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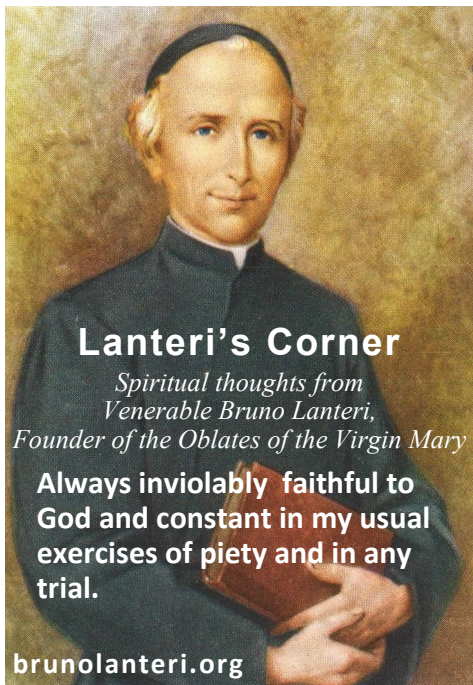
*Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time—January 27, 2019



*Presentation in the Temple, Lodovico Carracci*





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

**Always inviolably faithful to  
 God and constant in my usual  
 exercises of piety and in any  
 trial.**

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

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### 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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 blue cards in the chapel  
 entrance and drop it off at  
 the Gift Shop.

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 continued  
 support.  
 God bless you!



## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, January 27

8:00 AM	Gretchen Baldou
9:15 AM	+ Michael Flahive
10:30 AM	+ William King
11:45 AM	+ Biagio DeSesa
1:15 PM (esp)	William Johnston — salud
4:00 PM	+ Pauline Torsney
5:30 PM	Ian Baldou

### Monday, January 28

8:00 AM	+ Peter Paul McIntyre - Wheatley
12:05 PM	+ Nemus & Florence Cianfarani
4:45 PM	+ Joan Johnson

### Tuesday, January 29

8:00 AM	For Those with No One to Pray for Them
12:05 PM	+ Marta Perdomo
4:45 PM	+ Brian Funk

### Wednesday, January 30

8:00 AM	William Johnston — health
12:05 PM	+ Fritz LaPlanche Sr. & + Fritz LaPlanche Jr.
4:45 PM	+ Bernadette Meagher

### Thursday, January 31

8:00 AM	Joan Carroll
12:05 PM	Joseph & Nancy Feitelberg
4:45 PM	Lauren Shimmel — conversion

### Friday, February 1

8:00 AM	Joan Carroll
12:05 PM	+ Peter & Bridget Naughton
4:45 PM	Frank & Lucy Chagnon

### Saturday, February 2

9:00 AM	Joan Carroll
12:00 PM	+ Larry Phillips
4:00 PM	+ Fr. Daniel Hegarty
5:30 PM	+ Fr. Timothy Murphy
7:00 PM (esp)	+ Fr. Gerald Hickey

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas**  
 Priest & Doctor of the Church  
 Patron of Students and All Universities

**January 31: St. John Bosco**  
 Priest  
 Patron of apprentices, editors and publishers,  
 schoolchildren, magicians,  
 and juvenile delinquents

**February 2: The Presentation of the Lord**

*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](mailto: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](mailto:michaelenwright@me.com).*



*Br. Rafael Solorio, OMV*

## Solemn Profession of Religious Vows

Br. Rafael Solorio, OMV  
and Br. Paul Kallal, OMV

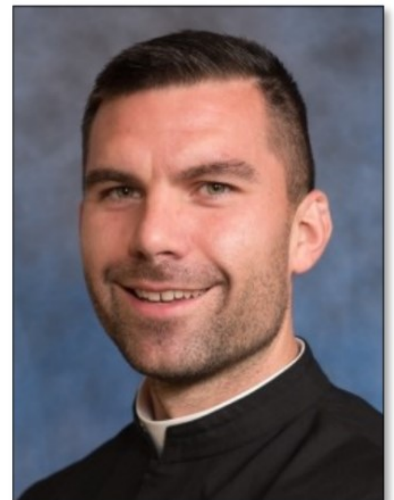
Friday, February 1, 2019

## Ordination *to the Diaconate*

Br. Rafael Solorio, OMV

Saturday, February 2, 2019

St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine  
1105 Boylston Street, Boston



*Br. Paul Kallal, OMV*

### *A Reflection by Br. Paul Kallal, OMV*

*Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."*

*Mark 4:26-29*



A usual part of telling my vocation story is describing where I am from. The simplest method of describing my hometown, Jerseyville, Illinois, is to ask people to imagine that St Francis Chapel is surrounded by endless fields of agriculture and pastures as opposed to the numerous stores within the Prudential center and the countless concrete buildings that line Boylston Street.

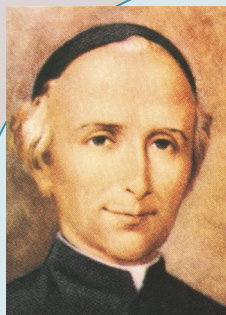
This gospel reminds me of Jerseyville and the many surrounding corn fields, as well as our pilgrimage to our ultimate home, Heaven. In the gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a seed, which after it is sown, grows and sprouts, forming a blade, an ear, the full grain, then finally becomes ripe for the harvest. For me, I automatically equate the seed to a seed of corn. It is actually quite contemplative to watch a seed of corn grow into a fully mature stalk ready for harvesting. When the seed sprouts and breaks the surface of the soil, it develops two blades and progressively grows from a few centimeters to a height of about six feet in four months. During this time period, a single ear of corn develops and eventually the stalk tops out, which triggers the preparations for the final stages of ripening. All of this growth, though visible over an expanded period of time, remains invisible to the naked eye. It truly is a mystery. Though the farmer fertilizes the soil and plants the seed, its growth is ultimately dependent upon the mercy of God, who through Divine Providence, orders the sun and rain to nourish the growth of the seed.

We are not much different from the seed in the gospel. Created in the image and likeness of God, we are all born with the darkness of original sin, much like the seed is originally sowed in the darkness of the earth. Yet, just as the seed sprouts and grows out of the darkness and into the sunlight, we too, through the powers of baptism, overcome the darkness of original sin and enter light of the Son. On our pilgrimage, Jesus remains the invisible power and strength that stimulates our growth throughout our Christian lives. This is why we need the Church and especially the sacraments. Both are visible manifestations of the invisible power of Jesus Christ which sustain and nourish our growth during our pilgrimage towards Heaven. Just as the seed develops a blade, an ear, the grain, and becomes ripe for the harvest. The power of Christ, through the Church and sacraments, help us to grow and develop as adopted sons of God in faith, hope, and charity; with the ultimate goal of making us ripe for the Kingdom of Heaven when our harvester, Jesus Christ, calls us to our eternal home.

While we are in the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, this gospel reminds us that nothing in the life of Christ and the Church is "ordinary," but rather extraordinary. Both the Church and the sacraments are gifts from Christ who desires us to dwell with Him in eternal life. Let us pray for a deeper appreciation and love for both the Church and the sacraments, recognizing our need for these gifts in our daily, Christian lives. As always, may the Lord continue to bless, keep, heal, and protect you. May He let His radiant face shine upon you today, tomorrow, and all the days of your life. Amen!



# Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno  
Lanteri  
(1759-1830)

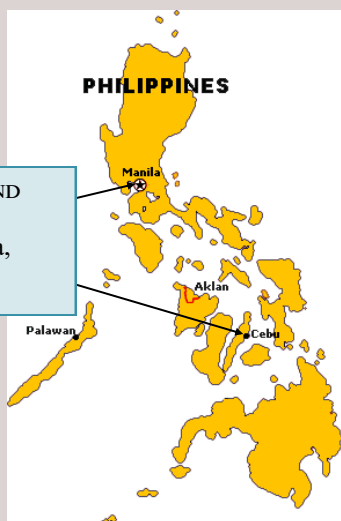
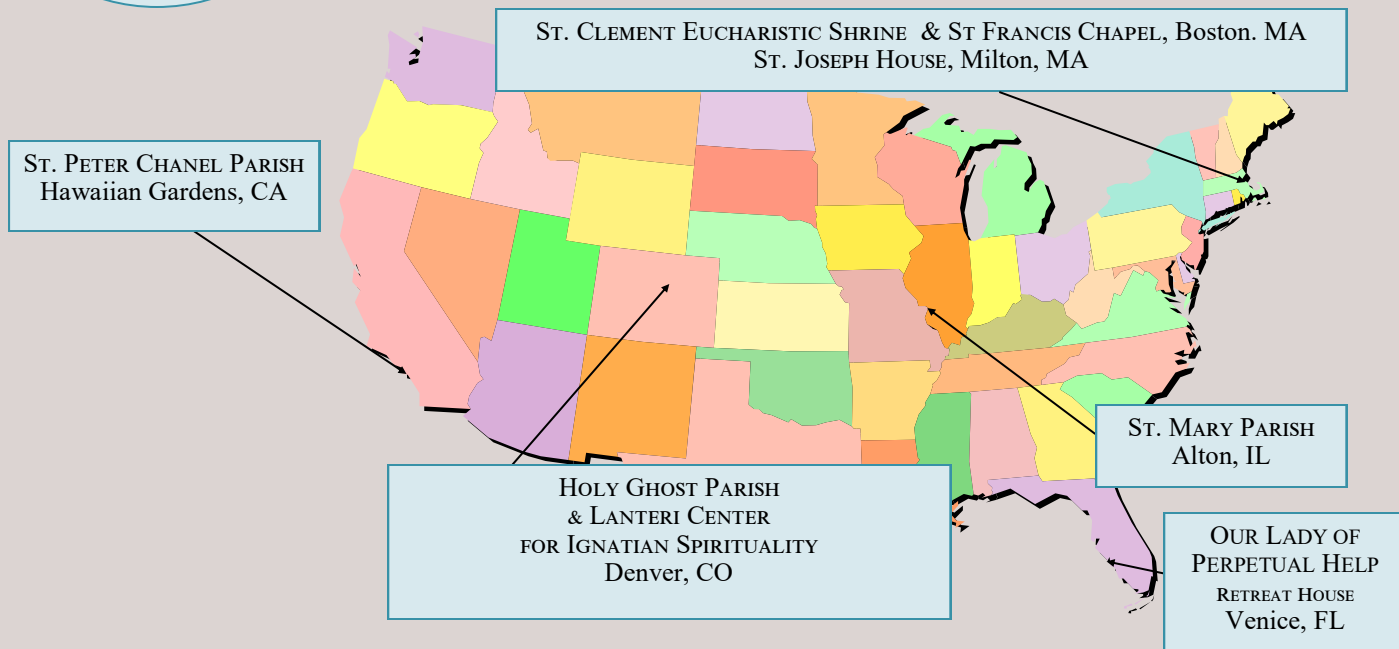
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The US Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary is dedicated to St. Ignatius of Loyola, and includes communities in Massachusetts, Illinois, Colorado, California and the Philippines.

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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.