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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 27, 2023

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Daily Masses

Monday-Saturday | 9:15 AM Chapel

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

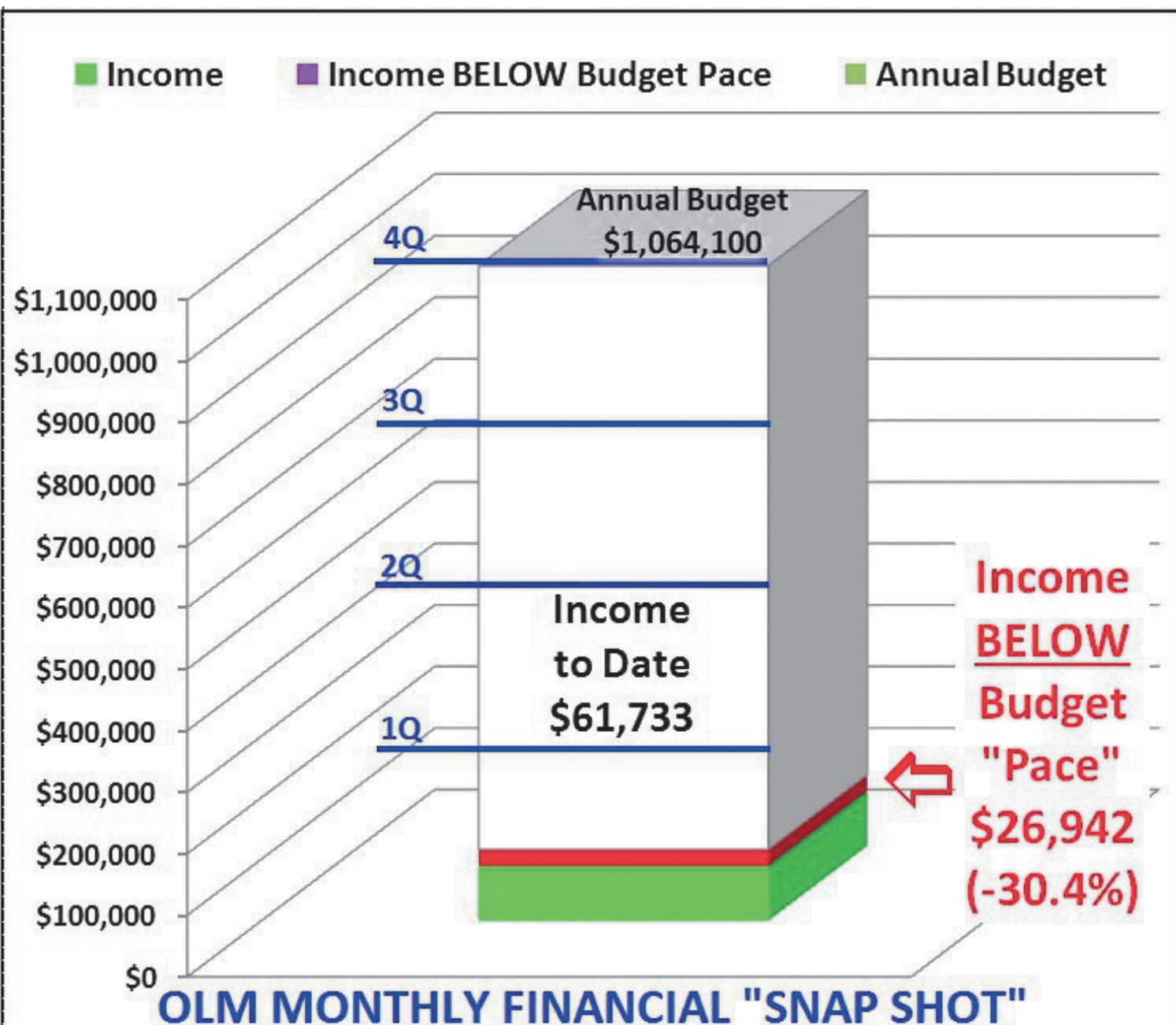
Join Us For Mass

Sunday Masses | Saturday Vigil- 5:00 PM Church

Sunday- 8:00 | 10:00 | 11:30 AM Church

Confessions- Saturday 4:15-4:45 PM

Holy Days- 9:15 AM | 7:30 PM Church



(July 1, 2023 - July 31, 2023)

Based on the annual budget of \$1,064,100 to operate OLM, the total collections of \$61,733 for the first month of our fiscal year are BELOW budget "pace" by \$26,942 or 30.4%. Based on this, the Finance Committee is hopeful that the **Annual Parish Appeal** (Oct 1st - Nov 1st) and parishioner generosity (which has helped tremendously in past years) will continue or increase overall parish income before the end of this year.

Second Collections for the Month of July, 2023

**Diocesan Assessment
Building Fund**

**\$1,260.00
\$75.00**

Daily Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 27 *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM **Egeo DeDominicis**
r/o DeDominicis Family

10:00 AM **Peter Sepesi**
r/o Tom Chin

11:30 AM **Nicasia Aguilar & Lucille de la Paz**
r/o Stewart & Amor Diaz

Monday, August 28 *St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

9:15 AM **For the Intentions of Nancy Mathison**
r/o Doreen & Steve Gliebe

Tuesday, August 29 *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

9:15 AM **For the Intentions of Stephen Crane**
r/o Mom & Dad
Joan H. Lynch
r/o Mike & Lisa Yacone

Wednesday, August 30

9:15 AM **Peter Sepesi**
r/o Jerry Salemi

Thursday, August 31

9:15 AM **Jack Klingert**
r/o Ann Collins
Marie Golden
r/o Donna Golden

Friday, September 1 *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*

9:15 AM **Jerome Kelble**
r/o Angelina Marchetto

Saturday, September 2 *BVM*

9:15 AM **Mass of Remembrance**
5:00 PM **Walter & Josephine Blanchard**
r/o Doreen & Steve Gliebe

Sunday, September 3 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 AM **Ronald Wright**
r/o Georgia Wright

10:00 AM **For the Intentions of Nancy Mathison**
r/o Doreen & Steve Gliebe

11:30 AM **Joseph Adest**
r/o Kathy Dalton

Please remember in your prayers the sick, homebound and disabled of our parish family, all those listed in the parish book of intentions, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Mass Intentions Available

Mass Intentions are available for 2023/2024. To request to have a Mass offered for a loved one, please contact the Parish Office or request online at <https://olmwarren.org/mass-intentions>. Mass stipends are \$10.

In Loving Memory



Please pray for the families and loved ones of the departed who now enjoy everlasting life:

Stephen Gregory Smith

Husband of Rowena

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

We offer our prayerful congratulations to the following couple married at Our Lady of the Mount last weekend:

Nadine Sicola and Hendrick Soule

August 27, 2023 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" -Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Maui Relief Effort - Catholic Charities USA



As of Monday, August 21, at least 114 people have died and more than 800 people remain missing from fires that ravaged the Hawaiian island of Maui. Catholic Charities USA is actively providing lifesaving resources and relief on the ground.

For individuals who wish to contribute to the relief effort, donations can be made online directly to CCUSA: <http://provd.io/maui> or by scanning the QR code below. 100% of donations will go directly to disaster relief.



Volunteers Needed

We need your help to serve our Faith Formation program. We are currently in need of catechists/substitutes/aides at the following times:

3rd Grade – Monday 4:15pm – 5:30pm
4th Grade – Monday 4:15pm – 5:30pm
7th Grade – Wednesday 4:30pm – 5:45pm

Tuition discounts available for all adult volunteers, and service credits for all student volunteers.

For more information please contact us at:
 908-647-1075 x112 or email us at
faithformation@olmwarren.org

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION



"Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." - LK 18:16

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FOR MORE INFORMATION**



SCAN ME

Scripture Readings For the Week of August 27, 2023

Sunday | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday | Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday | Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist
 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday
 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 & 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday
 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 & 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday
 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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Saint Monica



The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of

his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine, especially his Confessions.

Reflection

Today, with Google searches, online shopping, text messages, tweets, and instant credit, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

Saint Monica is the Patron Saint of:

Alcoholics
Conversion
Mothers

OLM Women's Ministry presents:



The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist

Many women that attended our previous study on Mary, Queen of Heaven loved the deep look into Mary's role in history and expressed their Thirst to continue this type of study. Exploring Jesus through the Eucharist was one of their suggestions. Join us for Fellowship and lively discussion as we continue to grow in our faith.

Session Begins: Tuesday, September 26 (remaining sessions: 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/21)

Time: 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Location: Fr. Peter Room - Main Church Foyer (In person - No video feed)

Come Explore with us The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist and learn:

- The Truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist
- The origins of the Eucharist in Sacred Scripture
- The Eucharist's profound role in the life of the Church & its members

Registration is required to order the materials- \$25 fee.

Space is limited so please register now.

Register online with credit card at <https://olmwarren.org/womens-ministry> or pay by Cash or Checks made out to: Our Lady of the Mount, 170 Mt Bethel Rd., Warren, NJ 07059 (include the completed form below)

For more info: Email: womensministry@olmwarren.org Registration Coordinator, Patti Johnson

Registration Form – We will contact you by email before the class to confirm your registration.

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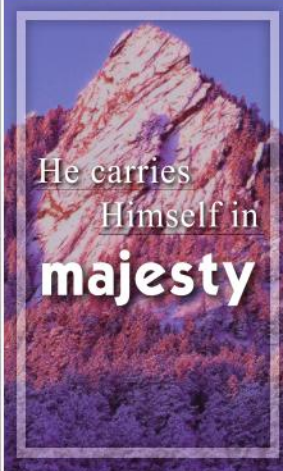
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