, Peru. St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, was born in 1538 to Spanish nobility and while he was still a layman, was chosen by King Philip II to be consecrated as missionary archbishop for the Spanish colony of Peru. Though he protested at first, he eventually complied, was consecrated bishop and left for Lima at the age of 43. His mountainous diocese provided challenging travel as he made his way ministering to his people. He immersed himself in the local culture while being a true herald of the Gospel to the indigenous Peruvians. He dedicated the remainder of his life to them and their conversion. St. Turibius is the patron saint of native peoples' rights and Latin American bishops.

Arroz con Camarones – Peruvian Rice with Shrimp

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs raw shrimp shells on, deveined
- 2 tsp cumin
- 4 garlic cloves crushed
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 2 tbs neutral oil
- 2 cups uncooked rice
- 3 tbs butter
- 1 cup peas
- 1 red onion diced
- 1 bell pepper diced
- 2 tomatoes peeled and seeded, diced
- 3 tbs parsley finely chopped, plus more to garnish
- 1 tsp ground achiote or annatto
- ½ cup of white wine
- Salt and pepper

Step 1 - Marinate the shrimp with salt, pepper, 1 tsp of cumin, and the crushed garlic. Step 2 - Bring water to boil in a large pot, add the shrimp and boil for about 2 minutes. Step 3- Remove the shrimp from the water and reserve 2 ½ cups of the water they cooked in to prepare the rice. Step 4- Remove the shells and tails from the shrimp; Chop about half of the shrimp in half and leave the other half whole. Step 5- Heat the oil in a large saucepan or pot, add the minced garlic, cook for about 2-3 minutes on medium heat. Step 6- Add the rice to the garlic and oil, mix well until the rice is coated with oil. Step 7 - Add the 2 ½ cups of water that was used to boil the shrimp. Bring to boil and reduce heat to low. Step 8- In the meantime, melt the butter over medium heat in a large sauté pan; add the onions, peppers, tomatoes, parsley, ground achiote, salt, pepper, and remaining 1 tsp of cumin. Cook for about 10 minutes, stirring often. Step 9 - Add the white wine to the vegetable mix and continue cooking for another 5 minutes, until the onions and peppers are tender. Step 10 - Mix in the sautéed vegetables and chopped shrimp with the rice, which should still be cooking, and cook on low heat until the rice is tender. Step 11 - Add the remaining shrimp and peas during the last minutes and mix well. Top with parsley and serve

Weekly Collection

March 13, 2022

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| Weekly..... | \$7,583.00 |
| EFT..... | \$5,991.00 |
| | Total=\$13,574.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$1,850.00 |

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RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, March 20:

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

Sunday, March 27:

5:00PM Mass and Class: 8th Grade Confirmation

Sunday, April 3:

5:00PM Mass and Class: Grade 1 & Grade 2

Sunday, April 10:

Mass at 5:00PM, No Class

Easter Sunday, April 17:

No Mass and No Class

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class

Important Dates:

Saturday, April 2: First Penance at 1:00pm

Saturday, April 9: First Penance at 1:00pm

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, April 7, 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

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Schedule of Events

- **March 21-24:** In Person Book Fair
- **Wednesday, March 23:** Report Cards go home!
- **Thursday, March 24:** George Weigel Talk for Middle School Students
- **Friday, March 25:** Stations of the Cross at 8:15am led by the 8th Grade

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GEORGE WEIGEL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 | 7:00 P.M.

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Join distinguished Catholic Intellectual George Weigel for a lecture on "**The Catholic Moment: The Church in the United States and the Redemption of American Democracy.**"

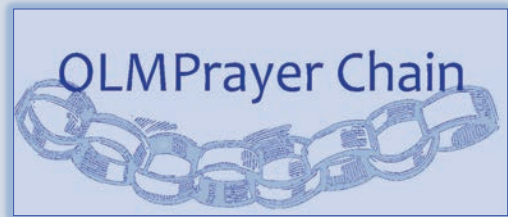
The Church in America is living through one of the great transitional periods in the two millennia of Catholic history. George Weigel, biographer of Saint John Paul II, will explore what that transition means and how an evangelically vibrant Church could help heal a fractured American public culture.

This event is co-sponsored by Portsmouth Institute for Faith and Culture.

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In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially **Joan M. Lepry** whose Mass of Christian Burial is to be celebrated this week.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer 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.

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