The Oblates of the Virgin Mary at
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL
Encountering the Heart of Christ in the Heart of Boston
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time — September 9, 2018

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Join us!
Wednesday, September 12 - 5:30 PM Mass followed by a reception at the Sheraton Boston Hotel

35 YEARS OF SERVICE
This week, to celebrate the Oblates’ 35th anniversary at St. Francis Chapel, we’re offering 35% off on all stock of Fr. Tim Gallagher’s books, CDs and DVDs! An Oblate of the Virgin Mary, Fr. Tim is a leading expert on Ignatian spirituality and holds the St. Ignatius Chair for Spiritual Formation at St. John Vianney Theological Seminary in Denver.

A History of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary at St. Francis Chapel, Boston

In 1983 the late Auxiliary Bishop of Boston Thomas Daily asked the Oblates of the Virgin Mary to take leadership of St. Francis Chapel, located inside the Prudential Center. With a desire to both expand the mission of the congregation and remain servants to the local Church, the Oblates embodied the words of their founder, Venerable Bruno Lanteri, “Nunc Coepi – Now I begin” and said yes to Bishop Daily’s request, thereby beginning their ministry at St. Francis Chapel.

Originally founded in 1969 in the newly-built Prudential Center, St. Francis Chapel joined Our Lady of the Airways at Boston’s Loagan Airport and Our Lady of Good Voyage in the Seaport district, as places for the faithful to find God in the midst of a busy world. In 1992, the Prudential Center underwent an extensive renovation and the chapel was included in the renovations. Providence arranged for St. Francis Chapel to relocate to its present location, adjacent to the entrance doors of Hynes Convention Center. With its new location in the heart of the Prudential Center and city of Boston, the Oblate priests and brothers view St. Francis Chapel as the voice of Christ crying out to the modern marketplace, “Come all who are weary and I will give you rest!”

In 2016 Cardinal Sean O’Malley, Arch-bishop of Boston reiterated the...
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
Feast day: September 12
Titular Feast of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

Maria Cogita! Maria Invoca!
This is the motto of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary.
Think of Mary! Call on Mary!
All the Saints follow this advice… St. Augustine, St. Dominic, St. Francis,
St. Bernard, St. Alphonsus, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Ignatius. They
each called on the Holy Name of Mary in a very specific way.
The Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri (founder of the Oblates) called her
Conqueror of All Heresies! She protects the Church from error and will do
the same for us her children.

— Fr. Ed Broom, OMV - fatherbroom.com

Grant, we beseech Thee,
O almighty God, that
Thy faithful people, who rejoice in
the name and protection of the
most holy Virgin Mary, may,
by her loving intercession,
be delivered from all evils on earth
and be found worthy to
everlasting joys in heaven.
Through our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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The importance of St. Francis Chapel to the Church in Boston by requesting
that the Oblates maintain their presence at the Chapel as an oasis of
mercy in the Back Bay. Today, St. Francis
Chapel continues to provide a space to
encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus within the
heart of Boston. The Oblates of the Virgin
Mary continue a fifty-year tradition of offering a
spiritual refuge to all who seek the peace of
Jesus Christ through the holy sacrifice of the
Mass, daily confessions, Eucharistic adoration
and spiritual direction in the tradition of
St. Ignatius of Loyola.

On behalf of all Oblate priests and brothers, we thank you for
entering into the history of St. Francis Chapel with your visit to this
holy place of God.

Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday, September 9
8:00 AM  Tess LeConche
9:15 AM  Vincent Romano
10:30 AM  Antonio Carvalho
11:45 AM  Richard Alan Mochen
1:15 PM (esp)  Ercilia Nuñez
4:00 PM  John Edward Connolly
5:30 PM  Joseph McEleney - health

Monday, September 10
8:00 AM  Special Intention
12:05 PM  + Kathleen & Walter Kelley
4:45 PM  Anthony Giovanetti

Tuesday, September 11
8:00 AM  + Chris Wilcox
12:05 PM  Margaret Willits — birthday
4:45 PM  + Colin McGrath

Wednesday, September 12
8:00 AM  + Angela Mesa
12:05 PM  + John Flavin
5:30 PM  + Fr. Jim Nibler, OMV and
+ Fr. Greg Staab, OMV

Thursday, September 13
8:00 AM  + James Heile
12:05 PM  + Patrick & Eleanor Walsh
4:45 PM  + William Fleming

Friday, September 14
8:00 AM  Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM  + Vincenzo, + Ethel & + Shawn Byron
4:45 PM  + Bernard Cardinal Law

Saturday, September 15
9:00 AM  In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Sorrows
12:00 PM  + Derrick Mitchell
4:00 PM  + John J. Molloy
5:30 PM  + Philip & + Celia McDevitt
7:00 PM (esp)  + Celsa de Viarisio

Feast Days This Week

September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary
Titular feast of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

September 13: St. John Chrysostom
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows

St. Francis of Assisi and St. Faustina
Novena MASS Cards
Now available in the chapel entrance.
Enroll your loved ones in a novena of
Masses beginning on September 26.
The feast of St. Francis is on October 4.
The feast of St. Faustina is on October 5.
Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA

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.

The OMV motto, “Mariam Cogita, Mariam Invoca” “Think of Mary, Call on Mary” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.