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

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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:
Monday — Friday
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM;
Sat. 9:30 AM - 6:45 PM*;
Sun. 8:45 AM - 5:30 PM*
(*Closed during Sunday and Saturday Vigil Masses)
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Pro-Life Boot Camp for High School Students
Start Date: July 25, 2019
Start Time: 8:30 am

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River Pro-Life Apostolate is hosting the Annual Pro-Life Boot Camp at Stonehill College 3320 Washington St., Easton, MA 02357. The next generation of pro-life leaders is rising up, and young people themselves are leading the way. Join us and be a part of the “new” evangelization. Protect, cherish, and defend all human life, deepen your faith in Christ, and help us to transform the culture. Phone: (508) 675-1311 fallriverdiocese.org

CHAPEL RENOVATION PROJECT

For half a century, St. Francis Chapel has served as a place of welcome and worship for those away from home and an oasis of prayer in the modern marketplace. Your generous donations will help us maintain and improve this sanctuary.

Please visit stfrancischapel.org for more information, including opportunities for memorials for your loved ones. You may also make a donation at the giving kiosk in the chapel entrance or at our gift shop. Thank you for your support!

St. Maximilian Kolbe’s feast day is August 14.

Enroll your loved ones in a Novena of Masses in honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Marian Saint of Mercy. Novena Mass cards are now available near the chapel doors.

If you would like an offertory envelope sent to you on a regular basis, please fill out one of the cards in the chapel entrance and drop it off at the Gift Shop.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless you!
Only in Luke. If it were not for St. Luke, we would not have this lovely look into the social life of Jesus. The Gospel of John said Jesus loved Martha and Mary and their brother, Lazarus. John tells us how he raised him from the dead. Later, Martha threw a thanksgiving banquet in Jesus’ honor. Mary anointed Him with precious perfume.

On this particular occasion in Luke’s Gospel, Martha wants Our Blessed Lord to tell Mary to help her. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Martha must have felt very familiar with our Lord to make such a complaint and demand!

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things." Dr. Brant Pitre, the scripture scholar says: The Greek word is perispaō, it literally means pulled away. The word in our lectionary translated as ‘anxious’ is closer to ‘pulled away’ or “distracted’. Martha you are pulled away about many things. For example, when your phone rings at Mass, you are pulled away. Your focus on the prayer is pulled away to the phone. Martha has been pulled away from the one thing necessary, Jesus, by the burden of much serving. She is trying to do too much. While Mary sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. To sit at a wise man’s feet was the proper place of a student. When St. Paul wanted to introduce himself, he said, "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city. At the feet of Gamaliel I was educated strictly in our ancestral law and was zealous for God. Acts 22:3

Hospitality is a virtue. The first reading is all about the hospitality Abraham and Sarah offered to the Mysterious strangers and the couple was rewarded by a long-awaited child. Martha was rewarded also. Jesus gave her a truth. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Dr. Brant Pitre, The Jews had a saying; Have sages frequent your house. Sit in the dust at their feet and drink in wisdom. So here in Martha’s house she has Jesus, Wisdom incarnate. Wisdom in the flesh. Our Lord is inviting her to be present to Him and not be pulled away by, anxious about many things.

The responsorial Psalm is also about hospitality, God’s hospitality. LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy mountain? He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. One who walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. One who does these things shall never be disturbed.

Matthew 7:21-23 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Galatians 5:19-21 the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
OMV Formation and Retreat Centers

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 INVOCATE” “THINK OF MARY, CALL ON MARY” is taken from a homily by St. Bernard.