



The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL

Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist — June 24, 2018



The Birth of John the Baptist, Tintoretto

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:

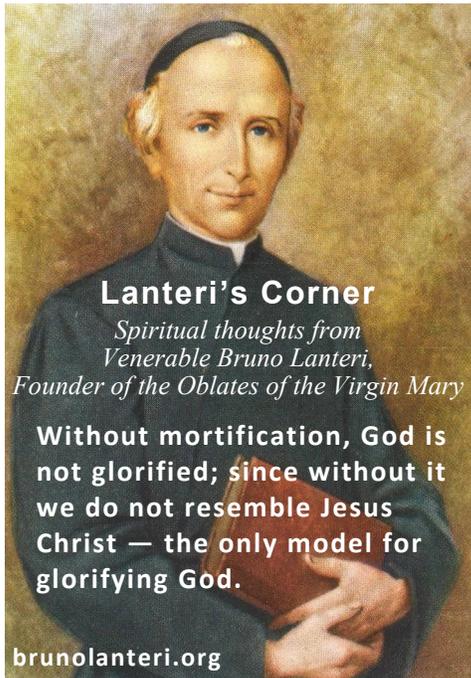
Mon. - Fri. 8:30-11:45 AM,
1:00-4:30 PM;
Saturday 9:30 - 11:30 AM,
12:30 - 3:30 PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30 PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Tuesday - closed;
Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*

(*Closed during
Sunday Masses and
Saturday Vigil Masses)

St. Francis Chapel , 800 Boylston St., Ste. 1001, Boston MA 02199
617-437-7117
stfrancischapel.org



Lanteri's Corner

Spiritual thoughts from Venerable Bruno Lanteri.

Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Without mortification, God is not glorified; since without it we do not resemble Jesus Christ — the only model for glorifying God.

brunolanteri.org

Is God calling you to join the Oblates of the Virgin Mary?



Contact our Vocation Director Fr. John Luong, OMV at frjohnomv@gmail.com or visit omvusa.org

CHAPEL STAFF

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Fr. Robert Lowrey, OMV

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Robert Conley
Justin Salisbury
James Agolia

Cleaning of Chapel Environment:
Nubia Viasus



THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL

Save the Date!

35th Anniversary Celebration

September 12

5:30 PM Mass followed by a reception at the Sheraton Hotel

Help us tell our story

Share your pictures and experiences at the chapel:



[SFChapel](#)



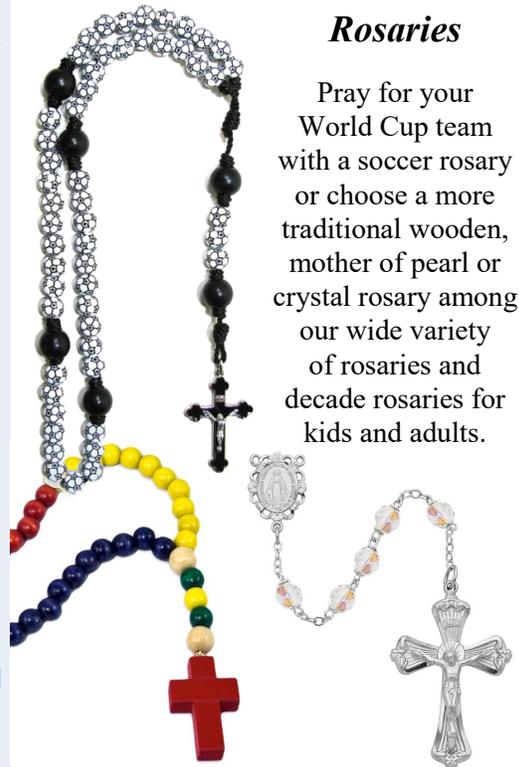
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The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week...

Rosaries

Pray for your World Cup team with a soccer rosary or choose a more traditional wooden, mother of pearl or crystal rosary among our wide variety of rosaries and decade rosaries for kids and adults.



Our Lady Around the World



Our Blessed Mother is celebrated all around the world under a variety of customs. We invite everyone to

share how you celebrate the Virgin Mary in your culture, or if you plan to travel to share photos and stories of how Our Lady is venerated around the world, on our website and social media.



Serving Others in God's Love

Religious Freedom Week
June 22-29, 2018

We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by serving others and living our faith in all that we do.

For more information on Religious Liberty, visit usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty



SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL RENOVATION FUND

We make this appeal to you to participate in the Chapel's transformation through funding, prayer and suggestions. Please use the special envelopes found in the chapel entrance for this purpose. You may also use the giving kiosk in the entrance or visit stfrancischapel.org, click on the *Donate* button and enter "renovation" in the *Special Instructions* box.

Thank you and God bless you for all you do in helping the mission.



A Reflection on the Nativity of St. John the Baptist by Br. Paul Kallal, OMV

A wise man once said to me, “You will always need John the Baptist in your life.” At first, I was confused by his advice, and I must confess, it took me a few years to understand what he meant. If I am going to be truly honest, I must admit that I am still pondering his advice. However, I think I have some idea as to what this wise man was referring to.

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. To begin to understand why we need to focus on John, we must first begin with his name. The Greek word for John, *Yehohanan*, translates as “Yahweh has shown favor.” Through the birth of John, God first shows favor to his parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth. Elderly and childless, this couple, and in particular Elizabeth, was stigmatized as being both barren and unfavorable in the eyes of the Lord. However, with the birth of their son, God’s grace and mercy is manifested. God is now seen as a God who fulfills His promises and looks with favor on the lowly. In response, Zechariah joyfully praises God by singing, “In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Secondly, God uses John the Baptist to show favor to Israel by giving him a vital mission in the economy of salvation. Each of the Gospels reinforces the Baptist’s role in God’s plan of salvation. St. Luke writes that the word of God came to John in the wilderness and stirred him to preach a baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sins. St. Mark highlights that John is the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy, hence John is the messenger shouting from the desert, preparing a road for Jesus. St. Matthew recalls that the Baptist is the greatest of those born of women and that he prepared a way for the Lord. Lastly, St. John, who portrays Jesus as the light, reveals that John came to give testimony the light so that all might believe in Him. Thus, the Gospels highlight that John the Baptist remains true to his namesake. In being favored by God, the Baptist receives the vital mission of being the last prophet and therefore preparing Israel for the salvific mission of Christ.

When we pray about the life and mission of John the Baptist, we first of all become aware of the ways in which God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- has favored each one of us. Sometimes, life’s struggles and sorrows keep us from being aware of this knowledge. In these moments, John the Baptist reminds us to refocus our gaze on Christ and in return we will see that Christ’s gaze is focused on us. Christ’s gaze alone is proof of his favor. With this realization, we can confidently imitate the Baptist and prepare the way for the Lord in both our own lives and the vocations God has called each of us to, especially in our families and workplaces. On this great Solemnity, I pray that each of you realize how much God loves you and how much he has favored you throughout your life. I also pray that through the intercession of John the Baptist, you can confidently and without fear, prepare others to receive Jesus Christ in the numerous ways He is inviting you to be His disciple. Therefore, may the Lord continue to bless, heal, keep, and protect you. May He let His radiant face shine upon you today, tomorrow, and all the days of your life. Amen!

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 24

8:00 AM	Fr. Ed Broom, OMV
9:15 AM	Deceased Members of the Picardi Family
10:30 AM	+ Fr. Michael Cavanaugh
11:45 AM	Emilio Plazas
1:15 PM (esp)	+ Agustin Rojas
4:00 PM	John Valleli — health
5:30 PM	+ John Park

Monday, June 25

8:00 AM	Fr. Ed Broom, OMV
12:05 PM	Regan Family
4:45 PM	+ Jean Roshon

Tuesday, June 26

8:00 AM	+ Peter Maguire
12:05 PM	In Thanksgiving to St. Josemaria Escriva
4:45 PM	+ Anthony & Genova Perini

Wednesday, June 27

8:00 AM	Elisa Feitelberg
12:05 PM	Emily Kruekeberg
4:45 PM	+ Gina Gordon - month’s mind

Thursday, June 28

8:00 AM	+ Hortense L. Chagnon
12:05 PM	Thanksgiving
4:45 PM	+ Elizabeth Murphy

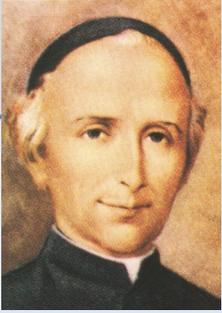
Friday, June 29

8:00 AM	Michael Philip Zuraik
12:05 PM	Fr. Ed Broom, OMV
4:45 PM	+ John Feeney

Saturday, June 30

9:00 AM	+ Richard & + Julia Troy
12:00 PM	+ Ernesto Camacho Sr.
4:00 PM	Mary Lee & Family
5:30 PM	+ Nylza Castro
7:00 PM (esp)	+ Adreina Cuevas

Oblates of the Virgin Mary – USA



Fr. Bruno Lanteri
(1759-1830)

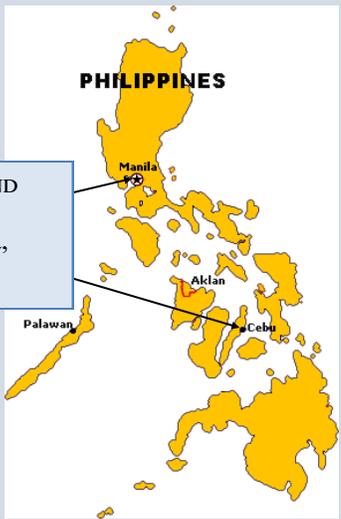
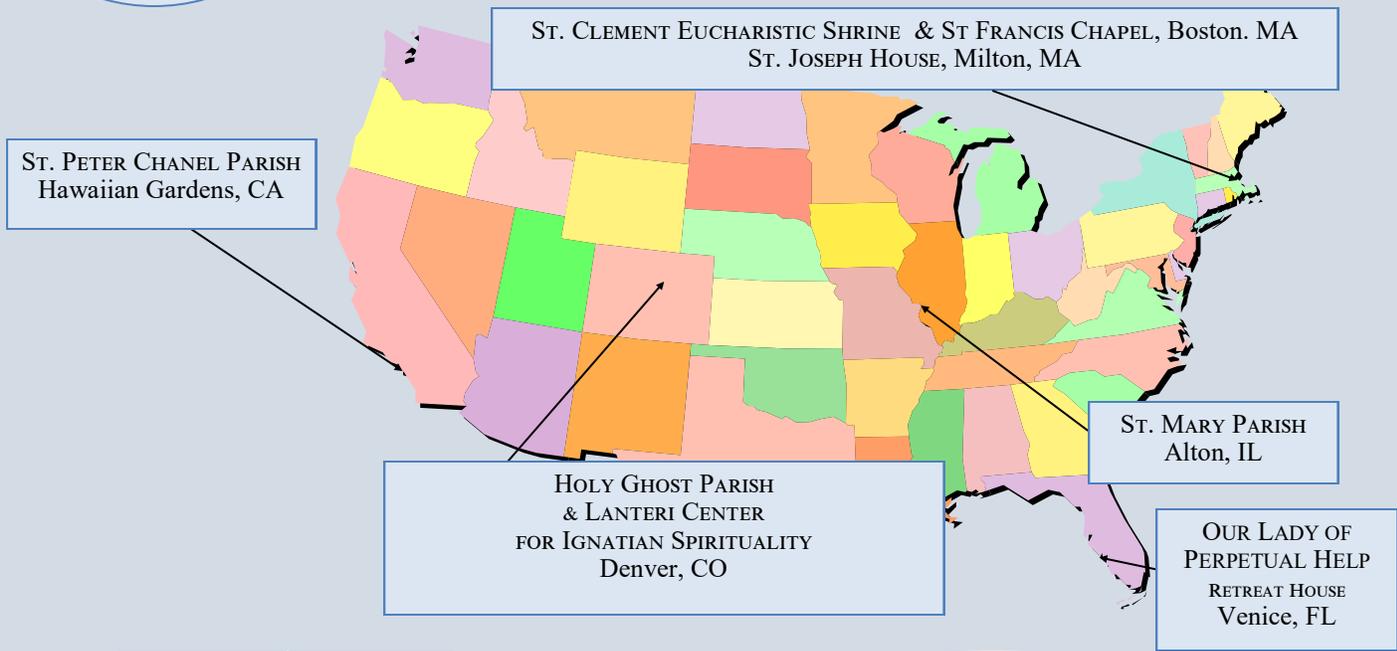
The Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.

Declared “Venerable” - the first step to Sainthood.

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.



OMV FORMATION AND RETREAT CENTERS
Cebu City & Manila, Philippines

The OMV motto,
“*MARIAM COGITA, MARIAM INVOCA*”
“*THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY*”
is taken from a homily
by
St. Bernard.