

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 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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Fourth Sunday of Easter ♣ April 26, 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

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

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

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2015

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

The 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

MONDAY, APRIL 27

Easter Weekday

7:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Easter Weekday/St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; St. Louis de Monfort, Preist

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Fr. Owen F. Goodwin—Memorial

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Easter Weekday

7:30AM Richard J. Casey, Jr.—Memorial

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Easter Weekday/St. Joseph the Worker

7:30AM Fr. James Hamilton—Memorial

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

SATURDAY, MAY 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30AM Francis Ejiogu—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00PM Ray & Theresa Sylvia—Memorial

SUNDAY, MAY 3

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial 9:00 AM Edward Doorley—10th Anniversary

10:30AM Dr, Augustine Capotosto & Deceased Members of

the Capotosto & Gelardi Families—Memorial

5:00PM Richard & Sandra Ponte—Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

It seems like spring has finally sprung! Warmer weather and the long awaited sunshine have arrived. The plants and flowers around the parish grounds are flowering. In the next weeks we hope to remove any that didn't fully survive the harsh winter.

Also, you have most likely noticed the sidewalks buckling up around the Church. We are waiting to see how they settle back during the warmer weather and then hope to fix them. They have been painted so vou might see the raised sidewalks and cones placed where the walkway immediately in front of Church has slightly raised. So please be cautious when walking the around property.

Spring has indeed sprung and this Friday we have our most important fundraiser for Our Lady of Mercy School, the Spring Fling! This annual event raises critical funds for the operation of our school. Our tuition only partly funds the schools annual budget of \$2.5 million. The Spring Fling is crucial to keeping the school financially secure and flourishing.

I sometimes encounter people who think that OLM School doesn't need any financial help since its located in "affluent" East Greenwich. However, that is a total myth. There are many families in our school who make great sacrifices to ensure their children a first-class Catholic Education at OLM School.

assistance to families and last year it totaled \$75,000. Our fundraising for the school is crucial for such assistance, and also to keep up with the rising cost of healthcare and utilities. It fund helps the proper maintenance and updating of the school. Our fine faculty do not receive large salaries, but have a great commitment to providing a first-class Catholic Education and willingly make great sacrifices to serve the school.

If you haven't had a chance to support the Spring Fling and would like to make a donation to the event support of OLM School, please contact me this week. We need the entire OLM Parish Community to support the great success of our parish school. I thank all those who support our school so generously at the Spring Fling and throughout the year.

Recently I received notes thanks from the many organizations and agencies that we have supported with funds from OLM Outreach. These include the House of Hope in Warwick which benefits from the OLM Food Pantry. We also sent \$1,000 at Easter to both Mary House Soup Kitchen at St. Patrick's Church in Providence and McAuley House in We were able to Providence. make a donation of \$3,000 to the Keep the Heat Fund run by the Diocese of Providence thanks to your generous support of the Outreach Collection.

Monthly our Outreach Annually we grant tuition | Office provides rental assistance, utility and food assistance assistance to the many needy families in our own community of East Greenwich. It is your loyal and generous support of Outreach efforts that makes this possible. Thank you!

I also wish to thank the parishioners who have donated to the Catholic Charity Appeal. We are nearing our parish goal of \$193,000 but need every parish family to pledge their support in order to reach that goal. We have asked every parish family to consider a gift of \$250 pledged over time.

Thankfully 387 families have pledged thus far including who have been very generous with their pledge. In order for the Appeal to succeed at OLM we need all 2,200 of our parish families to pledge their support and make a donation. All of the proceeds of the CCA go directly to funding the many good works of our Church throughout the state.

The Month of May arrives this week! Join us on Friday, May 1st for our First Friday OLM School Mass at 9:00AM and for Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. The Month of May is busy with First Communion, Mother's Day, and graduations. It is a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary with Devotions every Monday of the month! They say that April showers bring May flowers! Enjoy the flowers! God Bless. Go

Sox! Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What does the Church teach about organ transplantation?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "Organ transplants are in conformity with

the moral law if the physical and psychological dangers and risks incurred by the donor are proportionate to the good sought for the recipient. Donation of organs after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as a manifestation of generous solidarity" (CCC 2296).

One key question is whether the would-be donor is living or dead. If a donor is dead then it is permissible to use the organs for transplant. The question of when in fact someone has died is an important one and not always easily discernable. Many believe that hasty declarations of so-called brain death are done precisely for the purpose of harvesting organs. One must in fact be dead—that is, the soul must have separated from the body which means a cessation of bodily integrity that is permanent and irreversible.

For a living donor, the transplant must not bring about a disabling mutilation. There is some dispute about what that involves. The crucial point, however, is you cannot kill yourself or so severely harm yourself through organ transplant even to help someone else.

The *Catechism* explains: "It is not morally acceptable if the donor or those who legitimately speak for him have not given their explicit consent. It is furthermore morally inadmissible directly to bring about the disabling mutilation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of other persons" (CCC 2296).

Organ transplantation is thus a permissible and in some cases noble endeavor. This is the case, however, only under the strictest of moral guidelines. Death or disabling mutilation cannot be caused by the transplant. Similarly, medical professionals should not hasten or declare death simply to harvest organs even to help another human being.

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 19, 2015

Weekly	\$11,577.50
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	Total=\$13,561.00
Outreach	\$1.604.00

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Week: Week: Building & Grounds



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00 CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$171,312.00 88% of Goal Thank you for your generous support!



Banns of Marriage

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No RE Classes April 26 due to School Vacation.

FIRST COMMUNION: Grade 2 RE students have **MANDATORY** practice from 4:00pm-5:00pm on April 27, 28, 29 and 30 (if needed) and again of May 4, 5, 6, and 7 (if needed). *It is imperative that the children attend.*

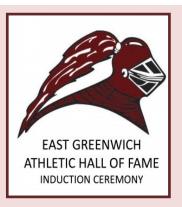
FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: Grade 2 RE students have their retreat on Saturday, May 2nd at 1:00pm in the church. Parents can pick them up at 1:45pm.



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of donated food items. Please place all donated non-perishable food in the box in the vestibule.

Thank you for generous support!

OLM Bereavement Group: The next meeting of the Bereavement support group is Thursday the 30th at 4:00pm at Mercy House. All are welcome. Contact Doug Green for more information 884-4410.



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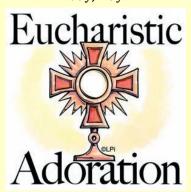
We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, Walter Cullen, Elizabeth laconetti and Justin Palmeiro whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here at Our Lady of Mercy Church last week.

May they rest in peace.



Psalm 23:1

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION Friday, May 1



Join us for Adoration of the Eucharist
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following
9:00AM First Friday Mass
Adoration throughout the day
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5PM
Adorers needed, sign-up in vestibule.



OLM Monthly Breakfast Group

Join us on Wednesday, April 29th following the 7:30AM Mass for Monthly Breakfast at Cracker-Barrel Restaurant in Coventry.

Enjoy good food and good fun with your fellow parishioners.

Legion of Mary

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

Junior Legion of Mary

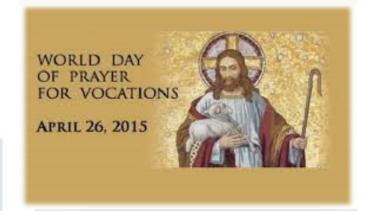
Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with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



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!

Prayer for Vocations

O God our provident Father through your Son you revealed to us the mysteries of the Kingdom; you will that all men and women be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth. Send workers into your great harvest, grant that more men will serve your Church as priests for the Diocese of Providence, that the Gospel may me preached to every creature and your people, strengthened by the word of life and the sacraments may advance in the way of salvation and love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.





OLM Vacation Bible School

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