



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Lady of the Hills Parish

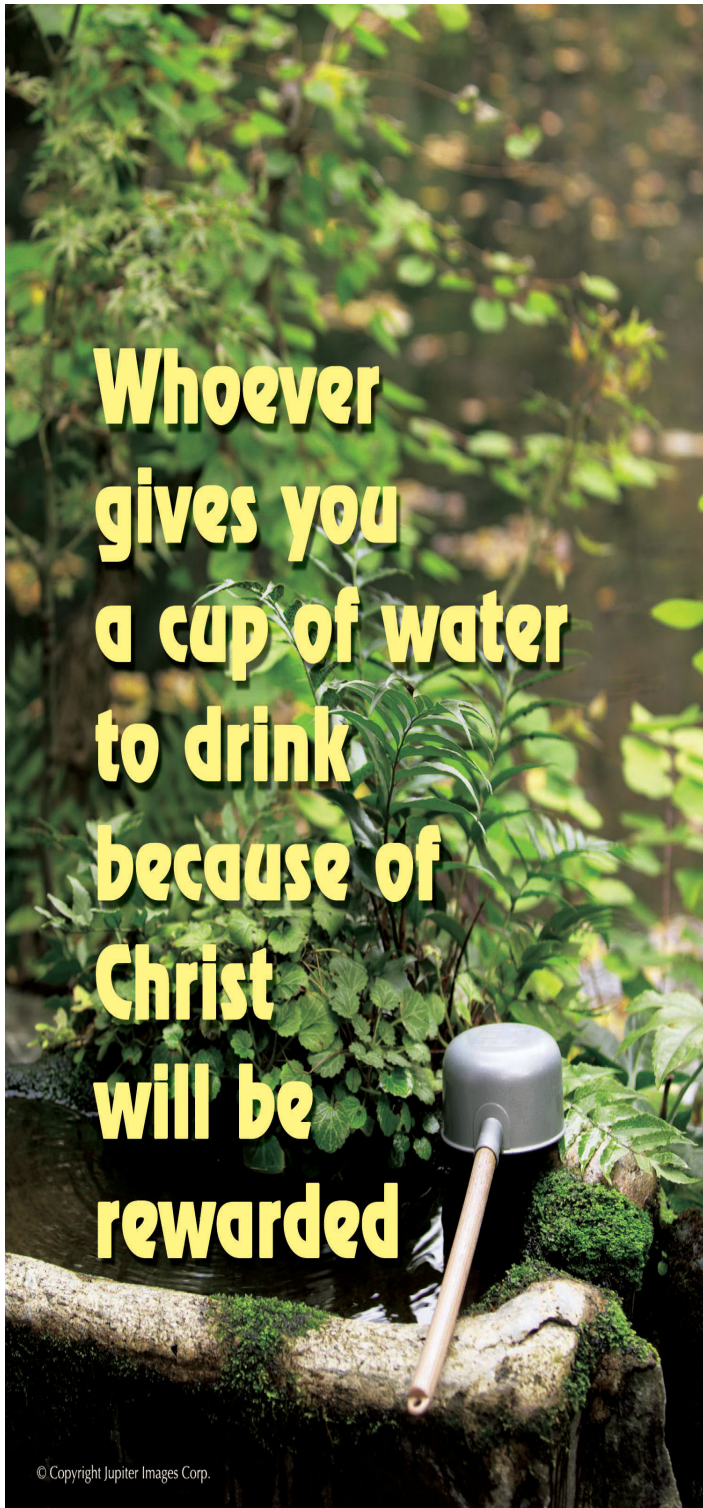
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September 26, 2021 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Whoever
gives you
a cup of water
to drink
because of
Christ
will be
rewarded**

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Liturgy Schedule

Masses

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Holy Day Masses

8:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Rectory Office

Hours: Monday – Wednesday

9:00AM – 1:00PM

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Cemetery

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery

located in Leeds, MA

Please call the Rectory Office at 413-268-7212.

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Find us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/olothhaydenville>

Parish website: olothhaydenville.org

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 25 - October 3

Saturday	September 25	4:00PM	+Celia Thomas from Tom & Bev Thomas
Sunday	September 26	8:00AM	+ Joseph & Lois Elsensohn from Eleanor Hebert
Sunday	September 26	10:30AM	
Monday	September 27	8:30AM	+ Living and Deceased Parishioners
Tuesday	September 28	8:30AM	
Wednesday	September 29	8:30AM	
Thursday	September 30	8:30AM	
Saturday	October 02	4:00PM	
Sunday	October 03	8:00AM	+ Dawn Castro by her Husband
Sunday	October 03	10:30AM	+ Aimee DesRochers by a Friend

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalms — The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (James 5:1-6).

Gospel — Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus

Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael

Thursday: St. Jerome

Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Friday

Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Saturday

Weekly Calendar Sept 27 - Oct - 3

Wednesday - Adult Faith Formation 6:30 pm

Thursday - Rosary 1:00 pm

Saturday - Take and Eat 9:00 A.M.

Saturday-Sunday - Survival Center Collection

Sunday - Building and Grounds 9:00 A.M.

Sunday - Student Faith Formation 9:05 A.M.

Sunday - Blessing of Animals 12:00 P.M.

Parish Renovation Campaign Prayer

O God, hear our humble prayer. Pour your Holy Spirit upon every person within our parish that all may come to deepen their faith and serve you as faithful and generous witnesses to the enduring hope found only in You. With the help of Mary, our Mother, who with Joseph created a Most Holy Family may we bear witness to the glory of God with great joy. In Luke's Gospel, Mary said "the Lord has done great things for me and holy is His Name." Therefore, bless this campaign by igniting a new enthusiasm for the sacred mission we share as disciples of your Son. Help us to **Do Great Things** and allow us to continue to share Your love and mercy with others. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the source of our hope, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Oct 2 - 3

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4PM Lector - M. Reagan
Euch. Minister - L. Pennell
Altar Server - Help Needed
Greeters - L. Rowley & S. Hodgkins

8AM Lector - D. Rodndina
Euch. Minister - R. Laroche
Altar Server - C. Rondina
Greeters - M. Heon & M. Breen

10:30AM Lector - L. Bouley
Euch. Minister - C. Padeck
Altar Server - C. Padeck
Greeters - A. Giardina & M. Murphy

FLORENCE BANK CUSTOMER CHOICE AWARDS

A couple of months ago we told you that for the 2020 Customer Choice Awards our parish received \$4,837.50. Now it is, of course, a new year. Thus, we ask you and those you know who bank at Florence Bank to again vote for our parish for the 2021 year awards. There are forms as you leave the church which you can either return to the bank yourself or put in the collection basket when you come to church and we will bring to the bank. This must be done before the end of the year. Please note that, with our parish renovation drive going on this fall, this effort will be all the more important. Thanks so much for your support last year. Let's make this an even better year!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 19 \$2,928

Thank you for your support.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On Thursday, **October 7** (the Feast of the Holy Rosary), we will have a Holy Hour from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. in our church. We will offer the Holy Hour (which includes the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, quiet time, and Benediction) for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese. Please come to this special opportunity and invite others to join also.

Pen Pal Program

The senior center has a long running relationship with the sixth grade class at the Dunphy School. We ran a pen pal program with them for several years before covid 19 hit, shutting down the school. Now that things are beginning to open up, we hope to restarted the program with this year's sixth graders. Initially we got our first letters from the students delivered to the senior center and pass them out to the pen pals. Then your responses are collected and given back to the teacher involved to give to the students. You will be assigned one student to write to. There will be 3 or 4 or more opportunities to correspond and one or more opportunities to meet. In the past pen pals have been invited to lunch and mixer exercise and more. Pen pals often make lasting relationships with students and the program is very reward on both sides ! **We are looking for people in the parish who are 60 and over who might be interested in being a pen pal.** For information contact Melissa Wilson at 268-8407.

**The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8**

NOTICE OF DEATH

We wish to announce the death of Statia Skwira who was a member of our parish and who died recently. May she rest in peace and may her family members be consoled by the prayers of our community.

Turkey Dinner

The good news is, we WILL be having our "take away" turkey dinner on Saturday, October 9th BUT only if we sell 100 adult tickets before Monday, September 27th. The 27th is the day we have to order the turkeys and we need to know how much turkey to order. The cost will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Also, in the back of the church is a signup sheet for those able to help Friday, October 8th to peel veggies and then Saturday the 9th to get the take outs ready and then to clean up. The pot roast went so well as a take out and we want this dinner to do the same. Let's pray we can all be together for our next dinner. Thank you for your help in keeping this dinner tradition alive. If you have any questions, please do call Phil Giers at 268-3149.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The annual blessing of animals (honoring St. Francis of Assisi) will take place on Sunday, **October 3**, at 12:00 noon in the parish parking lot by the shrine to St. Francis. The ceremony lasts about 15 minutes. All pet owners and friends of pets are cordially invited to attend. If the weather is inclement, we will hold the event in the parish barn.

FEAST OF FAITH

The Lord's Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with the great "Amen," the acclamation of assent by the assembly. Then the Communion rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. We pray this prayer in many contexts, both inside and outside the Church's liturgy. Here, in the context of the Mass, the Lord's Prayer is profoundly eucharistic. When we ask for our "daily bread," we are asking for the gift of the Eucharist. When we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others, we are seeking forgiveness and purity of heart before we approach the altar to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood—"so that what is holy may, in fact, be given to those who are holy" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 81).

At Mass, a prayer for peace is inserted between the prayer and the doxology. In this prayer, called the embolism, the Church asks God for freedom—freedom from sin and all anxiety and distress. We are living in an in-between time; even as we rejoice in Christ's presence, we await his

Northampton Survival Center

Our parish donated 157 pounds of food to the Survival Center in Northampton in September. Our next collection be the weekend of October 2nd/3rd. Thank you for your generosity. Food insecurity is very high at this time.

Prayer for our Parish

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank you for our Parish, **Our Lady of the Hills.** My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am holy. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen

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