The Birth of Mary, Alessandro Turchi
COME AND SEE

Next Program Date: September 20 – 22

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary want prospective candidates to grow in interior freedom as they seek God’s plan for their lives. To assist in the discernment process, we are happy to provide discernment retreats and priestly spiritual direction for men aged 18 to 40.

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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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Lanteri’s Corner

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

In Mary alone is gathered all that is beautiful, good and great of which all possible past and future creatures may be able to be capable.

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

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A Reflection on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
(Celebrated on September 8)  
by Fr. James Doran, OMV

Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day. The dawn prepares us for the day. If you have ever had to work the graveyard shift, you know how good it is to see the dawn when the eastern sky starts to lighten up. You know the day is coming.

The liturgical prayers call Mary of Nazareth “the Dawn that precedes the Sun of Justice, the long awaited Messiah.” If the Jews had known that this baby girl, daughter of Joachim and Ann was to be the mother of the Messiah, they would have been overjoyed. But who knew? Few recognized the Savior, much less His Mother. But a few privileged, humble folks were inspired by the Holy Spirit and recognized the Dawn.

When she was a young expectant mother, Elizabeth recognized her. The baby, John, that she was carrying, perceived the approximation of the Dawn and the Sun of Justice when Mary greeted Elizabeth. He leapt with joy and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out…”Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Who am I that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?”

St. Elizabeth was thrilled. Mary, as the litany says, is the Cause of our joy. Jesus came to Elizabeth through Mary. He came to us through Mary. And Jesus was able to come to us through Mary because she believed. As Elizabeth said, “Blessed is she who believed that the things promised by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Let us ask of our Lady for that blessing. Let us joyfully ask her to help us believe that all that has been promised us by the Lord will be fulfilled.

Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day.  
Mary the Gate, Christ the perfect Way.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children  
Saturday, September 14

Memorial Locations and Times:
Memorial to the Unborn, St. Mary’s Cemetery, Towne Street, North Attleboro, MA, 10:00 a.m.
Burial Site of 12 Aborted Babies, Holy Cross Cemetery, 175 Broadway, Malden, MA 02148, 3:00 p.m.
Memorial to the Unborn, Knights of Columbus, 572 Nichols St, Norwood, MA, 1:00 p.m.
Memorial for the Unborn, St. Camillus Parish, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg, MA 01420, 12:00 p.m.
Memorial to the Unborn, St. Mary Cemetery, 29 Barker Street, Lawrence, MA 01841, 10:00 a.m.

For more sites in MA and the USA, and for more info: abortionmemorials.com

Feast Days This Week

September 9: St. Peter Claver, Priest  
September 12: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
September 13: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Oblates of the Virgin Mary—USA

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