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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM

Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 8:40 -11:40AM, 12:40-4:25PM;
After 4:45PM Mass by request

Saturday 9:40 - 11:40 AM, 12:40-3:30PM

Sunday By request in-between Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM

Saturday 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

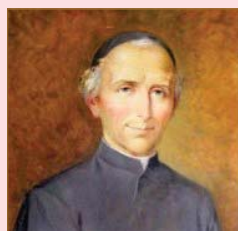
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*

Sunday 8:30AM - 6:30PM*

(*Closed during Masses)

St Francis Chapel here in the Prudential Center has been staffed by the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV) since 1983. It is truly a place of mercy and peace. People attend and visit from all over Boston, the USA and the world. They attend Holy Mass, Adore the Lord Jesus, light a candle and oftentimes take advantage of our OMV Charism of Mercy, "beginning again" in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Miracles occur in the confessional. In addition to this Chapel, the OMV serve at St Clement Eucharistic Shrine a few blocks from here, which is also our US Seminary, in Milton MA at our St. Joseph Retreat House as well as in Los Angeles, CA, Denver, CO, Alton, IL and Venice, FL. Additionally OMV priests and brothers minister in Italy, where we were founded in 1826, Austria, France, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, The Philippines and England. Learn more at OMVUSA.org.



Prayer Before Mass by Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the OMV

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

Welcome to the Chapel! Whether you are one of our daily or weekly faithful or visiting from the other side of the globe, or anywhere in between, thank you for joining us in prayer! We are blessed by you all! Many comment on the blessing of Christ's Sacramental presence and the love, mercy and peace they encounter in "The Chapel in the Mall." The Chapel has remained open here since 1969, entirely due to God's Providence working through your prayers, goodness, gratitude and generosity. The payment of our monthly rent, utilities and all expenses depends on Mass collections, (including the box by the door), online donations (including the QR codes), major gifts, candles, the kiosks in the vestibule, the gift shop (check it out!) and the Benefactors Memorial Tree in the vestibule. Thank you for your support of our ministry here. We are not able to serve here without you! Pray for us! God bless you!

St. Clement Young Adult Group **AMICIZIA CRISTIANA**

Every Monday from 7-8:30 PM
St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine
1105 Boylston Street, Boston

Amicizia Cristiana (Christian Friendship) is a young adult initiative in collaboration with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine. The name comes from the group that was so integral to the life of Venerable Bruno Lanteri, founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Membership is limited to ages 20-29 to respect differences in practical life experience.

Reach out to stclementac@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:00 AM – Raymond Family—
thanksgiving

9:15 AM - +Maria Ines Gayol de Lewis
— anniversary

10:30 AM -+Louis & +Virginia Filippelli

11:45 AM - Alexandria Alberto

1:15 PM - +Amparo Herrera—30 aniv.

4:00 PM - +Cleida Chacón—4th anniv.

5:30 PM - +Chokouh Mansoury

Monday, March 31

8:00 AM - +Noel Gilligan Siobhan

12:05 PM -+Elvira & Rafael M. Zayas

4:0045M -+Esperanza. +Javier, +Maria
& +Amparo

Tuesday, April 1

8:00 AM - Mary Jhane Pingcas

12:05 PM - +Guillermo Tobón

4:45 PM - +Michael Cotter

Wednesday, April 2

8:00 AM - +Jonathan Araña

12:05 PM - +Nolby Ruiz

4:45 PM - Mary Bane

Thursday, April 3

8:00 AM - +Carol Ann Madden

12:05 PM -+Walter Doherty

4:45 PM - +Giovanni Aceto

Friday, April 4

8:00 AM - Frederick E. Bush—birthday

12:05 PM - +Gordon Squires

4:45 PM - +Tommy Nolan

Saturday, April 5

9:00 AM - Brendan Le Blanc—healing

12:00 PM - +Consuelo Tobón

4:00 PM - +Linda O'Brien

5:30 PM - +Anthony Colozzo

The Pope's Prayer Intention

For Families in Crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.



Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Laetare Sunday! We are approaching Holy Week and Holy Mother Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. So please rejoice in gratitude for all that God has done for us in making us his own and redeemed in Jesus Christ!

Another sign of hope and joy from God in the Church are the Oblates of the Virgin Mary (OMV), who have staffed St Francis Chapel since 1983, and were founded near Turin, Italy in 1816. The OMV today minister in 10 countries, including here in the USA since 1976. In addition to Italy and the USA, we are in France, Austria, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Nigeria, England, and The Philippines, which is part of the USA Province. We staff retreat houses (Two here in the USA - St Joseph's in Milton, MA and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Venice, FL) Parishes, Chapels and Shrines (Boston, MA, Denver, CO, Venice, FL, Hawaiian Gardens, CA.) Our Priests teach and give formation and spiritual direction at Seminaries in Boston, Denver, and in the Philippines. Some of our priests are well-known authors and speakers, including Frs Timothy Gallagher, Greg Cleveland, Peter Grover and Ed Broom. OMV priests are sought after as confessors and spiritual directors.

All this to invite you to help support our US OMV Community at our Annual OMV Seminary Fundraising Gala on April 26th at the Seaport Hotel here in Boston. It is in Our Lady of Grace Seminary here at 1105 Boylston St., where men begin their 8 years of formation to become OMV brothers and priests. Your coming to our Gala and or sponsoring it, is a blessing for us, not only in your financial support but in your getting to know us better and sharing in our OMV mission. It will be a wonderful evening, so please consider coming! There's more information here in the bulletin or by the chapel doors. If you do come, please indicate in your registration that would like to sit with the St Francis Chapel community, by using party code PAU643. God bless you!



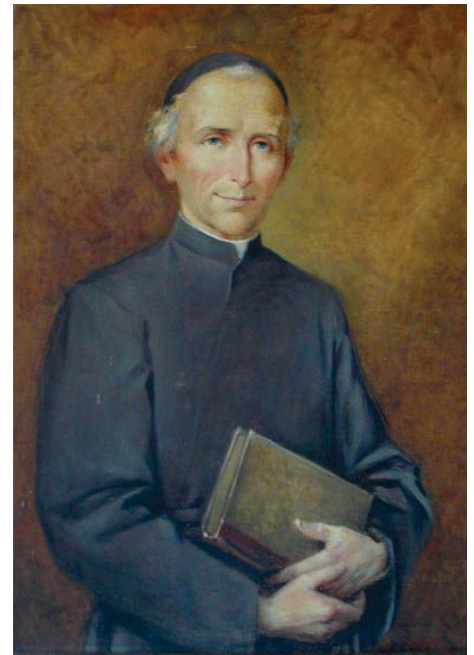
Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz Domingo de Laetare! Nos acercamos a la Semana Santa y la Santa Madre Iglesia expresa esperanza y alegría en medio de nuestros ayunos y penitencias cuaresmales. Así que, por favor, regocijense en gratitud por todo lo que Dios ha hecho por nosotros al hacernos suyos y redimidos en Jesucristo.

Otra señal de esperanza y alegría de Dios en la Iglesia son los Oblatos de la Virgen María (OMV), quienes han atendido la Capilla de San Francisco desde 1983 y fueron fundados cerca de Turín, Italia, en 1816. Los OMV hoy ministran en 10 países, incluyendo aquí en los EE. UU. desde 1976. Además de Italia y los EE. UU., estamos en Francia, Austria, Argentina, Brasil, Canadá, Nigeria, Inglaterra y Filipinas, que forma parte de la Provincia de los EE. UU. Contamos con casas de retiro (dos aquí en los EE. UU.: St. Joseph's en Milton, MA y Our Lady of Perpetual Help en Venice, FL), parroquias, capillas y santuarios (Boston, MA, Denver, CO, Venice, FL, Hawaiian Gardens, CA). Nuestros sacerdotes enseñan y dan formación y dirección espiritual en seminarios en Boston, Denver y Filipinas. Algunos de nuestros sacerdotes son autores y oradores reconocidos, incluidos los padres Timothy Gallagher, Greg Cleveland, Peter Grover y Ed Broom. Los sacerdotes de OMV son buscados como confesores y directores espirituales.

Les invitamos a apoyar a nuestra comunidad OMV de EE. UU. en nuestra Gala Anual de Recaudación de Fondos para el Seminario OMV, que se celebrará el 26 de abril en el Hotel Seaport de Boston. La Gala se llevará a cabo en el Seminario Nuestra Señora de la Gracia, ubicado en la calle Boylston 1105, donde los hombres comienzan sus ocho años de formación para convertirse en hermanos y sacerdotes OMV. Su asistencia a nuestra Gala o su patrocinio es una bendición para nosotros, no solo por su apoyo financiero, sino también por permitirles conocernos mejor y compartir nuestra misión OMV. Será una velada maravillosa, ¡así que consideren venir! Encontrarán más información en el boletín o junto a la puerta de la capilla. Si asisten, indiquen en su inscripción que desean compartir un lugar con la comunidad de la Capilla de San Francisco, utilizando el código de grupo PAU643. ¡Que Dios los bendiga!

Laetare Sunday—Rejoice Sunday



In what does spiritual joy consist?

Cheerfulness is a joyous affection of the soul born from the thought of some present or future good. This [good] can be either corporeal or spiritual, since man is composed of body and soul.

Corporeal joy is derived from some present good, but relative to the body, like eating, drinking, making a good appearance. Such happiness is too base, as base as the goods one enjoys. These joys, proper to children, and shared even with the animals, soon pass away. Even if they last longer, they can lead to boredom and annoyance. This is the kind of joy experienced by the worldly, who do not know any other good than the sensible and material. In the event of some little adversity, such as a toothache, these joys vanish in a moment. This kind of happiness is not worthy of the children of God who are to nurture noble and superior thoughts, disdaining these goods, looking for other greater and more lasting ones, i.e., the spiritual and eternal. The spiritual joys therefore ought to be their happiness.

Spiritual joy is a joyous affection of heart produced through sufficient thought about present spiritual goods.

What are these goods? Participation in the divine nature (as children of God), union with Jesus Christ, being in the bosom of the Church as her sons, God's special protection, the gifts of the theological virtues, the sacraments, the communion of the saints, grace, friendship with God, the merits of our actions, the glory of heaven that is already almost ours because of the firm hope we have, as a son already almost possesses the heritage that awaits him from his father.

Such is the grace of God, the relations with God which we have through grace, and also the consequences that flow from grace. God is our divine Father: we are his children, heirs to his Kingdom

Actions that participate in the infinite, the communion of the Saints, the protection of the Angels, the goods we have through the Church.

This is the joy that we must seek, and few possess it, because they make little use of their memory and their intellect to know and prize these goods enough. They are like someone who does not look at a painting, does not listen to music, or does not take delight in these objects, like children who possess precious things, and do not know it. Such are they who do not enjoy and take delight in the state of grace.

Spiritual joy is true joy because unlike the joys of the world it is not founded upon any false notion, such as a dream.

1. It is preferable to anything else because it is good, holy, and preferable to any other temporal good.
2. It is angelic, because it is properly of the Angels themselves.
3. It is true, and it strengthens.



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The Annual Gala is a celebration of community and commitment, honoring those who are called to serve and sharing the joy and hope that connect us all.

We're excited to welcome James Wahlberg as this year's keynote speaker! James Wahlberg is the CEO and Founder of Wahl St. Marketing & Consulting and has been working in and around the field of addiction



James Wahlberg

recovery for more than 25 years. Jim's relationship with his faith began through the compassion of a Catholic Priest and a visit from Mother Theresa during one of his stints in a Massachusetts State Correctional Facility. As Jim worked to maintain long-term sobriety and strengthen his faith, the Spirit led him to create a number of short films on the topic of addiction, including the critically acclaimed *If Only* that is particularly relevant in light of today's opiate crisis.



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