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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:

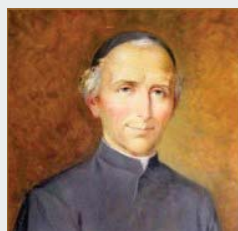
Monday—Friday 11:00AM - 5:30PM*

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, July 20, 2025

8:00 AM - +Desmond Cleary

9:15 AM - +John & +Virginia Feeney

10:30 AM - +Brian Patrick Judge

11:45 AM - +Geoffrey Andrews

1:15 PM - +Alonso Tavares y Familia

4:00 PM - +Marie Clemence Pierre-
Louis

5:30 PM - Ann Flaherty—health

Monday, July 21

8:00 AM - +Domingo & Salud Acero

12:05 PM - Liz Drew

4:00 PM - +Maria Corazón Enaje

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 AM - +August Cordeiro

12:05 PM - +Eleanor Borneman

4:45 PM - +Joseph Timilty

Wednesday, July 23

8:00 AM - +Jack Connors—anniversary

12:05 PM - Theresa

4:45 PM - +Barbara Tonelli

Thursday, July 24

8:00 AM - +Stephanie Munchback

12:05 PM - +Gastón Joya Riverón &
+Gastón Joya Casas

4:45 PM - +Rita Kopp—anniversary

Friday, July 25

8:00 AM - Kara Olivier—healing

12:05 PM - +Biagio Desesa

4:45 PM - Talia Novellino—birthday

Saturday, July 26

9:00 AM - Maxine Hill & Family

12:00 PM - +Edwin Cueva Guevarra

4:00 PM - Kevin & Mary Sampson—
in thanksgiving

5:30 PM - +Luis Arango-1er aniversario

Reflection by Fr. Jeremy Paulin, OMV

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy summer! I hope you are taking the time to pray and meditate upon the goodness of God in your life. Prayer and meditation upon his Word and presence in your life are essential for our journey to Heaven and life with Him forever. We have a number of good resources for prayer and meditation in our gift shop that are worth looking at - both for yourself and as gifts to others. Please take a look. Bibles, prayer books, the Surrender Novena... Very useful and helpful reading for you, and your purchases help us maintain our presence here in the Pru.

I love the Gospel for today. It is also the Gospel for the Memorial of Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus on July 29. In 2021, Pope Francis changed what on July 29 had for many years only been the memorial of St Martha, to include her sister and brother. I was grateful for that change, but a little sorry as well. For years I was struck by the fact that of those three Saints, only one had a Memorial. To me it was always a sign of the fact that Mary already had right order in her life, but Martha was able to change. She slowed down and found balance in her life, balance between her work and putting God first in prayer and meditation, as Mary was doing at the feet of Jesus. Really what it was, was more trust and indeed full surrender to Jesus. Martha's change, as evidenced by her silent assistance later elsewhere in the Gospels, always gave me hope for my own journey. So, ask yourself today....do I need more balance in my life in regard to my journey to Heaven (which is everything!)? Do I need more prayer time? Have I yet fully surrendered my life (especially my sufferings, trials, vices and temptations) to God?

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz verano! Espero que se tomen el tiempo para orar y meditar en la bondad de Dios en sus vidas. La oración y la meditación en su Palabra y su presencia son esenciales para nuestro camino al Cielo y la vida con Él para siempre. En nuestra tienda de regalos, tenemos una gran variedad de buenos recursos para la oración y la meditación que vale la pena explorar, tanto para ustedes como para regalar a otros. Por favor, échense un vistazo. Biblias, libros de oración, la Novena de Entrega... Una lectura muy útil para ustedes, y sus compras nos ayudan a mantener nuestra presencia aquí en el Prudential.

Me encanta el Evangelio de hoy. Es también el Evangelio del Memorial de Santa Marta, María y Lázaro el 29 de julio. En 2021, el Papa Francisco cambió lo que el 29 de julio durante muchos años había sido solo el memorial de Santa Marta, para incluir a su hermana y hermano. Estuve agradecido por ese cambio, pero también un poco arrepentido. Durante años me llamó la atención el hecho de que de esos tres santos, solo uno tuviera un Memorial. Para mí siempre fue una señal del hecho de que María ya tenía el orden correcto en su vida, pero Marta pudo cambiar. Disminuyó el ritmo y encontró el equilibrio en su vida, equilibrio entre su trabajo y poner a Dios primero en la oración y la meditación, como lo hacía María a los pies de Jesús. Realmente lo que fue, fue más confianza y, de hecho, una entrega total a Jesús. El cambio de Marta, como lo demuestra su asistencia silenciosa más adelante en otras partes de los Evangelios, siempre me dio esperanza para mi propio viaje. Así que, pregúntate hoy... ¿Necesito más equilibrio en mi vida con respecto a mi camino al Cielo (¡que lo es todo!)? ¿Necesito más tiempo de oración? ¿He entregado ya mi vida (especialmente mis sufrimientos, pruebas, vicios y tentaciones) a Dios?

Gift Shop Items of the Week:



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Jubilee for Priests—June 25-27

The Holy See has designated a number of Jubilee Days throughout 2025 to recognize and celebrate different groups of people and various ministries in the Church. The Jubilee of Priests will be held from Wednesday, June 25, to Friday, June 27, 2025; however, these resources can be used for engaging and celebrating priests at any time throughout the Jubilee Year.

In the Catholic Church, priests are ordained men who share in the ministry of Christ through their preaching and administration of the sacraments in their diocese, eparchy or religious institute or society of apostolic life. The office of the priesthood, instituted by Christ and passed

down through the apostles, conforms men to “Christ the Priest in such a way that they can act in the person of Christ the Head” (Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (Presbyterorum Ordinis), no. 2). Through their Pilgrims on the Way of Hope: A Resource for the Jubilee of Priests 1 preaching, prayer, and celebration of the sacraments, priests guide the body of Christ to the Father.

Priests serve God “in the midst of the flock [where] they adore Him in spirit and in truth,” offering their voluntary poverty, chastity, and obedience as a sacrifice to God (Second Vatican Council, Lumen Gentium, no. 28). The practice of the evangelical counsels serves as a means for priests to reach the perfection of charity (Second Vatican Council, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests (Presbyterorum Ordinis), no. 14). Priests grow in charity in a particular way through the celebration of the Eucharist, which brings about “a bond of priestly perfection which draws their life and activity to unity and coordination” (Ibid., no. 14). A priest’s life images the life of Christ when centered around the Eucharist: a life dedicated to bringing others to the Father out of an unwavering love of God himself (Ibid., no. 14).

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will. Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You. Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company. Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

(St. Padre Pio Foundation, “Stay with me, Lord” Prayer of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina after Holy Communion, English translation)

Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God,
 we thank you for the gift of our priests.
 Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.
 Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
 Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
 Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
 Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
 Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
 Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
 Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

(Prayer for Priests, USCCB)

Jubileo de los Sacerdotes—25-27 de junio

La Santa Sede ha designado varias Jornadas Jubilares a lo largo de 2025 para reconocer y celebrar a diferentes grupos de personas y diversos ministerios en la Iglesia. El Jubileo de los Sacerdotes se celebrará del miércoles 25 al viernes 27 de junio de 2025; sin embargo, estos recursos pueden utilizarse para la participación y celebración de los sacerdotes en cualquier momento durante el Año Jubilar.

En la Iglesia Católica, los sacerdotes son hombres ordenados que participan en el ministerio de Cristo mediante la predicación y la administración de los sacramentos en su diócesis, eparquía, instituto religioso o sociedad de vida apostólica. El oficio del sacerdocio, instituido por Cristo y transmitido a través de los apóstoles, configura a los hombres a «Cristo Sacerdote, de tal manera que puedan actuar en la persona de Cristo Cabeza» (Concilio Vaticano II, Decreto sobre el ministerio y la vida de los presbíteros (Presbyterorum Ordinis), n.º 2). A través de su predicación, la oración y la celebración de los sacramentos, los sacerdotes guían el cuerpo de Cristo hacia el Padre.

Los sacerdotes sirven a Dios "en medio del rebaño, donde lo adoran en espíritu y en verdad", ofreciendo su pobreza, castidad y obediencia voluntarias como sacrificio a Dios (Concilio Vaticano II, Lumen Gentium, n.º 28). La práctica de los consejos evangélicos sirve como medio para que los sacerdotes alcancen la perfección de la caridad (Concilio Vaticano II, Decreto sobre el ministerio y la vida de los presbíteros (Presbyterorum Ordinis), n.º 14). Los sacerdotes crecen en la caridad de manera particular a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía, que crea "un vínculo de perfección sacerdotal que une su vida y su actividad con la unidad y la coordinación" (Ibíd., n.º 14). La vida de un sacerdote refleja la vida de Cristo cuando se centra en la Eucaristía: una vida dedicada a acercar a otros al Padre por un amor inquebrantable a Dios mismo (Ibíd., n.º 14).

Quédate conmigo, Señor, porque eres mi luz, y sin Ti, estoy en tinieblas. Quédate conmigo, Señor, para mostrarme tu voluntad. Quédate conmigo, Señor, para que escuche tu voz y te siga. Quédate conmigo, Señor, porque deseo amarte mucho y estar siempre en tu compañía. Quédate conmigo, Señor, si quieres que te sea fiel.

(Fundación San Padre Pío, «Quédate conmigo, Señor», Oración de San Pío de Pietrelcina después de la Sagrada Comunión, traducción al español)

Oración por los Sacerdotes

Dios misericordioso y amoroso,
te damos gracias por el don de nuestros sacerdotes.
A través de ellos, experimentamos tu presencia en los sacramentos.
Ayuda a nuestros sacerdotes a ser firmes en su vocación.
Infunde en ellos el amor por tu pueblo.
Concédeles la sabiduría, la comprensión y la fuerza que necesitan para seguir los pasos de Jesús.
Inspíralos con la visión de tu Reino.
Dales las palabras que necesitan para difundir el Evangelio.
Permíteles experimentar la alegría en su ministerio.
Ayúdalos a convertirse en instrumentos de tu divina gracia.
Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, que vive y reina como nuestro Sacerdote Eterno. Amén.

(Oración por los Sacerdotes, USCCB)



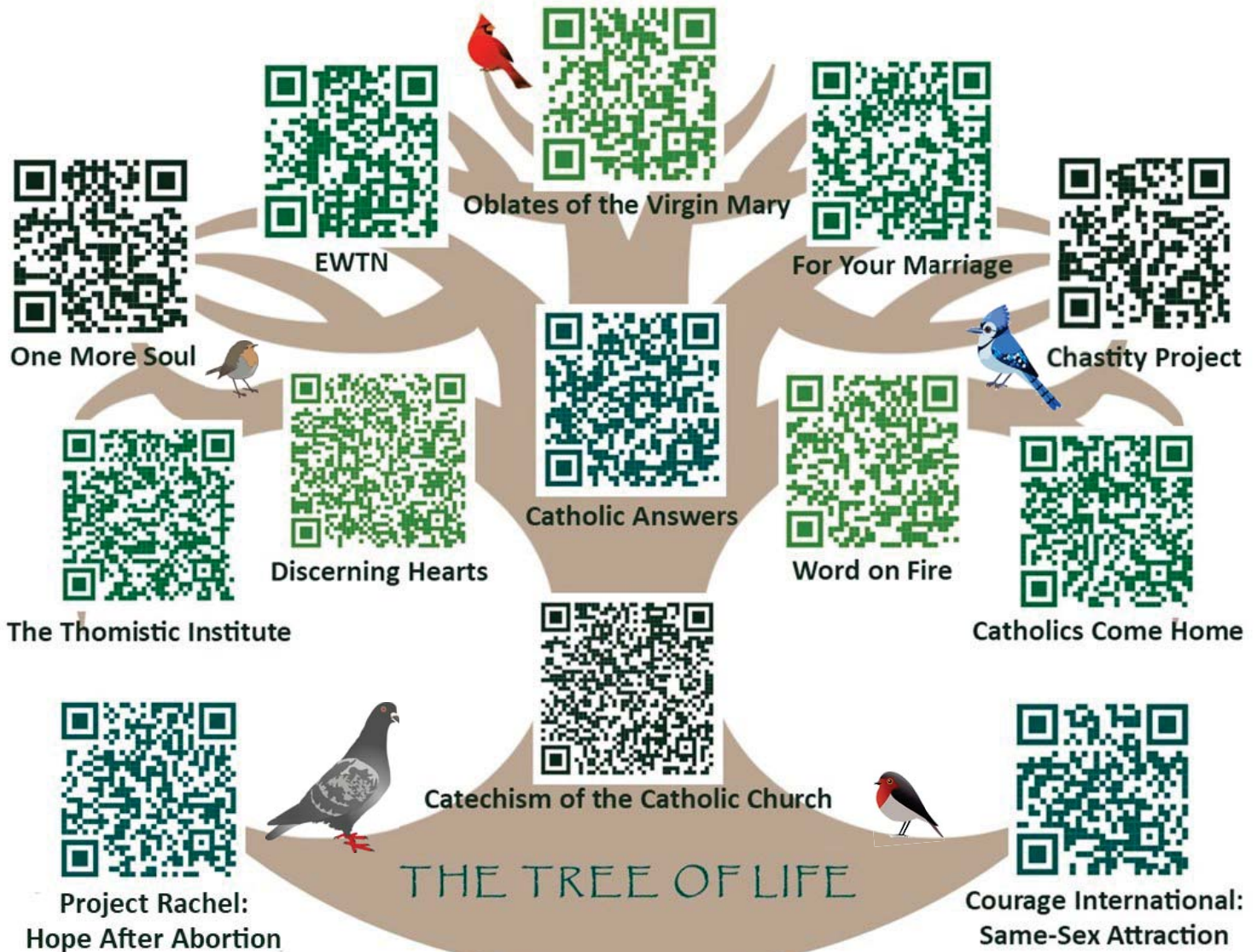
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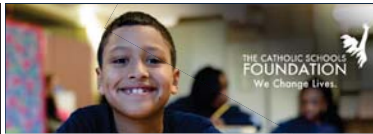
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