

Father Ed's update to parishioners – #8 (9-04-2020)

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Please remember in prayer long-time Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner Joe Bonifas who passed away on August 20; he was 92 years old. Not able to drive because of his macular degeneration, he had not been active in the parish recently but some of you will remember him as the guy keeping up the grounds – trimming hedges, carting away brush to his farm, keeping the edges of the sidewalks free of weeds – anything to keep things neat and clean. Some may also remember him from his almost 20 years as a volunteer at St. Rita's. There will not be a funeral Mass at OLL, but you may share condolences at <https://bayliffandson.com/>

First Saturday Mass at IC (9-5-2020)

I am celebrating a First Saturday Mass tomorrow, Saturday, September 5th at Immaculate Conception. The Mass will be followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, ending with Benediction at 10:30am. The First Saturday is a devotion requested by Our Lady at Fatima (Catholics are not obligated to believe in Marian apparitions, but the Church has approved the Fatima apparition as “worthy of belief.”). Learn more about this devotion at <https://www.marian.org/13th/firstsaturday.php> . The Mass itself will be a regular weekday Mass, meaning no music, one reading before the Gospel, etc. but it will be the Mass setting for the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Bishop Brennan's message: Covid-19 Update: How We Move Forward

This letter from the bishop was published in the Aug 30th edition of the Catholic Times, but here it is on the diocesan website. <https://columbuscatholic.org/local-news-urgent-2>

Bishop Brennan's Season of Hope message

<https://www.columbuscatholic.org/season-of-hope>

No Sunday 8:30am Mass at OLL

Fr. Ferguson had implemented the 8:30am Mass last year as a way to help PSR families attend Mass and then participate in PSR immediately afterwards. He said it was well-received (with about 50-60 people in attendance according to the October 2019 count). However, since our PSR program is different this year with it being virtual, it makes it less of a necessity to have the 8:30am Mass. I do realize that the Mass time may be desirable to those who want an earlier Mass and many of those who do want an earlier Mass may be going elsewhere. But that also puts a hardship on the priests to do three weekend Masses, without any promise that the people would attend or come back. Because of the pandemic, the current trend is that about 50% are coming to Mass. That percentage is good compared to other parishes but that also means that at 8:30, there would be about 25 people in attendance. Those 25 could easily fit in to the other Masses if they wanted to come to OLL, even if

not as convenient for them. Fr. Jeffrey and I would gladly do a third Mass if the others were already full and if it seemed like we needed to add it. So, I guess what I am saying is...

COME TO MASS!

Even though the bishops of Ohio have dispensed the obligation to come to Mass on Sundays, if you are able to do so, please come to Mass. The dispensation is primarily because people may be vulnerable to the virus or some may not feel comfortable coming. However, if you are going out and about, or you have already attended Mass, then you can probably put the obligation on yourself to come to Mass every week. If you are vulnerable or are not feeling safe, then please remain at home. If you want to come but are nervous doing so, a good option might be to come to a daily Mass so that you are worshipping God and receiving the Eucharist at least once during the week.

Upcoming PSR program

If you are a parent and received a letter or email about our upcoming PSR program, please respond soon about whether you will partake in the program. Please email Deb at OLL at oll@wcoil.com or for ICC, please respond to Kathy at iccatholic@windstream.net or Stacey Stacklin. We hope this will be a fantastic experience, one for the whole family!

Live-stream schedule this weekend

The live-stream of the Mass will take place this weekend, Sep 6th at OLL at 11am.

Repeated info:

Online offertory

Please continue to send in your contributions either at Mass, by mail, or online at <https://www.columbuscatholic.org/extreme-charity>

I truly appreciate your generosity and your continuing investment in the future of our parishes.

BAA

BAA envelopes were recently mailed out to each household, but the easiest and fastest way to give to the BAA is by going online at <https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/baa> . Please help us exceed our goal!

RCIA

If you know of anyone who wants to become Catholic, please invite them to reach out to Our Lady of Lourdes at oll@wcoil.com or Immaculate Conception at iccatholic@windstream.net

Attached is this weekend's worship aid for Mass and the bulletins.

Our Lady of Grace, pray for us!

God bless!

Fr. Ed



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[Ordinary 23 Worship Aid.pdf](#)