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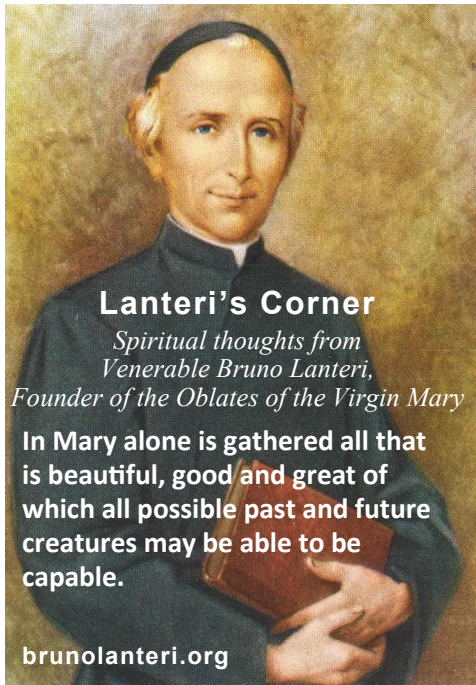
*Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston*

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 8, 2019



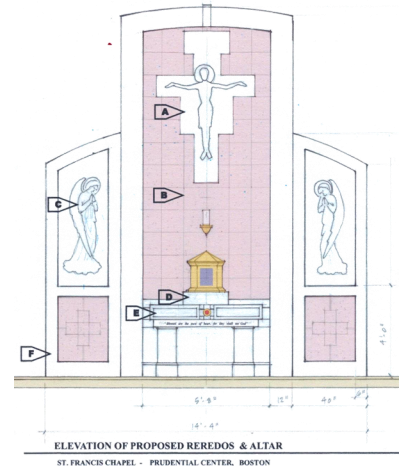
*The Birth of Mary, Alessandro Turchi*





## 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](http://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?

Contact our Vocation Director  
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## COME AND SEE

**NEXT PROGRAM DATE: SEPTEMBER 20 –22**

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary want prospective candidates to grow in interior freedom as they seek God's plan for their lives. To assist in the discernment process, we are happy to provide discernment retreats and priestly spiritual direction for men aged 18 to 40.

We invite you to visit Our Lady of Grace Seminary in Boston, where you will experience seminary life, accompanying the seminarians through the various activities of the day. The rector and the formation staff will look forward to meeting you and answering any questions you may have.

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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:

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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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  
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***A Reflection on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Celebrated on September 8)  
by Fr. James Doran, OMV***

*Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day.* The dawn prepares us for the day. If you have ever had to work the grave yard shift, you know how good it is to see the dawn, when the eastern sky starts to lighten up. You know the day is coming.

The liturgical prayers call Mary of Nazareth “the **Dawn** that precedes the **Sun** of Justice, the long awaited Messiah.” If the Jews had known that this baby girl, daughter of Joachim and Ann was to be the mother of the Messiah, they would have been overjoyed. But who knew? Few recognized the Savior, much less His Mother. But a few privileged, humble folks were inspired by the Holy Spirit and recognized the Dawn.

When she was a young expectant mother, Elizabeth recognized her. The **baby**, John, that she was carrying, perceived the approximation of the Dawn and the Sun of Justice when Mary greeted Elizabeth. He leapt with joy and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out ...”Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?”

St. Elizabeth was **thrilled**. Mary, as the litany says, is the Cause of our joy. Jesus came to Elizabeth through Mary. He came to us through Mary. And Jesus was able to come to us through Mary because she believed. As Elizabeth said, “Blessed is she who **believed** that the things promised by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Let us ask of our Lady for that blessing. Let us joyfully ask her to help us believe that all that has been promised us by the Lord will be fulfilled.

*Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day.  
Mary the Gate, Christ the perfect Way.*

**National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children  
Saturday, September 14**

**Memorial Locations and Times:**

**Memorial to the Unborn, St. Mary's Cemetery, Towne Street,  
North Attleboro, MA, 10:00 a.m.**

**Burial Site of 12 Aborted Babies, Holy Cross Cemetery,  
175 Broadway, Malden, MA 02148, 3:00 p.m.**

**Memorial to the Unborn, Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols St,  
Norwood, MA, 1:00 p.m.**

**Memorial for the Unborn, St. Camillus Parish, 333 Mechanic St.,  
Fitchburg, MA 01420, 12:00 p.m.**

**Memorial to the Unborn, St. Mary Cemetery, 29 Barker Street,  
Lawrence, MA 01841, 10:00 a.m.**

**For more sites in MA and the USA, and for more info:  
abortionmemorials.com**

***MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK***

**Sunday, September 8**

**8:00 AM** + Anna Bertilda Mendosa

**9:15 AM** + Margaret Philbin

**10:30 AM** + David Palmer

**11:45 AM** + Thomas Tierney

**1:15 PM (esp.)** + Maria Eufemia Martinez

**4:00 PM** + Pat Cuniffe

**5:30 PM** + Edgar Castillo

**Monday, September 9**

**8:00 AM** Holy Souls in Purgatory

**12:05 PM** + Ray Hubbard

**4:45 PM** Ali Mansouri — health

**Tuesday, September 10**

**8:00 AM** + August Cordeiro, Jr.

**12:05 PM** + Gladys Morrison

**4:45 PM** + William Lacey

**Wednesday, September 11**

**8:00 AM** + Ronal Wissel

**12:05 PM** + Duberney Restrepo

**4:45 PM** + William Schulz

**Thursday, September 12**

**8:00 AM** Fr. Bill Newbecker

**12:05 PM** + Frank Sullivan — birth anniversary

**4:45 PM** + Rev. Timothy Murphy

**Friday, September 13**

**8:00 AM** Murray Family — thanksgiving

**12:05 PM** May De Witt & Estelle Giovanetti — health

**4:45 PM** + Julia Oliva

**Saturday, September 14**

**9:00 AM** + Leslie Oxley

**12:00 PM** Theresa & Family — thanksgiving

**4:00 PM** + Lavaughn Chatman

**5:30 PM** Health

**7:00 PM (esp)** + Felix Antonio Carbajal — 21avo

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***FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK***

**September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest**

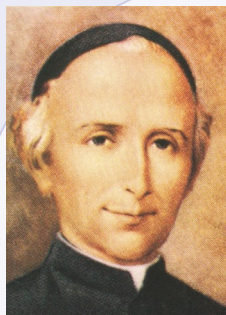
**September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and  
Doctor of the Church**

**September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**



# Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA



Fr. Bruno  
Lanteri  
(1759-1830)

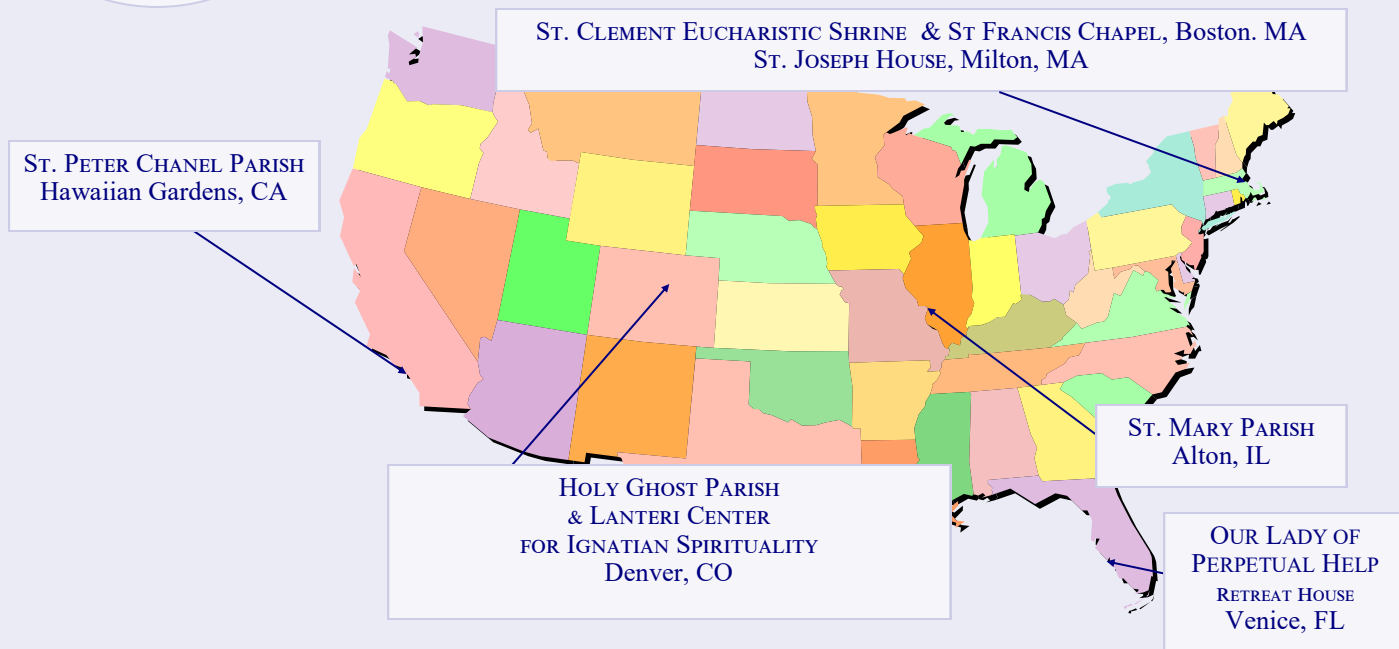
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The Oblates of the Virgin Mary is an international religious community of priests and brothers serving in Italy, France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, the United States and the Philippines. The Oblates are involved in retreat and parish 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.



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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.