



## SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

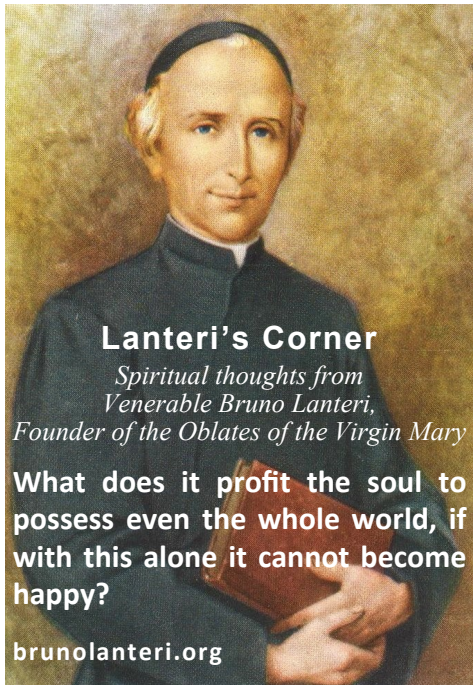
*Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time — January 21, 2018



***January 22 is a Day of Prayer and Penance for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. At the chapel, we will have a Holy Hour starting at 3:30 PM with prayers, readings, meditation and Benediction.***





Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?



Contact our Vocation Director  
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## The Chapel Gift Shop *Item of the Week...*

*Books and DVDs that Celebrate Life*



Fr. Timothy Gallagher, OMV, will present a seminar Saturday and Sunday, January 27-28, 2018, on **Praying with Scripture: Ignatian Meditation and Contemplation** at St. Clement Shrine, Boston.

To register or for more information, please write us at [omvusa@gmail.com](mailto:omvusa@gmail.com).

## CHAPEL SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (en español):  
 Sunday 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:45 AM,  
 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 Noon

### Confessions

Monday - Friday 11:15 - 11:50 AM, 12:45 - 4:15 PM;  
 Saturday 9:45 - 11:45 AM, 12:45 - 3:30 PM

### Devotions

Tuesday after Mass: Memorare; Thursday after Mass: St. Jude;  
 Monday - Friday after 4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - Friday 8:30-11:45 AM, 1:00-4:30 PM;  
 Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM 12:30 - 3:30 PM; Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

### Gift Shop Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Thursday - closed;  
 Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM\*; Sunday 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM\*  
 (\*Closed during Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses)

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## SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

We make this appeal to you to participate in the Chapel's transformation through funding, prayer and suggestions. Please use the special envelopes found in the chapel entrance for this purpose. You may also use the giving kiosk in the entrance or visit [stfrancis chapel.org](http://stfrancis chapel.org), click on the *Donate* button and enter "renovation" in the *Special Instructions* box.

*Thank you and God bless you for all you do in helping the mission.*



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## Life and Dignity of the Human Person

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

— from [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)

For many years, their most significant and basic argument has been that the so-called fetus is not a human life. They also claim that the question of when human life begins is uncertain and a religious issue.

However, medical textbooks and scientific reference works consistently agree that life begins at conception, when a genetically distinct individual is brought into existence. Some of the world's most prominent scientists and physicians testified to a U.S. Senate committee that human life begins at conception. At these same hearings, pro-abortionists, though invited to do so, failed to produce even a single expert witness who would testify that life begins at any point other than conception.

From the moment of conception, the unborn fetus is not simple, but very complex. The newly fertilized egg contains a staggering amount of genetic information, sufficient to control the individual's growth and development for an entire lifetime. It is scientifically inaccurate and untrue to say a fetus is not a human being simply because he or she is at an earlier stage of development than an infant.

The mother and the unborn child are two separate individuals and half the time, they are not even the same sex! The child has its own DNA, fingerprints and blood type, distinct from the mother's.

— from [pro-lifearticles.org](http://pro-lifearticles.org)

When a woman finds herself pregnant in a crisis situation, she immediately calculates the date when her child would be born. She is aware of the tender feelings she has for her child who, if she takes no action to terminate the pregnancy, she will hold in her arms at that time. Simultaneously, however, she is often overwhelmed by dread, anxiety, external pressures, a sense of unworthiness to be a mother, and fear of loss of the relationship with the child's father. Strong ambivalent feelings cloud her ability to think clearly regarding the decision she is about to make. She is pressured to present herself for an abortion during the first three months of the pregnancy, because later abortions may not be available at the local abortion clinic due to their higher risk of complications, and also to safeguard her secret.

Pope John Paul II's "special word to women who have had an abortion" in *Evangelium Vitae* (n.99) has been a great consolation to many women—Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Here is what he said:

"I would like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you His forgiveness and His peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child who is now living in the Lord." (5)

— from [hopeafterabortion.com](http://hopeafterabortion.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 21

8:00 AM	Lorraine Logerfo
9:15 AM	+ Joseph & +Florence DiMaina
10:30 AM	Donna Morrissey — health
11:45 AM	+ Joseph Panchamsing
1:15 PM (esp)	+ Mariela Sanchez Pajou — family
4:00 PM	+ Thomas McAleer
5:30 PM	+ Carolyn Ward

### Monday, January 22

8:00 AM	Thomas Esposito
12:05 PM	+ John Belmonte
4:45 PM	+ Joe Timilty

### Tuesday, January 23

8:00 AM	Welz Family
12:05 PM	+ Thomas Tandjungan
4:45 PM	+ Richard Fahey

### Wednesday, January 24

8:00 AM	Richard & Carol McCulloch — health
12:05 PM	+ Irene Healy
4:45 PM	Michael, Irene & Sean

### Thursday, January 25

8:00 AM	+ Julia King
12:05 PM	Regan Family
4:45 PM	+ Francis Xavier Manning, Jr.

### Friday, January 26

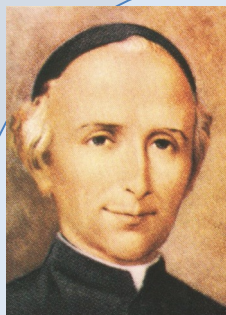
8:00 AM	Adam Krueckeberg
12:05 PM	+ Patima Lais
4:45 PM	+ Maria Heredia

### Saturday, January 27

9:00 AM	+ Winifred Samson
12:00 PM	+ Charles Hodges
4:00 PM	+ Anthony & + Helen Lupi
5:30 PM	+ Russell Eidell
7:00 PM (esp)	+ Virgelina Munar —

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# Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



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Lanteri  
(1759-1830)

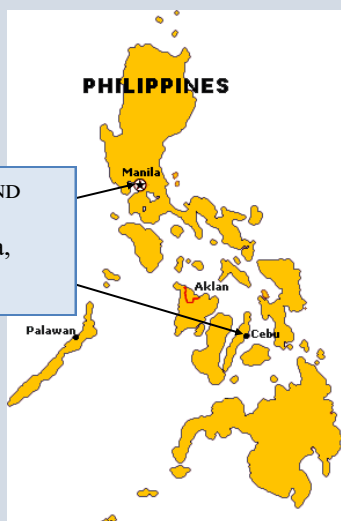
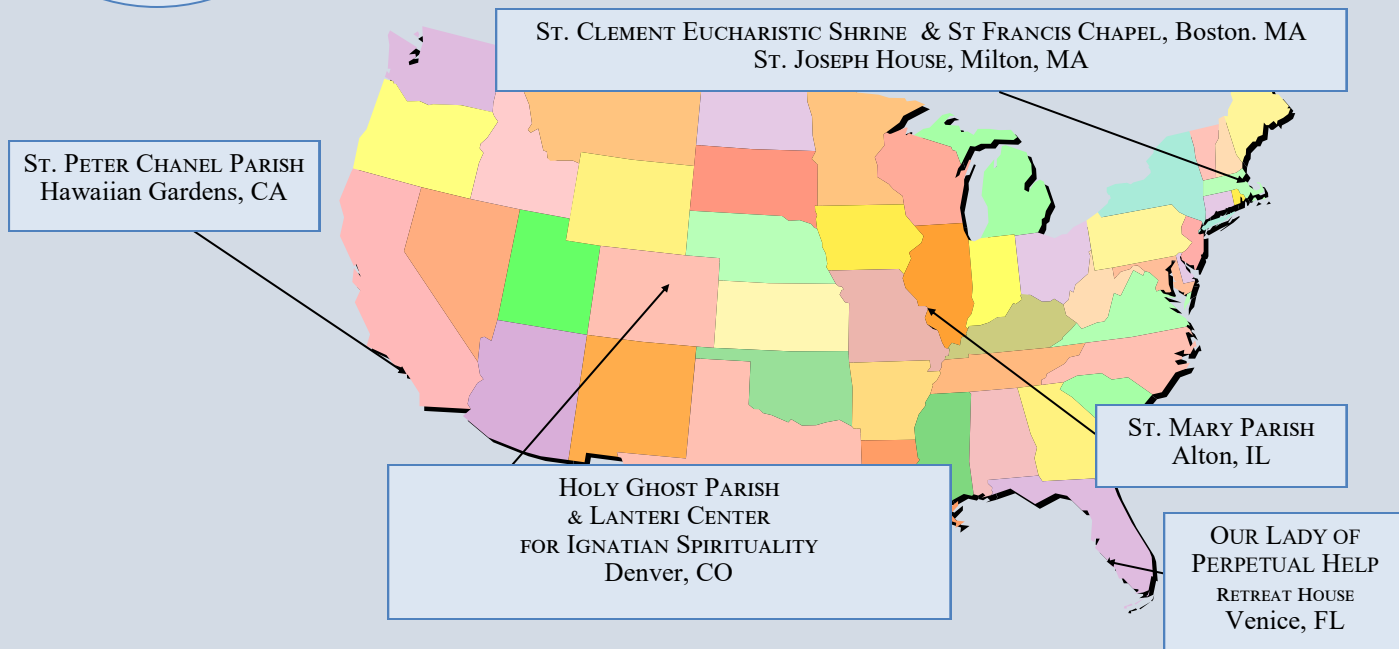
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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.



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The OMV motto,  
“*MARIAM COGITA,  
MARIAM INVOCA*”  
“*THINK OF MARY,  
CALL ON MARY*”  
is taken from a homily  
by  
St. Bernard.