



SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 28, 2019



God the Father and Angel, Guercino

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:

Monday - Friday 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; Mon. -Fri. 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:

Monday — Friday 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM; Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*; Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM* (*Closed during Masses)

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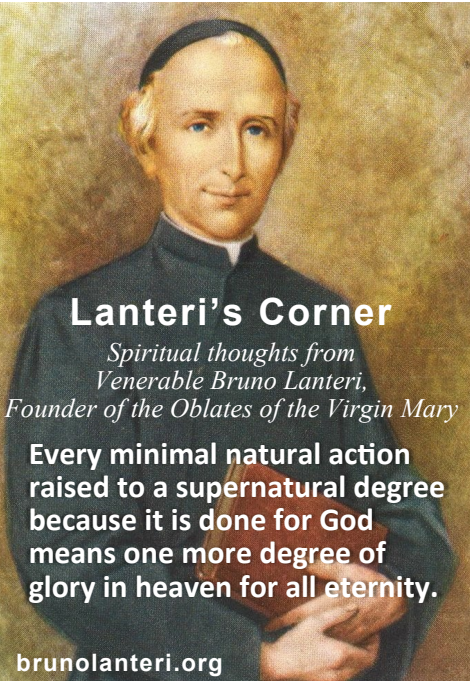
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Lanteri's Corner
*Spiritual thoughts from
 Venerable Bruno Lanteri,
 Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

**Every minimal natural action
 raised to a supernatural degree
 because it is done for God
 means one more degree of
 glory in heaven for all eternity.**

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

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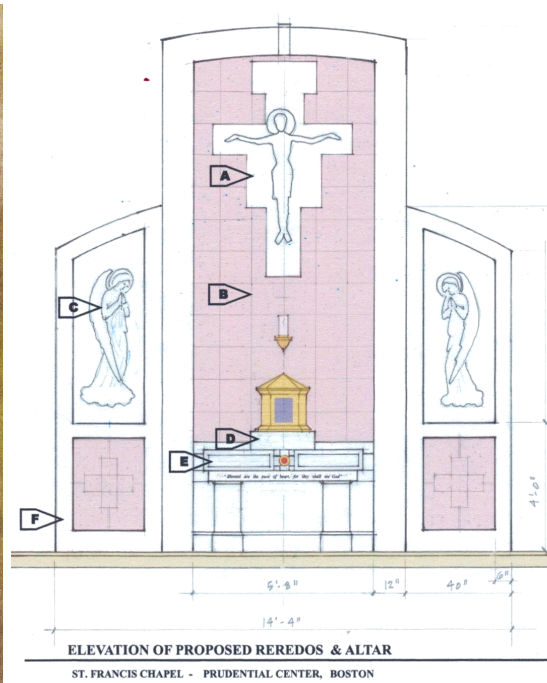
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CHAPEL RENOVATION PROJECT

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LIFE MATTERS TV

All Human Life Deserves a Chance

Life Matters is weekly educational right to life TV show. The purpose of Life Matters is to show the broad mosaic of the pro-life movement and to inform the general public about the truth of many controversial and contentious issues such as abortion, the abortion-breast cancer link, adoption, cloning, contraception, eugenics, euthanasia, fertility, embryonic stem cell research and sexually transmitted diseases. We address these issues from many different perspectives including: biological, medical, economic, emotional, psychological, legal, legislative, political and spiritual viewpoints.

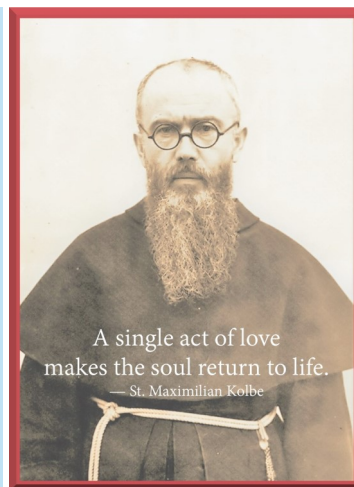
Life Matters is currently airing in about 124 cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We are on the cutting edge of an historical momentum and sentiment shift in public opinion favoring the end to abortion and other aforementioned societal afflictions. Please watch our show. You will learn a lot about these issues because Life Matters is unique, informative, content rich, truthful and thought provoking. Visit lifematterstv.org

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 what's going on
 at the chapel
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 articles on the
 website and to
 our online
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 to you on a regular basis,
 please fill out one of the
 cards in the chapel
 entrance and drop it off
 at the Gift Shop.
 Thank you for your
 continued support.
 God bless you!



*St. Maximilian Kolbe's
 feast day is August 14.
 Enroll your loved ones
 in a Novena of Masses
 in honor of
 St. Maximilian Kolbe,
 Marian Saint of Mercy.
 Novena Mass cards are
 now available near the
 chapel doors.*

A Reflection on the 17th Sunday by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Lord teach us to pray. Certainly the Apostles knew how to pray the Psalms and had frequented the synagogue but they must have seen Jesus pray and they knew John had taught his disciples to pray, so they wanted to pray better. That is a good example for us. We should wish to pray better. The quality of our relationships has a lot to do with our communication. We need to progress in our communication with God. That is why spiritual reading is so important; reading Scriptures, even the lives of the saints and Catholic radio can help us think about God and speak with Him and appreciate Him. Communication with someone so infinite is not easy that is why few people really pray unless they need something. It is so easy to put prayer aside which is putting God aside for something else. Pope Francis has spoken about this as worshipping idols.

Jesus knows it is not easy to pray, that is why He says; “Don’t give up. Persevere”. Some folks don’t get what they ask for immediately so they give up and say prayer does not work. Patience is important. Remember our Lord taught us the Our Father. Sometimes fathers say “no” or “not yet” or “I don’t think that would be a good idea”. Notice that Jesus tells us that before we start asking for things we say “Thy will be done”.

Prayer is an expression of faith. If prayer is not easy, well faith is not easy. Prayer is listening and talking to God as Abraham did. We present our needs to the Lord and recognize that He has the last word and not us. So it takes humility. Pope Francis says we tend to think we are the center of the universe. We make of ourselves an idol. St Paul Philippians 3 says; “Their god is their belly”. Brothers, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as you have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

God desires for us eternal happiness not fleeting pleasure. He made us to know , love and serve Him in this life and be happy with Him forever in the next. What we want at times is not compatible with His plan. “If I were a rich man...” Remember “fiddler on the Roof”. Reb Tevye sings:

*If I were a rich man,
All day long I'd biddy biddy bum.
If I were a wealthy man.
I wouldn't have to work hard.
Idle-diddle-daidle-daidle man.
Lord who made the lion and the lamb,
You decreed I should be what I am.
Would it spoil some vast eternal plan?
If I were a wealthy man.*

God’s last word is our eternal happiness. He knows how to bring us to His kingdom. We just have to cooperate.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28

8:00 AM Memorial Tree Enrollees
9:15 AM Fr. Claude Scrima, OFM
10:30 AM + Davey Gardner
11:45 AM + Stephen Edward Casey
1:15 PM (esp) + Consuelo Torres de Bustamante —
 40 meses fallecido
4:00 PM Joan Valleli — health
5:30 PM Richard and Carol McCulloch

Monday, July 29

8:00 AM + Enid Rodericks
12:05 PM + Lucile Leitao
4:45 PM Dr. George Diamandopolous

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 AM + John & Elizabeth Riely
12:05 PM + Paola Adriani
4:45 PM + Michael Lee

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 AM + George Salvaggio
12:05 PM + James A. Tryon
4:45 PM + Collette Carbonnean

Thursday, August 1

8:00 AM Br. Francis, FPO
12:05 PM + Doguol Petros Anniversary
4:45 PM Auguste Family — conversion

Friday, August 2

8:00 AM + John & Elizabeth Riley
12:05 PM Thomas Lima
4:45 PM Victor Lesperans

Saturday, August 3

9:00 AM Barbara Colorie
12:00 PM + Ercilia Nuñez
4:00 PM Theresa Meloncourt & Family —
 thanksgiving
5:30 PM + John & + Elizabeth Riey
7:00 PM (esp) + Jose Alberto Echevarria

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

July 29: St. Martha

July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus,
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church

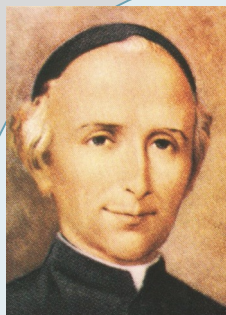
July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola
 Priest

August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori
 Bishop and Doctor of the Church

August 2: St. Eusebius of Vercelli,
 Bishop
St. Peter Julian Eymard,
 Priest



Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

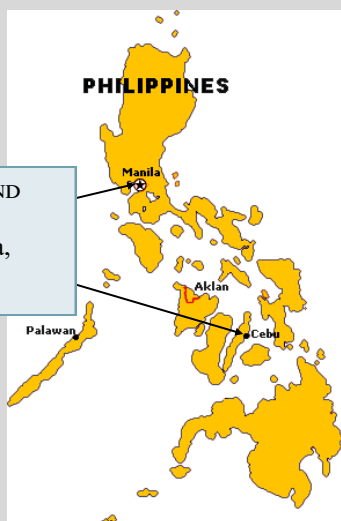
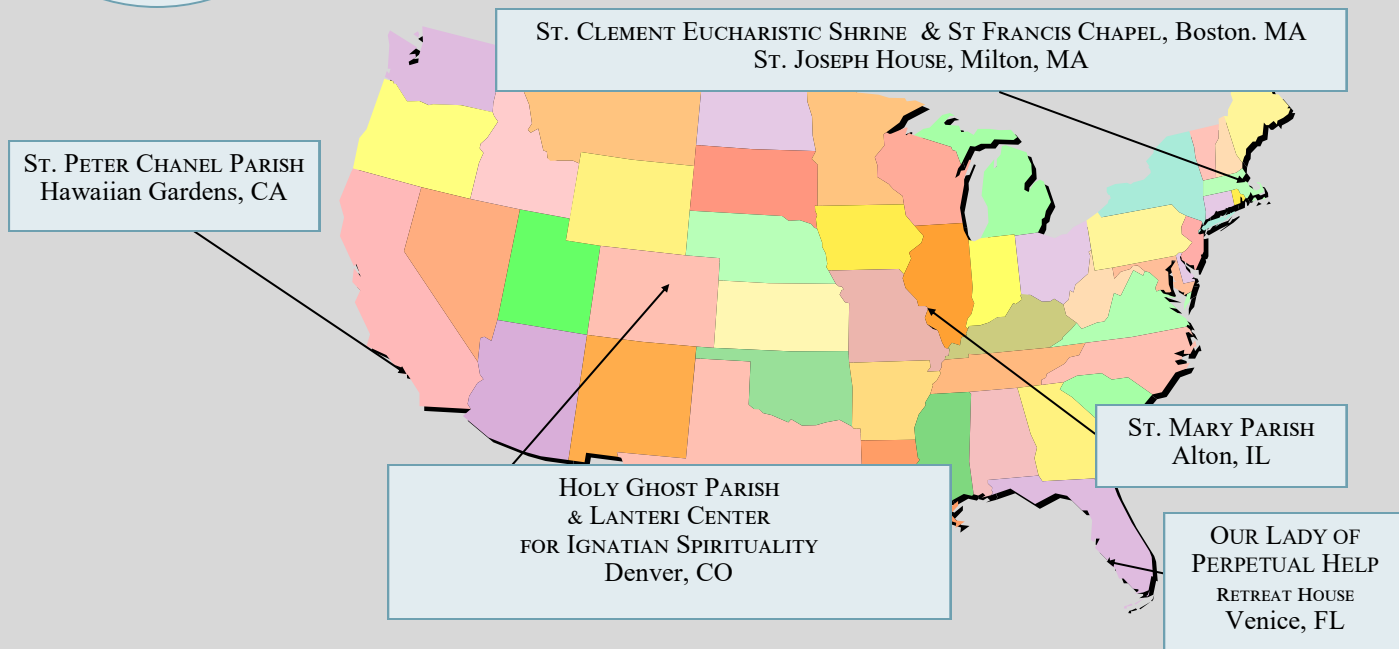
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the first step to
Sainthood.

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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.