

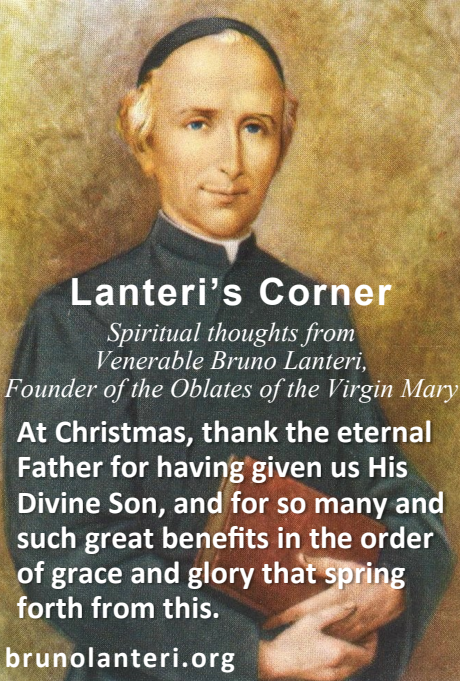
The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 23, 2018

Nativity, Benedetto Buglioni



Lanteri's Corner
*Spiritual thoughts from
 Venerable Bruno Lanteri,
 Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

At Christmas, thank the eternal Father for having given us His Divine Son, and for so many and such great benefits in the order of grace and glory that spring forth from this.

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

Contact our Vocation Director
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HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE—MONDAY, DEC. 24

4 PM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM (SPANISH)

12 AM MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY—TUESDAY, DEC. 25

8 AM, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45

1:15 PM (SPANISH)

THE CHAPEL WILL CLOSE AFTER THE 1:15 MASS

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S EVE—MONDAY, DEC. 31

4 PM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM (SPANISH)

NEW YEAR'S DAY—TUESDAY, JAN. 1

8 AM, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45

1:15 PM (SPANISH)

4 PM, 5:30 PM

*Wishing you and your loved ones a
 blessed Christmas
 and a
 peace filled new year.*



*The priests and staff of the
 St. Francis Chapel*

**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.**

**If you are interested in joining our
 choir for the 10:30 AM Mass on
 Sundays, please email Michael at
michaelenwright@me.com.**



Thank you

to everyone who participated in
 our **Christmas Giving Tree**
 gift drive this year! Through
Back Bay Mobile Soup Kitchen
 and **Friends of the Unborn**, your
 generous donations have helped
 bring hope to people in need
 this Christmas Season.

God bless you!

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 and
 Saturday Vigil Masses)

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We are now
 making
**weekly
 offertory**

envelopes available.

If you would like to
 regularly receive an
 offertory envelope, please
 fill out one of the blue cards
 in the chapel entrance and
 drop it off at the Gift Shop.

Thank you for your
 continued support!

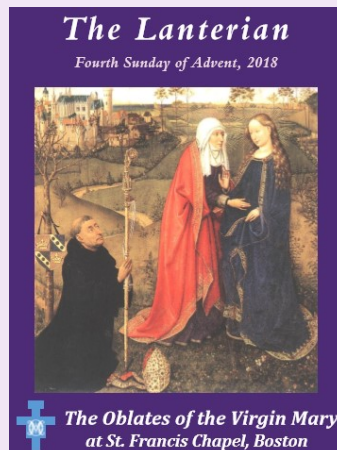
If you are now considering your end-of-the-year charitable giving, we humbly ask you to consider St. Francis Chapel. It costs us over \$50,000 a month to stay open. We gratefully appreciate your prayerful consideration.

Pope St. John Paul II offered this prayer at end of his Christmas Day Message, 1995

***Wipe away, Baby Jesus, the tears of children!
Embrace the sick and the elderly!
Move men to lay down their arms
and to draw close in a universal embrace of peace!
Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus,
to tear down the walls created
by poverty and unemployment, by ignorance and indifference,
by discrimination and intolerance.
It is you, O Divine Child of Bethlehem,
who save us, freeing us from sin.
It is you who are the true and only Savior,
whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty.
God of peace, gift of peace for all of humanity,
come to live in the heart of every individual and of every family.
Be our peace and our joy!
Amen!***

From The Lanterian Mass Supplement now available at the Chapel entrance:

Christmas is more than a day! We celebrate a season that lasts till the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13. You will notice that the Christmas decorations remain up till then. The mystery of Christ's life is not a one-day affair. God becoming a man is an event unparalleled in history. The world is a much different place since the birth of Jesus Christ. These events require an entire liturgical season to celebrate and remember. Christmas Day itself is actually extended for 8 days, called the Octave of Christmas, encompassing two Sundays. The first 8 days of the Christmas season are considered as if one day in the liturgy. Throughout this octave and indeed throughout the whole season we hear in the readings at Mass how the birth of Christ has already started to change the world and the lives of those who surround Jesus, for both good and bad. Continue to send your Christmas cards and extend Christmas greetings to everyone. The secular world starts Christmas after Halloween and ends it on December 25. The truth is, we are just beginning!



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 23

8:00 AM + Arthur O'Halley
9:15 AM Janet Scott - special intention
10:30 AM John Henry - good health
11:45 AM Philip Celia & Mary McDevitt
and Sr. Dolorota
1:15 PM (esp) + Aura Lijia Celis y Jose Ignacio
Taborda
4:00 PM Richard & Carol McCulloch - health
5:30 PM + Kamal Abu Hussein

Monday, December 24

8:00 AM + Rev. Gerald Hickey
12:05 PM Keith Jones & Lordes Michel
4:00 PM Cuniffe Family & Roger Lee
5:30 PM + Tom White
7:00 PM (esp) Ana Maria Posada — salud

Midnight Mass

12:00 AM John Valleli—health

Tuesday, December 25

8:00 AM + Mary Lee Taylor — 20th anniv.
9:15 AM Cuniffe Family & Roger Lee
10:30 AM Prof. Charlie Steele
11:45 AM Regan Family
1:15 PM (esp) + Jose Ignacio Taborda

Wednesday, December 26

8:00 AM + Paul Rimmele — 5th anniversary
12:05 PM Raymonde Dimanche — in thanks
4:45 PM + Virginia Feeney

Thursday, December 27

8:00 AM + Rev. Timothy Murphy
12:05 PM Harry Lonergan
4:45 PM + Antonio Ozaeta - 3rd anniversary

Friday, December 28

8:00 AM + Cresencio Barriquet
12:05 PM + Rev. Daniel Hegarty
4:45 PM Special Intention

Saturday, December 29

9:00 AM Michael, Irene, Sean
12:00 PM + Margaret Oddee
4:00 PM + Edward O'Keefe
5:30 PM Harry Lonergan
7:00 PM (esp) + Jesus Lopez, + Ersilio Bossi, + Laila Salsi

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord

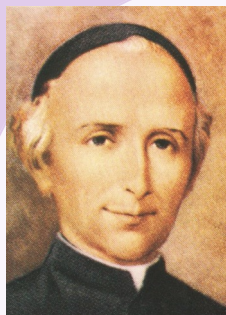
December 25: St. Stephen
The First Martyr

December 26: St. Stephen
The First Martyr

December 27: St. John
Apostle and Evangelist

December 28: Holy Innocents
Martyrs

Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

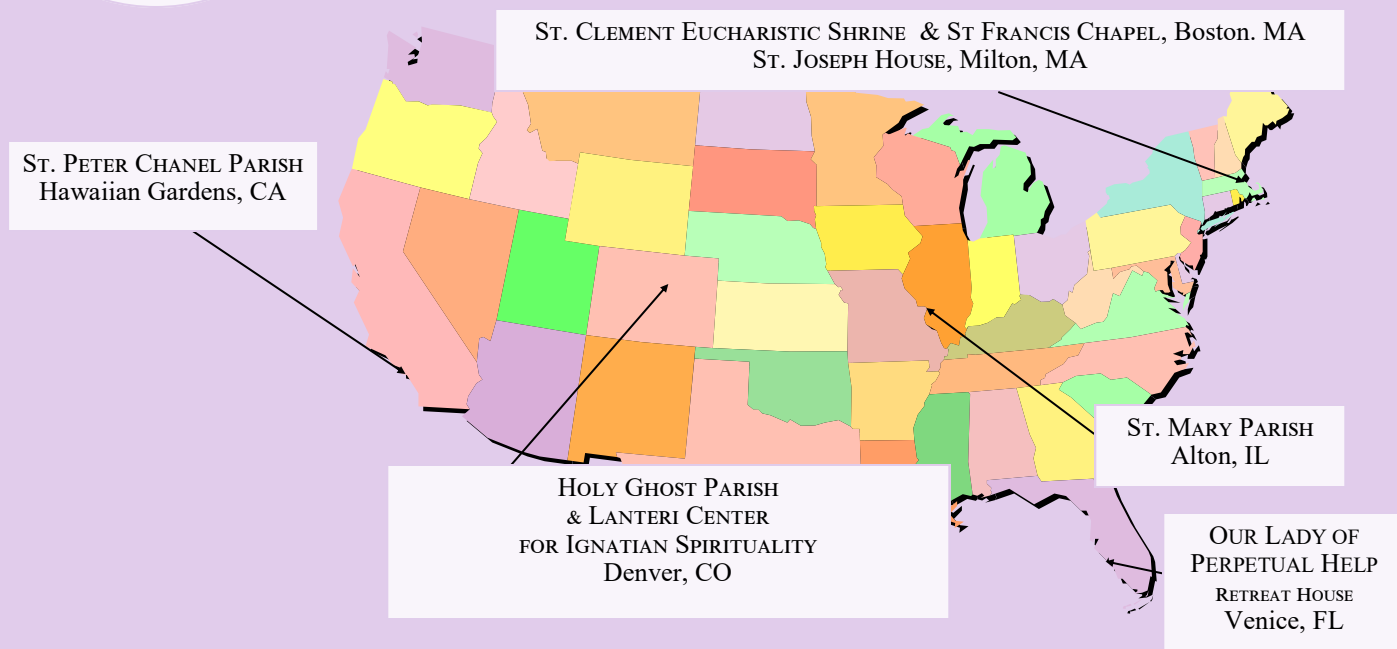
The Founder of the
Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

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.



OMV FORMATION AND
RETREAT CENTERS
Cebu City & Manila,
Philippines



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