

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 9:	:00 & 10:30 AM
September—June	5:00 PM

Daily

Monday - Friday	.7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	.8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass	5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	7:30 AM & 7:00	PM

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ February 9, 2014

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact one of the parish priests prior to birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound or hospitalized.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time February 9, 2014

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Sherrell Magnant—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

9:00 AM Katherine, Armando & Gaetano DeAngelis—Mem.

10:30AM Maria & Richard D'Amcio—Memorial 5:00PM Ruth Guilfoyle—2nd Anniversary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:30 AM Susan Haven Davis, RN—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11—WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Weekday/Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 AM Barbara A. Sedlock—7th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRAURY 12

Weekday

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Mellon & Kane Families

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

7:30 AM Michael Franzone—Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

St. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

7:30AM Edna Hart—16th Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Mass of Anticipation of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Timothy Manion—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Stephen R. Famiglietti—Memorial

10:30AM Rose Farina—5th Anniversary

5:00PM Special Intention



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

The Blessing of Throats on the Feast of St. Blaise is always a popular devotion especially during these days of colds and flus. It is a great tradition to ask for the intercession of the Fourth Century Bishop and Martyr, St. Blaise. I pray and hope his intercession protects all from diseases of the throat and all other ailments.

In the meantime we continue to pray for all those who are sick especially those in our parish. This Tuesday we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes which Blessed John Paul II declared as World Day of the Sick When he did so he in 1993. suggested that it be ""a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humanity."

The tradition of praying for the sick finds its foundation in the teachings and ministry of Jesus Christ who cured the sick and prayed for the ill and infirm. is a tradition continued throughout the history of the Church as described in the Letter of St. James: "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the priests of the church, and they should pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up. If they have committed any sins, they will be

forgiven"

The Church continues to encourage her sick and infirm members to receive The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick so that their faith and hope is strengthened and they will not give in to discouragement. Fr. Connors and I routinely anoint the sick and often we do anoint parishioners who are going in for surgery.

We are most happy to do so and also to visit the sick at hospitals and at home. We just need to know if you are in the hospital or going in for surgery. Due to the privacy laws hospitals no longer notify us of parishioners who are hospitalized as they used to in the past. So if you are hospitalized or know of someone who is sick or hospitalized from OLM, please contact the Parish Office and let us know. In the meantime, we can all pray for the sick in our daily prayers. you to please do so in a special way this Tuesday.

Tuesday also marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to Saint Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes, France.

On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess who was only fourteen years of age: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity. May Our Lady of Lourdes intercede for all the sick, suffering and dying in our world.

The snow on Monday prevented Fr. James Ruggeri from coming to OLM. However, we were able to reschedule his talk to Monday, February 24th at 7:00PM. Fr. James works with the poor in Providence and is known as the "Saint of Smith Hill." I think you will find his talk inspirational and challenging. So mark your calendar. In fact, please join us on Mondays the rest of month for all of our Adult Ed Lecture Series.

Last week we sent out Annual Tax Statements to all OLM parishioners who donated last If you have not received year. yours or if yours is inaccurate in any way please contact Mrs. Sandra Demers at the Parish Office. I offer my sincere gratitude and thanks to the many parishioners who so generously support the parish financially. We couldn't pay our bills without your generosity and I am deeply appreciative.

Congratulations to Fr. Connors! His homily for Catholic Schools Week was so good it has now been posted on the Diocesan Catholic Schools webpage. Great work!! I am away this weekend on holiday visiting with friends in Southern California. See you next Sunday. God Bless.

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: If God is all forgiving why don't we pray for the devil so that God can forgive him?



This is quite a good question. As I tell the 8th graders at the school, questions like this show they are budding theologians.

The simple answer is that this has to do with the nature of the devil, not the nature of God. God is all forgiving and all merciful. He wants to forgive those who seeks His mercy. It is the nature of an angel, however, and in this case a fallen angel, that his choice for or against God is definitive and irrevocable. He cannot be forgiven because of what an angel is not because of who God is.

Because angels are pure spirits, lacking a body, they do not exist in time as humans do. It is our bodily nature that causes us to exist in time and space and therefore allow for change and development. Angels on the other hand, lacking a body and therefore outside of time and space, do not make individual choices, conversions, and the like. They make a definitive choice for or against God upon their creation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church—which is the sure norm for the teaching of the faith—addresses this question directly. The Catechism explains: "It is the irrevocable character of their choice, and not a defect in the infinite divine mercy that makes the angels' sin unforgivable. 'There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death.'"

Our Lord makes a passing reference to this question in His great priestly prayer at the Last Supper. As John 17: 9 records: "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours." Jesus says He does not pray for the world, which in John's Gospel means the fallen world, evil itself or its fullest manifestation in the Devil.

The important parallel for our own lives is that we cannot convert after death. Once the soul is separated from the body—and we are no longer in time—the possibility of change and conversion ceases.

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Fr. Connors send it to associatepastor@olmparish.org



February 2, 2014

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the notation "Keep The Heat On" or log onto www.heatRl.com to make a secure credit card donation. If you, or someone you know is in need of assistance please visit the web site or call 401/421-7833 for additional information. All proceeds from the OLM Outreach Collection during February will put towards the Keep the Heat On Fund. If you wish to donate, please make check payable to OLM and write KTHO in the memo. Thank you for your generosity.



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

<u>RE Grades 6—8</u>

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

All RE Classes meet this week.

Upcoming RE Events:

First Communion Parent Meeting Monday, March 3 at 7:00PM

RE First Reconciliation ServiceSaturday, March 15 at 1PM

OLM School First Reconciliation Service Saturday, March 22 at 1PM

RE Teachers Training SessionMonday, March 10 at 7PM



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food. Please leave your food donations in the box in the vestibule of Church. Please place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. If you would like to volunteer to assist with our Food Pantry, please contact Doug Green at 884-4410.

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OLM Adult Education Series Monday nights at 7:00PM

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction and a short talk.

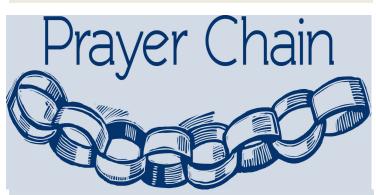
Monday, February 10, 2014
"Family Life: The Foundation of Faith"
Fr. Ryan Connors
Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy

Monday, February 17, 2014
"The Church in the Public Square"
Fr. Bernard Healey

Fr. Bernard Healey
Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy

Monday, February 24, 2014 "Blessed Are the Poor"

Fr. James Ruggeri Pastor, St. Patrick's Church in Providence



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

Ambry



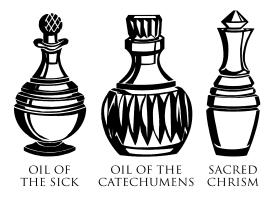
mbry is the term used to refer to the repository for holy oils. It should be a secure cabinet, and the most logical place for it to be located is near the baptismal font as oil is always used in the rite of baptism.

The oil used at baptism is chrism, a mixture of plant oil (traditionally olive, but others may be used) and balsam, a fragrance derived from certain aromatic trees. Chrism is considered the holiest of the oils and is also used at confirmations, ordinations, and church dedications.

The other holy oils are the oil of the sick used to anoint those who are seriously ill or near death and the oil of catechumens used to anoint those who are preparing for baptism. These are olive or other plant oils also but with no added ingredients.

All three types are blessed by the bishop and distributed to the various parishes at the diocesan chrism Mass on Holy Thursday morning or at some other time during Holy Week each year.

Inside the ambry, the vessels that actually hold the oils are called *chrismatories* or *ampullae*.



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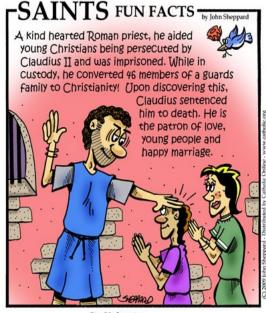


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Think Spring!

It's hard to believe with the cold weather we're having but SPRING is around the corner. This year's Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at the Omni Hotel in Providence and will include a silent and live auction as well

as great food, dancing and a fun evening with fellow OLM parents and staff! Spring Fling is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know other parents and to get involved with your child(ren)'s school. There are many ways, big and small, that you can help us plan for this exciting event! Let us know if you can attend by contacting Rosa Ciunci at rrciunci@gmail.com, or just stop by to see what Spring Fling is all about. We look forward to seeing you! Any parishioner or friend of OLM School who would like to offer a donation in support of the Spring Fling should contact the Parish Office at 884-4968.



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