

## † MASS SCHEDULE †

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses ......7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM September—May.....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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## Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015

## 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 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 Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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## The Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2015

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

Mass of Anticipation of The Third Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19

The Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Frank & Eva Montaquilia—Memorial

10:30AM Mary "Maggie" Shaughnessy—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Eloise Foley—Memorial

### **MONDAY, APRIL 20**

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention of MMP Rosary Cenacle

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 21**

Easter Weekday/St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention of MMP Rosary Cenacle

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 23**

Easter Weekday/St George, Martyr/St. Adalbert, Bishop 7:30AM Sean T. Healey—Birthday Memorial

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Easter Weekday

7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

St. Mark, Evangelsit

8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday of Easter 5:00PM Anne Matricciano—Memorial

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 26**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Therese Renehan—30th Anniversary & Edmund Renehan-Month's Mind 10:30AM Rudolph Lepre—5th Anniversary

5:00PM William H. McGrath—Month's Mind



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This Easter Season is proving to be very busy at the RI Statehouse as legislators take up hearings on a broad range of issues of concern to Catholics. They have also begun with earnest to consider Governor Raimondo's proposed budget.

You may have read about the many cuts that Governor Raimondo made in the budget. They included a cut to the cross-district busing for private school students and the text-book loan program. These cuts directly effect our Catholic School students across the state, and right here at Our Lady of Mercy School.

The Governor not only cut the funding for these important programs but eliminated them! Thankfully the leadership of the General Assembly have pledged to restore these programs in their entirety. These programs benefit the families of all private and parochial schools not only Catholic Schools. They enable these tax paying families to obtain the busing and borrow the textbooks they are justly entitled to receive. The thousands of students who attend Catholic and other private schools save millions of dollars for the state and local communities. The proposed budget cuts to their services seems short sighted and unnecessary.

I am grateful that the RI General Assembly, including our own State Representative Anthony Giarrusso and State Senator Mark Gee, have pledged

their support for restoring the full funding of these crucial programs for our Catholic School Families.

The RI House Committee on Health, Education and Welfare took testimony last week on a bill to legalize assisted suicide in Rhode Island. House Bill 5507 would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of medicine at the request of a patient who has been deemed mentally competent and who has received a terminal diagnosis. Many in the faith community and medical community oppose this legislation, not only because it violates the most basic tenet of our belief in the sacredness of human life, but also because of the many dangers the legislation poses to vulnerable populations.

As Catholics we must convey our deep dismay about the message this legislation sends to those who might feel that their illness, and the care they require, is nothing more than a burden to their families and the rest of As has been seen in society. states such as Oregon where assisted suicide legal, individuals could request doctorprescribed suicide based on fear of being a burden to others. In the last official Oregon report, fear of becoming a burden on others was given for requesting lethal drugs by 40% of those who died using that state's assisted suicide law.

At the heart of our Church's ministry to the sick, to those with disabilities, to those without access to adequate medical care, and to the frail

elderly, is a recognition of the Gospel call to embrace the lives of those most in need of our love, our care, and our compassion. There is no life that we consider not worth living, no person who does not deserve to be valued simply because they are a living human being.

While some may view this legislation as a response to the understandable fears about pain and a loss of "dignity" that someone diagnosed with terminal illness might face, the answer to those fears should be a demand for appropriate medical treatment that provides adequate pain management and excellent palliative or hospice care. terminally ill patient requesting a prescription to commit suicide deserves to be surrounded by compassion and love, not handed a prescription to take his or her life.

Pope Francis has stated: "In many places, the quality of life is related primarily to economic means, to 'well-being,' to the beauty and enjoyment of the physical, forgetting other more profound dimensions of existence — interpersonal, spiritual and religious. There is no human life that is more sacred than another — every human life is sacred — just as there is no human life qualitatively more significant than another."

Let us pray that assisted suicide is rejected by our elected officials! God Bless.

Father Healey



**Dear Fr. Connors:** *Is it a sin to kill someone in war?* 

This question was asked by a fourth grader at Our Lady of Mercy School. I find school kids ask the best questions.

The short answer is No. Killing in a just war certainly can be justified. The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment forbids, in an absolute way, the killing of the innocent. Just war, self-defense, and the death penalty represent three possible occasions in which killing may be justified.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "All citizens and all governments are obliged to work for the avoidance of war. However, "as long as the danger of war persists and there is no international authority with the necessary competence and power, governments cannot be denied the right of lawful self-defense, once all peace efforts have failed" (2308).

All that is to say, there are circumstances in which war is unavoidable and soldiers killing in such a war can certainly be justified. That however does not mean that all is fair in war. The indiscriminate killing of innocents or non-combatants cannot be justified.

The *Catechism* continues: "The Church and human reason both assert the permanent validity of the *moral law during armed conflict*. "The mere fact that war has regrettably broken out does not mean that everything becomes licit between the warring parties" (2312).

Pope John Paul II said war is failure of humanity. It is regrettable. However, there are times when circumstances make war necessary. Those who fight in such wars certainly commit no sin but instead are to be commended for their often heroic service.

The Catholic tradition commends soldiers in battle, even canonizing some of them. One thinks of St. George, or St. Joan of Arc, or St. Ignatius of Loyola. While always striving for peace, Catholic Social Thought sees in armed conflict a regrettable but sometimes necessary step in securing peace.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org





## April 12, 2015

Weekly	\$12,838.55
EFT	\$2,663.50
	Total=\$15,502.05
Outreach	\$ 485.50
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## Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00 CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$149,892.00 77% of Goal Thank you for your generous support!



## Banns of Marriage

I & II Christina Mellissa Burley & Gregory Michael Kranz
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No RE Classes April 19 & 26 due to School Spring Vacation.



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Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

## **Junior Legion of Mary**

Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at <a href="mailto:atolian@msn.com">atolian@msn.com</a>



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**Xander Jeffery Ladd**, and his parents, Jeffery and Sarah.

Isla Robin McCall, and her parents, Michael and Robin.

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



# OLM Vacation Bible School Save the Date!

The Week of June 22—26, 2015

More information contact: Mrs. Bethany Bessette, at <a href="mailto:bcroteau@olmschool.org">bcroteau@olmschool.org</a>



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 whishing 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 or email at 2hart@cox.net. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

## **Blood Drive at OLM**

Sunday, April 26th 8:00AM—Noon RI Blood Center Bloodmobile



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## 3rd Sunday of Easter



he paschal candle should stand in the sanctuary during the entire season of Easter.

This candle symbolizes the risen Christ who conquers sin and death and, for that reason, is lit during baptisms and usually at funerals as well.

Each year, a new paschal candle is prepared during the opening rites at the Easter Vigil. It is marked with a cross, an alpha and omega, and the numerals of the year. Five grains of incense, representing the wounds of Christ, are also embedded into the wax.



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