

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — July 15, 2018



Our Lady of Mount Carmel [Feast day — July 16] and Saints Teresa of Avila, Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Angelus of Jerusalem and Simon Stock, Pietro Novelli

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 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:

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:45 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM, 12 PM

Confessions:

Mon. - Fri. 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,
5:30 p.m. Vespers;
Thursday after Mass:
St. Jude;
Monday -Friday after
4:45 p.m. Mass: Rosary

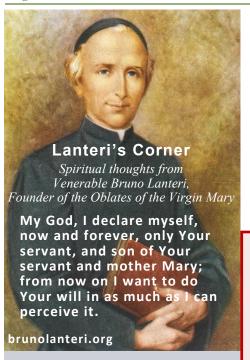
Exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Mon. - Fri. 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., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Tuesday - closed; Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM* (*Closed during Sunday Masses and Saturday Vigil Masses) Page 2 St. Francis Chapel July 15, 2018 Prudential Center, Boston



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



Contact our Vocation Director Fr. John Luong, OMV at frjohnomv@gmail.com or visit omvusa.org

CHAPEL STAFF

Fr. James Doran, OMV (director@stfrancischapel.org)

Fr. Robert Lowrey, OMV Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV

Music Ministry: Director: Rebecca Martin Kim Araiza Joanna Vasquez Saul Garcia

Robert Conley Justin Salisbury James Agolia

Cleaning of Chapel Environment: Nubia Viasus

If you are interested in joining our choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturdays, please email Kim at kim.araiza@gmail.com.
Rehearsals are at 4:45 PM every Saturday.



Welcome
Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV
to the staff of
St. Francis Chapel!
Fr. Isaac, who comes
to us from Nigeria,
celebrated his
10th anniversary of
the priesthood on
July 12th.
Praise be to God!



St. Maximilian Kolbe Novena Mass Cards

are now available in the chapel entrance. Enroll your loved ones in a novena of Masses in honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe beginning on August 6.



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Save the Date!

35th Anniversary Celebration

September 12

5:30 PM Mass followed by a

reception at the Sheraton Hotel

Help us tell our story

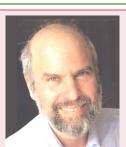
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Roy Schoeman, Jewish convert and author of Salvation is From the Jews, will give his witness testimony and a talk on



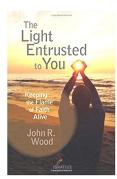
St. Maximilian Kolbe and the Holocaust



Monday, August 13 6 to 7 PM

The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week...

The Light Entrusted to You by John R. Wood



We keep the flame of our faith alive by sharing it with others. But we cannot share what we do not know and love ourselves. That's why author John Wood wrote this practical, inspiring primer, which explains the Catholic faith in six simple and engaging lessons that can be applied to everyday life.

This and other books for your summer reading are available in the Gift Shop.



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 **stfrancischapel.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.



A Reflection by Br. Paul Kallal, OMV

A few years ago, I read the book, Man Disconnected. In this book, the author conducted a survey in which he recorded the number of hours that a teenage boy spends on his electronic devices (iPad, smart phone, gaming device, etc.) as compared to having a conversation with his father. On average, in one week, a teenage boy spends 48 hours on his electronic devices as compared to a 30 minute conversation with his father. That's pretty mind boggling!

I share that statistic because during the month of July, St. Francis Chapel is honoring Mary in a special way by praying to Our Lady, Beloved Daughter of the Father. Recently, when reciting the prayer to Our Lady, the following words truly captured my heart... "Help me to be confident in the Father, for I am his child..." It can be difficult and at times seem impossible to be confident in the Father's love and believe we are His children. For many people, their image of God the Father is formed by the image of their earthly father. Therefore, if a person had a difficult relationship with one's own earthly father in whom they felt abandoned or unloved, then he or she can see God the Father has unloving and as a father who abandons. More so, life experiences shape our image of the Father. Life is certainly filled with many joys, but as baptized Christians, we know that suffering is inevitable. Consequently, in moments of suffering and heartache, the temptation we experience is that the Father has abandoned us; that God the Father does not care for us and has left us to fight our battles on our own. In these moments, what are we to do.

Hence, the prayer to Our Lady, Beloved Daughter of the Father. Who better 12:05 PM to turn to than to Mary to help us to be become more confident in the Father's love for us? From the Annunciation to the Passion, Mary trusted with her mind and her heart that God the Father loved her. It would have been easy for Mary to lack confidence in the Father. She was merely an unmarried teenage when she conceived Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. She was a widow as she stood at the foot of the cross. These life experiences could have easily tempted Mary to believe that God did not care for her. However, Mary did not run from God, rather she ran towards Him by embracing Christ and becoming the Mother of God. Therefore, turn to Mary, pray to Mary, and in doing so, you will not only experience the love of the Father, but you will be led to her Son, Jesus Christ. Wherever Mary is present, Christ is present also. Wherever, Christ is present, Mary is present also. Therefore, in turning to Mary, you will discover Jesus and hear His words, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father....for the Father and I are one." Will this change and confidence happen overnight? Most likely not. However, with the intercession of our Blessed Mother, we can grow in confidence and fortitude to never give up hope in the Father's love for each of us. Remember, we are not only baptized in Jesus' passion, but also Jesus' resurrection, in which we will see the face of the Father in our Heavenly glory.

Thus, through the intercession of Our Lady, Beloved Daughter of the Father, I pray that each of you may recall and experience the Father's love for you. Perhaps you might take a moment in prayer to ask yourself,

"What is my image of God the Father?" or "What is my image of my earthly father?" Do I see the God as a loving Father who loves and cares for me, who always has my best interest in mind? Or do I see the Father a police officer or as task master,

someone who is always watching over me counting my mistakes or burdening me with many labors? Ask yourself these questions in order to grow more intimate with the Father. Lastly, I always encourage individuals to pray Psalm 139, a beautiful psalm that reminds us that God the Father is always present in our lives, both in moments of darkness and moments of light. No matter where we go or what we do in life, the Father keeps His right hand upon us. We are never just another person in the crowed to Him, the Father sees us at all times, even from a distance!

O Holy Mary, Beloved Daughter of God, into thy blessed trust and special custody, and in the bosom of thy mercy I, this day and every day, and in the hour of my death, commend my soul and my body. Help me to confident in the Father, for I am His child, born of water and Spirit. Help me to faithful to my calling. Mary I, who share in the Divine Life as a beloved child of God the Father through Baptism, follow in Christ's path of service to people. Let me become on in His sacrifice and her His Word with faith. May I live as His child, following the example of Jesus. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 15

8:00 AM + Claire Sherman

9:15 AM Artemisia Schepis — health

10:30 AM + Joseph Lane 11:45 AM + Enrique Akut 1:15 PM (esp) + Ofelia Querubin 4:00 PM + Jeanneth Coolidge

5:30 PM + Roberto Alvez

Monday, July 16

8:00 AM + Alejandro Moreno 12:05 PM Janice Henry

4:45 PM Clara

Tuesday, July 17

8:00 AM + Thomas Decrescenzo

12:05 PM Lilia Mary 4:45 PM + Juan Moreno

Wednesday, July 18

8:00 AM + Joseph G. Maciora — 20th

anniversary

+ David Fitzpatrick **Buddy Brislin** 4:45 PM

Thursday, July 19

8:00 AM + Selena Reid 12:05 PM + Ann Feitelberg 4:45 PM + Teresa Tambunan

Friday, July 20

8:00 AM + Peter Paul McIntyre -

Wheatley

Peggy Perusse — health 12:05 PM

4:45 PM + John Gately

Saturday, July 21

9:00 AM Josephine Inverno 12:00 PM + Domingo Acero

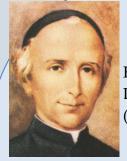
4:00 PM Roseanne Cunniffe 5:30 PM + Theresa Conroy

7:00 PM (esp) Intenciones de Ana y Claudia

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Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno Lanteri (1759-1830)

The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared "Venerable" the first step to
Sainthood.

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary is an international religious community of priests and brothers serving in Italy, France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, the United States and the Philippines. The Oblates are involved in retreat and parish missions, spiritual direction, parish work, the mass media, clergy formation, and the foreign missions.

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.

