The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Francis Chapel

1983 - 2018

4th Sunday of Easter — April 22, 2018

Save the Date!

35th Anniversary Celebration

September 12, 2018

Mass & Reception

5:10pm
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

Lanteri’s Corner

Spiritual thoughts from Venerable Bruno Lanteri, Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

My heart is all Yours, Yours by creation, Yours by redemption; yes, it cost You all Your blood, all Your Life.

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Our Lady Around the World

Our Lady of Charity - Cuba

Our Lady of Lujan - Argentina

Our Lady of La Vang - Vietnam

Our Lady of Czestochowa - Poland

Our Blessed Mother is celebrated all around the world under a variety of customs. Here at the Chapel we have the good pleasure of celebrating the Catholic faith with so many of our brothers and sisters from around the world. 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.

Share with us at:

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The Chapel Gift Shop Item of the Week…

Pendants with Holy Cards

If you would like to volunteer for the Chapel Choir, please contact us at (617) 437 - 7117

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.
From Pope Francis’ Cross by Renzo Allegri

When Pope Francis appeared on the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica for the first time, it was immediately apparent to Vatican watchers that the 266th pontiff was different. He wore a simple cassock and was adorned only by a plain pectoral cross. A pectoral cross (from the Latin pectoralis, ‘of the chest’) is a cross that is worn on the chest, usually suspended from the neck by a cord or a chain.

The pectoral cross Pope Francis wears is not made from gold, but rather from silver. This much humbler emblem of spiritual authority has become symbolic of the Pope’s apostolic mission, which is inspired by the Franciscan ideal of evangelical poverty. When he first spoke to the world from the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica it appeared dark, having an almost rusty hue, leading some journalists to the erroneous conclusion that it was made of iron. How did this come about?

When he became the Archbishop of Buenos Aires and later a cardinal and Primate of the Argentine Church, Archbishop Bergoglio continued to lead the lifestyle of a simple parish priest. Whenever he had any free time available from his numerous duties as Archbishop, he went to the slums of Buenos Aires (favelas). At that time Archbishop Bergoglio did not even have a car. He just used the buses or the subway. During the trip from the Archbishop’s House to the favelas, located on the outskirts of the city, he would often clutch his pectoral cross – the symbol of his desire to shepherd the poor. The cross had more than a sentimental value for the man who wore it; it also meant something for those he visited. The outcasts of society in the favelas touched it too; they kissed it and bathed it with their tears while the Archbishop listened to their stories.

It portrays the Good Shepherd. Jesus is in the foreground, a lamb on his shoulders; behind, and following him, there is the herd of sheep. A dove flies above, recalling the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The image of the ‘Good Shepherd’ must have struck a chord in his heart. It corresponded perfectly to his pastoral ideals, and he never stopped wearing it, not even when, a few years later, he was nominated a cardinal, not even when, a few years later still, he became Pope.

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Mass Intentions This Week

**Sunday, April 22**
- 8:00 AM + Nevart Apanian
- 9:15 AM + Helen Hegarty
- 10:30 AM + Mary J. Cahill
- 11:45 AM + Robert Marschers
- 1:15 PM (esp) + Niño Pablo Eduardo Zapata
- 4:00 PM + William Bulens
- 5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

**Monday, April 23**
- 8:00 AM Richard & Carol McCulloch—health
- 12:05 PM + Peter Chong Ah Wah & Deceased family members
- 4:45 PM Helen Picarello

**Tuesday, April 24**
- 8:00 AM + Richard T. Leary
- 12:05 PM Molly Yuska
- 4:45 PM + Frederick P. Kelly Jr.

**Wednesday, April 25**
- 8:00 AM Susan Tuzzo
- 12:05 PM Regan Family
- 4:45 PM + Nancy Kelly

**Thursday, April 26**
- 8:00 AM Frank Kelly
- 12:05 PM Patricia O’Brien—Health
- 4:45 PM + Richard T. Leary

**Friday, April 27**
- 8:00 AM Margaret Doherty
- 12:05 PM Mary McDevitt
- 4:45 PM Fr. Ernie Sherstone, OMV

**Saturday, April 28**
- 9:00 AM + Anna Tarsa
- 12:00 PM Maria Martins
- 4:00 PM Tom Cunniffe
- 5:30 PM + Alice Monahan
- 7:00 PM (esp) + Bessie Majorga

**Annual Oblate Gala**

**May 5, 2018**

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*thank you!*
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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.

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