The Healing of Peter’s Mother-In-Law, Rembrandt
With great joy the, Oblates of the Virgin Mary are pleased to announce the
Profession of Perpetual Vows and the Ordination to the Diaconate of
Br. Paul Matthew Nguyen, OMV
February 9 and 10, 2018
Both ceremonies will be held at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston Street, Boston.
Receptions will follow both ceremonies. Please reply via stclement@omvusa.org or 617-266-5999 x130.

Mass of Perpetual Religious Profession
Friday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.
Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate
Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Chapel Choir, please call us at (617) 437 - 7117
FROM *DIVES IN MISERICORDIA* BY ST. JOHN PAUL II

It is "God, who is rich in mercy" whom Jesus Christ has revealed to us as Father: it is His very Son who, in Himself, has manifested Him and made Him known to us. Memorable in this regard is the moment when Philip, one of the twelve Apostles, turned to Christ and said: "Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied"; and Jesus replied: "Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me...? He who has seen me has seen the Father." These words were spoken during the farewell discourse at the end of the paschal supper, which was followed by the events of those holy days during which confirmation was to be given once and for all of the fact that "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ."

Although God "dwells in unapproachable light," He speaks to man he means of the whole of the universe: "ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made." This indirect and imperfect knowledge, achieved by the intellect seeking God by means of creatures through the visible world, falls short of "vision of the Father." "No one has ever seen God," writes St. John, in order to stress the truth that "the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known." This "making known" reveals God in the most profound mystery of His being, one and three, surrounded by "unapproachable light." Nevertheless, through this "making known" by Christ we know God above all in His relationship of love for man: in His "philanthropy." It is precisely here that "His invisible nature" becomes in a special way "visible," incomparably more visible than through all the other "things that have been made": it becomes visible in Christ and through Christ, through His actions and His words, and finally through His death on the cross and His Resurrection.

In this way, in Christ and through Christ, God also becomes especially visible in His mercy; that is to say, there is emphasized that attribute of the divinity which the Old Testament, using various concepts and terms, already defined as "mercy." Christ confers on the whole of the Old Testament tradition about God's mercy a definitive meaning. Not only does He speak of it and explain it by the use of comparisons and parables, but above all He Himself makes it incarnate and personifies it. He Himself, in a certain sense, is mercy. To the person who sees it in Him - and finds it in Him - God becomes "visible" in a particular way as the Father who is rich in mercy."

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**THE CHAPEL GIFT SHOP**

**Item of the Week…**

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Deepen your prayer life this Lenten season with the help of spiritual reading. These and more titles for Lent are now available at the gift shop.

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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 4**

8:00 AM + Josephine Altieri
9:15 AM + Peter & + Bertha M. Wheatley
10:30 AM + Rudi Holtzapfel
11:45 AM + James Michael Costello
1:15 PM (esp) + Francisco Velez
4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM + Bernard Francis Cardinal Law

**Monday, February 5**

8:00 AM + Barbara Rothenberger
12:05 PM Thomas Esposito
4:45 PM Frank Kelly

**Tuesday, February 6**

8:00 AM + Doroteia Silva
12:05 PM + Sheila Dunne Feitelberg
4:45 PM The Culliton Family

**Wednesday, February 7**

8:00 AM John Kamau — in thanksgiving
12:05 PM Dorothy Murphy
4:45 PM + Marjorie Thomas

**Thursday, February 8**

8:00 AM Pauline Torseny — health
12:05 PM + Mrs. Curran
4:45 PM + Rose Giuffrida

**Friday, February 9**

8:00 AM + Carolyn Ward
12:05 PM + Sean Patrick Kane Cotter
4:45 PM + Spenser Ridick

**Saturday, February 10**

9:00 AM + Maureen O’Rourke
12:00 PM Carol Peterson
4:00 PM + Leslie Gunther
5:30 PM + Rose Aceto
7:00 PM (esp) + Margarita Arboleda

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The OMV US Province House is at St. Clement’s in Boston.

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