

### † MASS SCHEDULE †

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass			5:00	PM
Sunday Masses	7:30,	9:00 &	10:30	ΑM
September-May			5:00	PM

### Daily

Monday - Friday	7:30	ΑM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30	ΑM

### **Holy Day**

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

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### **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

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# The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

The Mass of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Louise Bessette—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 2**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Doris Clark—Memorial

10:30AM Marie Enander—5th Anniversary

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 3**

Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention for MMP Rosary Cenacle

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

St. John Vianney, Priest

7:30 AM Derek Parenteau—9th Anniversary

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Weekday/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major 7:30AM Fr. Louis M. Diogo—Memorial

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
7:30AM Marion Hart—34th Anniversary

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs/ St. Cajetan, Priest

7:30AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 8**

St. Dominic, Priest

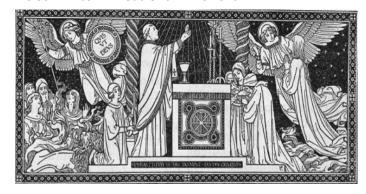
8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Ava Hackensmith—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Edward Verrier—3rd Anniversary 10:30AM John V. Gudlevich—Memorial



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We are grateful to Fr. Roy Shea from the Missionhurst Missionaries for sharing experience in the missions with us last weekend. The Annual Mission Co-op enables us to spiritually and financially support the missions. It also reminds us that we are part of large and universal Church and that we are called to evangelize the world both near and far. Let us continue to pray for the many missionaries of our Church who bring the faith to the remotest and poorest places across the globe!

I hope you had a chance to say "Farewell" to our Summer Eric Seminarian Silva last weekend. We are grateful to Fr. Carl Fisette, Diocesan Vocation Director, for sending us seminarian as part of the summer program of the Diocese. OLM is blessed to part of their formation for priesthood. We continue to pray for Eric and all seminarians as they move forward in their preparation for priestly ordination.

I was blessed last week to attend a meeting of State Catholic Conference Directors. Nearly forty directors from across the country gathered together in Michigan to discuss legislative strategies, public policy initiatives, and Church teaching.

We had presentations from legal experts about threats to religious liberty. In particular how the Religious Freedom Restoration Act effects the Church nationally and locally.

We also examined some of the national legislative initiatives to address the growing problem of poverty in our nation. Presentations offered by the staff of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA were very helpful. We also received updates on the progress of immigration reform and criminal justice reform.

We were updated on the growing movement across the nation to legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. In fact, such a bill was introduced and received committee hearings at the RI General Assembly this past spring. Thankfully these bills were held for further study but the fight to ensure the dignity of the terminally ill and handicapped goes on here and across the Untied States.

Another topic discussed at the meeting was the recent revelation about Planned Parenthood's selling of body parts of aborted babies. This shocking news about such a depraved practice, by the nation's largest provider of abortion on demand, only reinforces our Church's commitment to call for the protection of innocent human life in our nation.

Bishop Tobin issued a statement about this tragic news last week, stating:

"If there was any doubt about the evil agenda of Planned Parenthood, that doubt has been dispelled by the recent video showing the sale of body parts of aborted babies. This disgusting and depraved practice should be

condemned by everyone with a conscience, everyone committed to the defense of human life and dignity.

It is time for political leaders to renounce their association with Planned Parenthood. And once again I call upon the Rhode Island Congressional delegation to end the public funding of Planned Parenthood. Our taxes should not be used to end the life of children and then market their bodies."

As Catholics we must make our concerns known to our elected officials, both nationally and locally. If we are to turn the tide of the culture of death that continues to debase our nation we must not only pray but also act. So, I encourage you to pray for our nation and also to act in defense of human life.

I am reminded of the words of Pope Francis in his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*. The Holy Father states:

"A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted."

Pray and act in defense of life! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why do the graves in Catholic cemeteries always face east?

The graves in most Catholic cemeteries are laid out such that the deceased faces east.

This is a Christian custom that is very ancient and, while not required, is deep in the Christian soul.

The simple answer is that the custom began to have bodies face the east in order to face the Lord for His return. The east has always been understood to be the place of Christ's return. The rising sun in the east is the cosmic symbol for the reign of God, the resurrection of Christ and His return in glory. Turning toward the east—as a symbol of our turning toward the Lord—for prayer is an ancient custom.

For example, most churches built in a certain era faced east, that is, the priest and people together would face east for the celebration of Mass. Before the liturgical reforms initiated at the Second Vatican Council Holy Mass was always celebrated with both priest and people facing east. The Latin phrase *ad orientem*—toward the east—describes this liturgical posture.

While this liturgical posture is less common today, it is important to note that it was never banned or actually even spoken about at the Second Vatican Council. Strictly speaking Mass is never celebrated "facing the people," rather Mass is always celebrated *toward the Lord* or *ad dominium* whether the priest and people face the same direction or one other.

Graves facing east is a reminder that death is not the end. Our beloved dead await the resurrection of the body at the second coming of Christ. At that time the bodies of the blessed will be reunited to their souls in Heaven.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to associatepastor@olmparish.org



# Weekly Collection

July 26, 2015

26.00
7.50
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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.

### Thank you for your generosity!

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Monthly Building & Grounds Collection
Next Week: Peter's Pence



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Ann Wynne** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.



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**Please register for RE Classes today.** Registration forms available online or at the Parish Office. *Please note that late fees apply for late registrations.* 

Hope to see you at Mass during these summer months!



THE OLM FOOD PANTRY is always in need of donated food items. Our food supply is low at this time of year but the demand increases. Please place all donated non-perishable food items in the box located in the Church vestibule.

Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Sophia Francesca Forbes,

and her parents, Daniel and Stacey Ann.

"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. She is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is."—The Rite of Baptism

# Peter's Pence Collection Be a Witness of CHARITY

# Annual Peter's Pence Collection at OLM August 8/9, 2015

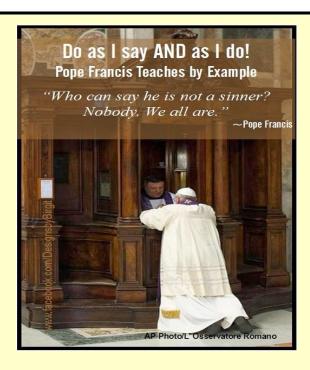
Next week our parish will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

Embarking on the third year of his pontificate, Pope Francis continues to call each of us to be a witness of charity. "To love God and neighbor is not something abstract," he said, "but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the Lord to be served, to serve him concretely." Pope Francis shows through his actions what it means to serve our brothers and sisters and give them the love of Christ.

Let us follow his example of service so that all people might have the joy of receiving Jesus through our presence: "And you are, dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus." The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with the Holy Father and his works of charity toward those who are suffering around the world.

Pope Francis reminds us that true power lies not in amassing possessions and resources for ourselves but in giving. "We must never forget that true power, at any level, is service, whose bright summit is upon the Cross . . . It means to enter into Jesus' logic, who bends down to wash the feet of the Apostles," he said. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection join with the power of Christ and allow our Holy Father to support victims of war and natural disasters and all our brothers and sisters who face the greatest need. Join Pope Francis and be a witness of charity throughout the world. Please be generous in the Peter's Pence Collection.

Thank you for your generous support!



### **Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy**

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

### **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**



The Diocese of Providence kindly invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence. Celebration includes Holy

Mass, renewal of vows, personalized certificate, and reception with you and your guests. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, is to be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist at the Mass. To register or for more information contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

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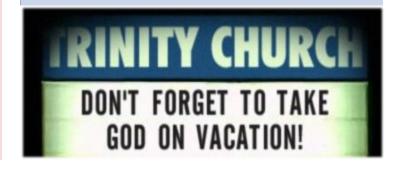
Fr. James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Smith Hill section of Providence has asked for help from the Parishioners of OLM. He is seeking back -to-school supplies such as pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, notebooks, folders and binders. Fr. James hopes to fill 100 or more backpacks for needy students in his parish.

If you wish to support this effort by OLM Outreach please place all your donated back-to-school supplies in the vestibule of Church. We hope to deliver backpacks full of supplies by the end of August. If you would like to donate funds for this effort simply put a check made payable to OLM Outreach with "St Patrick's Backpack Drive" in the memo and place it in an envelope marked "Backpack Drive" and put in the weekly collection basket. All donations are to be used to buy backpacks and supplies for the needy students of St. Patrick's Parish.

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