



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....5:00 PM

Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM &
5:00 PM (Sept—May)

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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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ September 16, 2018

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 4:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact the parish Deacon 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 and before surgery.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions *for the Week*

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Mass of Anticipation for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Joseph Gianardi—14th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Josephine Lanna—6th Anniversary
 10:30AM Dec'd Members of Pundys & Dikins Families
 5:00PM Deacon Robert F. McAdam—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday; St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

7:30AM Michael & Wanda Zwolinski—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

7:30AM Joseph Zaino—9th Anniversary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM Alexander Tagliatella—2nd Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Lew Phillips—2nd Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Bernice Carroll Primeau—Bday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Alex, Diamond, & Joanne Tagliatella
 & William & Renate McGlumphy—Memorial
 10:30AM Bernard P. St. Jean—Memorial
 5:00PM George McKenna—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

On this past Wednesday we had our Annual Back to School Night for OLM School. It is a night in which parents meet with teachers and discuss the excellent work being done in the classroom. There is also a time for all the parents to gather and hear from the Pastor, the Principal and the Parent Teacher Group President.

This year we have 255 students enrolled in OLM School. It is decrease from last year's 290 students. This decline in enrollment is a trend that is effecting every Catholic School in the state.

The demographics of a declining population of families having young children is the chief cause of the trend. In Rhode Island, our population continues to get older and many young couples forgo having children or even getting married at all.

OLM School continues to excel in many areas including academics, the arts and sports. Our Mission to educate and develop the future saints and scholars of our Church and society remains at the heart of what we do each day. This Mission includes a fine formation in the Catholic Faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

A few years ago, Damien Woody the former Pro-Bowl Offensive Lineman for the Patriots chose to send his seven children to Catholic School even though he and his family are not Catholic. When a fellow parent asked him why he chose a Catholic School for his children, he answered: *"My wife and I believe that a school where they love God will love my children."*

God's love is truly the center of what we do at OLM School every day. Each day the love of God, and of our neighbor, are not only taught but also lived out in the words and actions of our faculty and students. Each day our students are encouraged to strive to be saints and scholars.

Catholic schools are about love and if OLM School is truly all about love, then this love must be sustained and nourished. That is why I am so happy that our OLM School children not only begin and end every day with prayer, but also come together to celebrate Mass once a week. They also receive God's mercy in Confession four times a year. All this is done to sustain and nourish the foundation of Catholic faith and God's love they learn about in the classroom each day.

The measure of success at OLM School or at any Catholic school is not to be solely found in academic achievements, athletic victories, or artistic accomplishments. After all any student, at any school, can expertly learn to add and to subtract, to read and to write, to run and throw or to paint and to sing.

Catholic education is not about being "socially useful." Nor is it simply about good "values" and discipline. Catholic education is about developing saints and growing the seeds of holiness and flourishing God's love in the hearts of students.

Our Lady of Mercy Church was built by our ancestors in faith in this parish. Their generosity and witness made our faith possible, their love and faith made this parish

and school possible.

We've inherited this legacy of faith, love and sacrifice. They sacrificed for love of God in the hope that OLM Church and School would remain faithful and holy for the decades and centuries ahead.

They sacrificed and lived daily in hope that the foundation they built would always thrive as a strong and loving community of Catholic disciples. They wanted a parish school not merely to educate our children, but to develop the saints and scholars so needed in our 21st century.

So please pray for our parish school and for its success in developing students who will be saints and scholars. Your prayers for the school's students and faculty are appreciated and always needed. So please keep them in your daily prayers!

I also invite you to consider supporting the Mission of OLM School by joining us for the Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament on Monday, September 24th. It will be a great day of golf, and fun, in support of the little saints and scholars at OLM School. The tournament is at Warwick Country Club, and more information can be found on the parish website. There are a few spots left, so sign up soon. Join us and see if you can beat either Fr. Barrow or myself on the course!

Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Sox! Go Pats!!!

Father Healey



What are some of the different titles for priests?

If you look at our bulletin you may notice that before Fr. Healey's name is the title "Very Reverend." Before my name, Fr. Barrow, you may notice simply "Reverend." There are also other titles, for instance: "Right Reverend," "Monsignor," "Most Reverend," "Eminence," "Excellency" "Pope," and so on. These titles have their origin in the centuries of tradition. They designate positions of authority or honor within the Church's hierarchy. "Most Reverend" or "Excellency" refers to a bishop or an archbishop. "Eminence" refers to a cardinal. "Reverend" refers to a priest. "Right Reverend" refers to an abbot of a monastery. "Monsignor," or "Reverend Monsignor" refers to a honor bestowed on a priest. "Very Reverend" refers to a priest with a particular role in a diocese, particularly that of a Dean who acts of an overseer for the bishop of several parishes in a diocese (the parishes are based on the location within the diocese). For instance, Fr. Healey is a Dean and will occasionally host meetings or check up on parishes in North Kingstown, Narragansett and Westerly. "Very Reverend" can also be bestowed on a priest as an honorary gesture by the bishop of the diocese. It should be noted that "Father" and "Bishop," meanwhile, are not merely titles which originate in the Church's tradition, but also have their origin in Sacred Scripture.

Why do we have titles to begin with? This question brings to the fore why we have the title "father" or "reverend". It is not about being impersonal, conservative, or standoffish, but it points back to Christ. Notice, a name tells us a lot about someone. When you call a priest "Father" it says first and foremost, that you know this man, and have a relationship with him, because of Jesus Christ. In just about every case, a priest has met a person precisely because he is a priest, and this interaction comes primarily as a gift from God. The title "Father" draws our minds up to this reality: that we are brought together by God. Likewise, when a child calls the parent "mother" or "father" that indicates a special and unique relationship.

So when a priest asks you to call him "father" it is not because he wants to create a distance between you and he, in fact it is precisely the opposite: it is calling to mind that we have been brought together by God.

Finally, some Protestants may object to the use of "Father" when referring to a priest. They cite Matthew 23:9 as proof: "And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven." This is easily answered. Our Lord here is using the common Hebrew teaching method of exaggeration or hyperbole. Notice our Lord says elsewhere in Matthew 18:9: "If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out..." Christ's point in saying "call no man on earth your father," means that do not attribute to anyone on earth the ultimate source of authority which is God alone. Our Lord himself used the term "father" elsewhere to refer to other human beings.

If you have a questions about the Catholic Faith, email it to Fr. Barrow at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

September 9, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,871.05
EFT.....	\$1,740.00
Total=	\$13,611.05
Outreach.....	\$714.50

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



Second Collections

**This Week: Priests' Retirement Fund
Next Week: Annual Parish Collection**



Confessions at OLM

**Mondays 6:00PM—6:45PM
Saturdays 4:00PM—4:45PM**



Upcoming Dates:

- **Tuesday, September 18:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- **Monday, September 24:** OLM Feast Day Mass at 9:00am

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org

Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Matthew Arthur & John Richard Fleury,
 and their parents, Mark and Helen
Amelia Eve Smith,
 and her parents, Darren & Jennifer.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called children of God, for so indeed they are."
 – The Rite of Baptism



• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

• **OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:**
Thursday, September 20th at 4pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to join us for support, prayer and discussion.

• **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



**Register online today for the
 2018-2019 Religious Education Year!**

RE Orientation Meeting
 Wednesday, September 19th at 7PM in OLM School Cafeteria for all RE Teachers & Aides

Confirmation Retreats
 Saturday, September 15 & September 22
 11:45AM & Ends with 5pm Mass

RE Orientation for Grades 3-5
 Sunday, September 30th 10:00AM-11:00AM. All parents should stay for room assignments

First Class for Grades 6-8
 Sunday, September 30th 6:00PM-7:00PM.
 Students only to meet in OLM Cafeteria



Patronal Feast of **OUR LADY OF MERCY** **CATHOLIC PARISH**

65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Feast Day Mass • 9:00 a.m.

Homilist: Fr. Brian Morris

Associate Pastor, St. Luke Church, Barrington

OLM Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament • 1:00 p.m.

Warwick Country Club

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Celebration of Mercy • 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration & Sacred Music

OLM Adult & Children's Choirs

Homilist: Fr. Stephen Battey

Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Bristol

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Act of Mercy • 6:00 p.m.

Join us for "Socks & Sandwiches for the Homeless"

All are invited to join us in preparing sandwiches,
please bring a pair of new adult socks!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

OLM Oktoberfest • 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Join us under the tent for German food and beer,
German music, and games for children & adults.

OUR LADY'S



ROSARY MAKERS

OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

OLM Cryroom

Materials and instructions provided.

Join us in making rosaries for the missions.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you thought about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Baptized Catholic in need of the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

Initiation into the Catholic Church is a gradual process which culminates in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Classes are designed for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. These classes are also a chance for initiated Catholics to learn about particular topics and practices of the faith. It is also a place for those who have not yet been fully initiated (particularly those who have not yet been Confirmed).

RCIA Classes will begin in October and meet on most Sundays immediately after the 10:30am Mass. If interested in learning more, please contact Fr. Barrow at (401) 884-4968 or by email at: associate@olmparish.org



The OLM Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7pm in the OLM School Gym. All High School students are invited to join us! For more information on the youth group please contact OLM Youth Activities Coordinator Mr. Billy Burdier at youthactivities@olmparish.org