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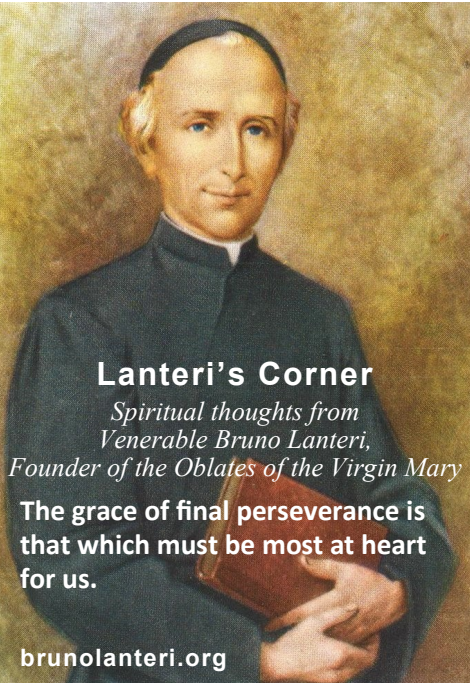
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Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22, 2019



Charity, William Adolphe Bouguereau



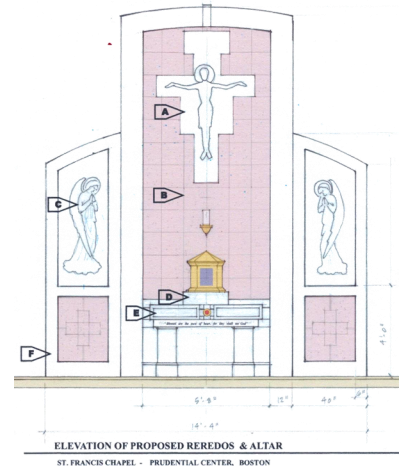
Lanteri's Corner
*Spiritual thoughts from
 Venerable Bruno Lanteri,
 Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary*

**The grace of final perseverance is
 that which must be most at heart
 for us.**

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CHAPEL RENOVATION PROJECT

For half a century, St. Francis Chapel has served as a place of welcome and worship for those away from home and an oasis of prayer in the modern marketplace. Your generous donations will help us maintain and improve this sanctuary. Please visit stfrancischapel.org for more information, including opportunities for memorials for your loved ones. You may also donate at the giving kiosk in the chapel entrance or at our gift shop. Thank you for your support!



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

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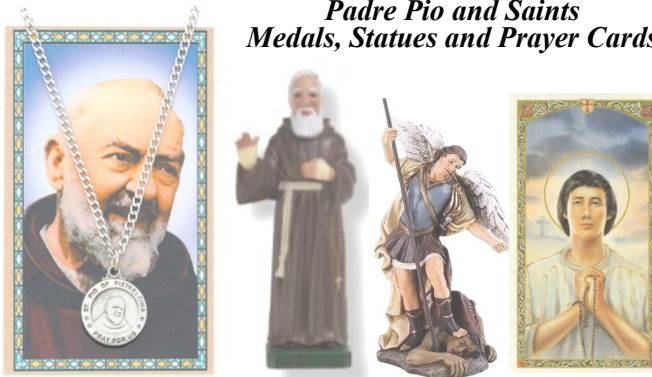
Cleaning of Chapel Environment:
 Nubia Viasus

*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.*

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

The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week...

**Padre Pio and Saints
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Respect Life Mass

Archdiocese of Boston



Sunday, October 6, 2019

11:00 a.m.

St. Camillus Church
 1185 Concord Turnpike
 (Rt. 2), Arlington

Celebrant & Homilist:
 Bishop Peter J. Uglietto,
 Vicar General and
 Moderator of the Curia

For more information:

ProLifeOffice@rcab.org or 508-651-1900

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:

Monday — Friday
 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
 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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A Reflection on the Parable of the Dishonest Steward by Fr. James Doran, OMV

It might be the most surprising of parables and difficult to understand at first glance. The job of the steward was to take care of the house and business of some wealthy land owner. This steward was caught squandering the property so the owner told him he was going to lose his job. The steward said to himself, *“What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not **strong** enough to dig and I am **ashamed** to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.”* And he falsifies invoices so the people who owe his boss have their debts slashed so he makes friends who will take care of him.

How do we think the owner will react? Well he does not react as we expect. *The master **commended** that dishonest steward for acting prudently!* Instead of becoming angry, he admires his cleverness. **Nobody would react like this. This what makes Jesus’ stories unique. They catch our attention.** We are all stewards. How are you using the goods entrusted to you? Material goods and spiritual goods.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

As we have heard before, we must not become too **attached** to things. As St. Gregory said, *“Don’t let your possessions possess you.”* **Give it away.** Jesus gives advice: *“I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be **welcomed** into eternal dwellings.”*

What is He saying? How am I to make friends with dishonest wealth so as to be welcomed into eternity? The Fathers of the Church, the first Gospel commentators, say that **when one is generous with the poor** you make **friends** who will help you get into Heaven. That is what we can learn from the dishonest steward. We are not supposed to imitate his **dishonesty** but his **prudence**. He planned his future. We ask ourselves if we use the things of this world to gain eternal life.

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.”

Imagine if we worked at our personal **sanctity and salvation** like politicians scheme to get elected or businessmen to make money or athletes to win. **Strive to enter the narrow gate...**

The first reading from the prophet Amos warns us that God gets angry with those who ignore the poor. The wealthy say, *“We will fix our scales for cheating, and the poor for a pair of sandals.”* The Lord has sworn, *“Never will I forget a thing they have done!”* The **exploiter** thinks money is more important than love of God or love of the poor.

Today’s Psalm reflects the theme: **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.** He raises up the lowly from the dust; from the dunghill he lifts up the poor to seat them with princes, with the princes of his own people. **Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

The Gospel acclamation reminds us that **we** are poor and see how He has treated us. *Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.* The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity became a weak little Baby. He became a poor **Carpenter** condemned to death. He became a *piece of Bread* to be consumed, to make **you** rich, in Grace, to give you a heavenly Home. Let us imitate Him. St. John Chrysostom said; “The wealthy help the **poor** by alms, the poor help the **rich** by praying for their salvation”. True wealth is not what we keep but what we share.

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 22

8:00 AM Holy Souls In Purgatory

9:15 AM + Mary McCarthy

10:30 AM + Sheila, Tony & Cecilia Byrne

11:45 AM + Clara Ines Botia

1:15 PM (esp.) + Pedro Valdiviezo

4:00 PM Andrew Riely

5:30 PM + Edgar Castillo

Monday, September 23

8:00 AM + Cheryl O’Brien

12:05 PM + Jeremiah & Zta Calf

4:45 PM + Joseph Timilty

Tuesday, September 24

8:00 AM Anne Lindmark — health

12:05 PM + Elizabeth J. Fernandez

4:45 PM + Andrew McDonald

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 AM + Brian Ambrefe

12:05 PM Regan Family

4:45 PM Sara Oviedo — birthday

Thursday, September 26

8:00 AM St. Francis Novena Enrollees

12:05 PM Richard & Carol McCulloch — health

4:45 PM + Mrs. Mary Alice Powell Walker

Friday, September 27

8:00 AM Joseph & Eleanor McCullen

12:05 PM St. Francis Novena Enrollees

4:45 PM Pierre Marie Auguste — birthday

Saturday, September 28

9:00 AM Andrew Riely

12:00 PM St. Francis Novena Enrollees

4:00 PM + Vincent Xavier Alvares

5:30 PM Cathy

7:00 PM (esp) + Familia Ortiz - Torres

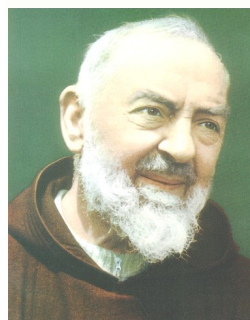
FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sept. 23: St. Pio of Pietrelcina,
Priest

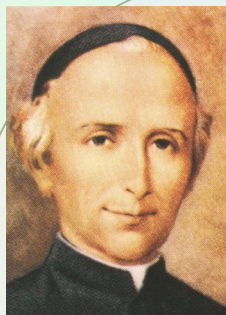
Sept. 26: Sts. Cosmas &
Damian, Martyrs

Sept. 27: St. Vincent de Paul

Sept. 28: St. Wenseslaus, Martyr
St. Lorenzo Ruiz and
Companions, Martyrs



Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno
Lanteri
(1759-1830)

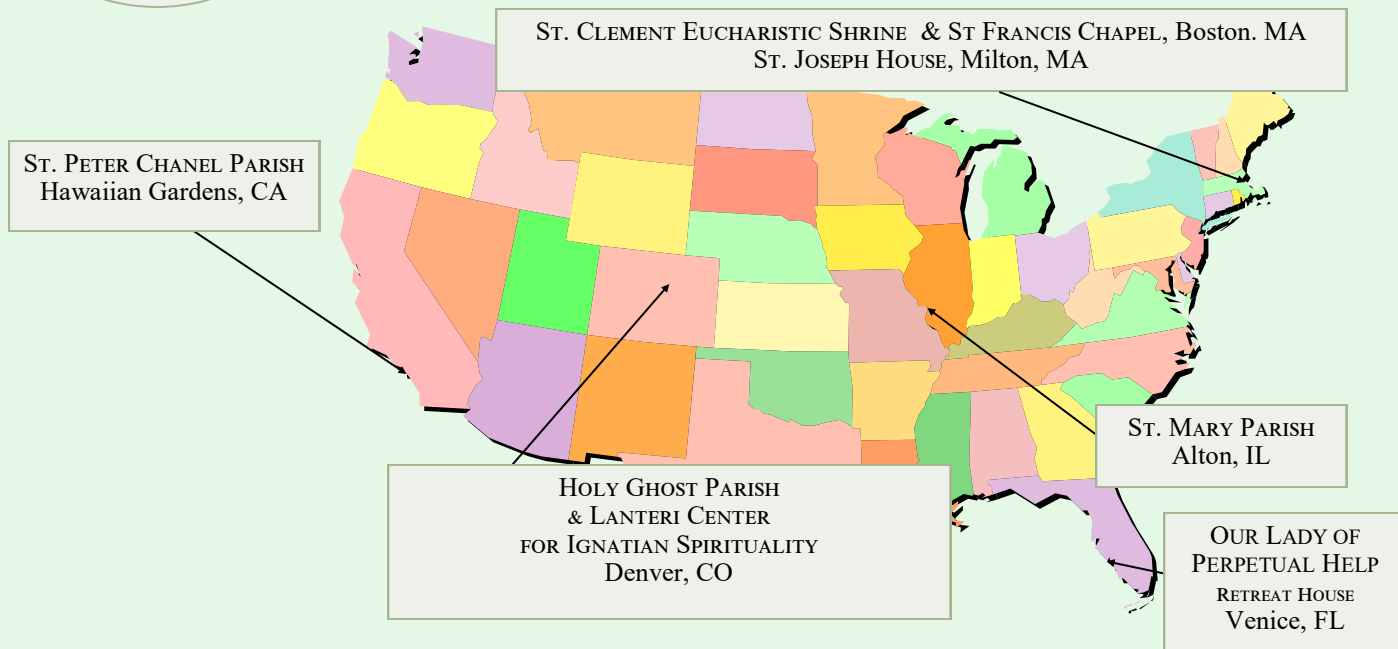
The Founder of the
Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” -
the first step to
Sainthood.

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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.



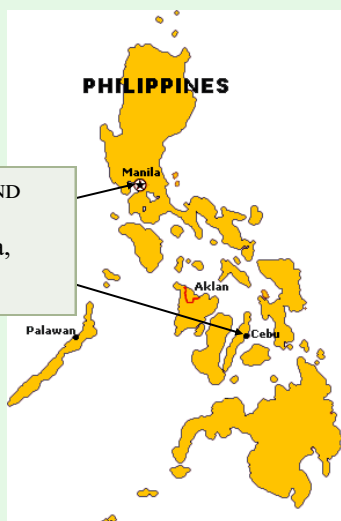
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The OMV motto,
“*MARIAM COGITA,
MARIAM INVOCA*”
“*THINK OF MARY,
CALL ON MARY*”
is taken from a homily
by
St. Bernard.