

† 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	AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30	ΑM

Holy Day

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

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ♣ August 23, 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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2015

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

The Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM John & Dorothy Donahue—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM John & Sigrid Walsh, Arthur & Dorothy Boyle-Memorial

9:00 AM Katherine Alexander—1st Anniversary 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:30 AM Mary Guilfoyle—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25

Weekday/St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest 7:30 AM Fred Buoro — Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Weekday

7:30AM Nancy Raimondo—12th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica

7:30AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr. —5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30AM Patricia Cunningham—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Thomas Fitzpatrick—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Armando & Katherine De Angelis—Memorial

10:30AM Edward V. Healey Sr.

& Bernard A. Healey—29th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

I recently read about a new study that found that the secret to sustained happiness is to be found in the regular participation in religion. researchers examined four areas: volunteering with a charity, taking educational courses, participating in religious organizations and participating in political and community organizations. They found that participation in a religious organization was the only social activity associated with sustained happiness.

Now the study also suggests that going to church plays an important role in coping with depression and illness. also found that joining political or community groups lost their benefits over time because they were not overly fulfilling. research seems to suggest that the happiness expressed in those who go to church was found in "the sense of belonging and not being socially isolated."

I am not sure how exhaustive the study is, but it does point to something positive about religion. It can bring happiness and fulfillment to one's life. So often people fall into the trap of seeking their happiness in worldly things like money, power, or sexual promiscuity. Sadly they are usually left very empty by such worldly pursuits.

True happiness is found in a deep and devout relationship with the Lord and His Church. This happiness we might properly call the joy of the Gospel. It is as Pope Francis has said: "Without sometimes in our are less than joy poverty, sickness death and violer few to be found in our own lives.

joy that person is not a true believer."

Yet we all know people who go to Church and even receive the Eucharist daily who seem less than joyful! People who don't say hello to neighbor, people who hold a grudge against someone, people who delight in other's mistakes and misfortunes, people who cannot wait to share some juicy gossip, people who like to ridicule and harshly judge others, and people who seem just plain miserable. Where's the joy?

Why is it that the joy of the Gospel and the happiness found in practicing religion escape even those who come to Church? Perhaps it's because of a burden they bear or a mistake they've made in life. Maybe they've been hurt and betrayed by someone in their life. Or it could be they cannot escape from the cynicism and despair in our world.

Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta once said: "Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls." So we might ask ourselves how joyful are we? When we leave Mass are we joyful that we have shared in the Body of Christ and received the Bread of Life? Do people around us recognize the joy of the Gospel in us, in our words and actions?

We all know there are many things in our world and sometimes in our own lives that are less than joyful. War, famine, poverty, sickness, unemployment, death and violence are but just a few to be found in our world and in our own lives

Yet Jesus Christ calls us to share our joy in knowing and loving Him despite the sinfulness and brokenness of our world. may be difficult at times to overcome the sadness and cynicism of our world. We need only listen to the Lord to realize we can overcome this. Christ tells us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled"; "Do not be afraid"; "I am with you always" "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete!"

So if "joy is the net of love by which we catch souls," how are we doing? When is the last time we invited a friend, family member or neighbor to come to Mass with us to experience and share the joy of the Gospel? When is the last time someone asked us why we seem so happy and joyful in our lives despite perhaps our own hardships or burdens? How joyful are we of the many blessings God has bestowed upon us?

If joy is the mark of "a true believer" and scientific studies demonstrate that those who go to church are genuinely happy, why not share the Good News? After all, the great hymn of joy reminds us: "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of Love, Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!" Be well. Do good. Have a great week. Be joyful! God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: What do you think the Pope will say when he comes to our country next month?

One can almost feel the anticipation of our Catholic people for

the visit of our Holy Father Pope Francis next month. Many people are speaking about it and interested in what he will say.

First, the Pope comes as the successor of Peter the fisherman, the Vicar of Christ and leader of the Catholic Church. He does not come as a political figure with an interest in shaping American politics. He comes first to confirm the faith of the Christian people of our nation. He comes to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to encourage participation in the Sacraments of the Church. The success of his visit—and of his pontificate as a whole—can be judged by whether more people attend Mass and go to Confession.

The principle reason for his visit to the United States is to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. He certainly will reiterate the Christian view that marriage and family are the foundation of any flourishing society. He is sure to caution against the troubling alternative perspectives to the Biblical view of marriage and family.

I suspect the Pope will offer a strong critique of certain elements of American style capitalism. He is very concerned with an economy that excludes people and doesn't sufficiently take into account those on the margins. While the Church does not offer technical solutions to political or economic problems, the Pope will apply the Gospel to contemporary American life.

In his visits to a Catholic school, a prison, and a charitable institution, he will encourage the work the Church in our country has been doing for centuries. In his address at Independence Hall in Philadelphia he is likely to warn against current threats to religious liberty.

All in all the Pope will come with the message of Jesus of Nazareth. God loves us and His mercy is found in the Church, especially in the Sacraments. There one finds a joy beyond telling.

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



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August 16, 2015

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	Total=\$15,251.50
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We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Anna C. Nardone** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.



Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy

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



I—Sean Anthony Murgo & Kristie Elise Mazin

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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.*

See you at Mass during these summer months!



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Upcoming dates to remember:

- •Tuesday, September 1st: First Day of School!
- Friday, September 4th: Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Opening of the School Year at 10:30AM
- Wednesday, September 16th: PTG "Back to School Night"
- •OLM School "Mum Sale", beginning on Thursday, September 17th!

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OLM CAL Basketball Registration 2015—2016 Season

Website registration opens on 9/1/2015. Teams to be formed for both

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www.olmhoops.org



Help a Needy Student with School Supplies



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 much needed 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.

Thank you for your support.



Kick-off COOKOUT Sunday, August 23rd at 4PM OLM School Field



Join us for a kick-off cookout for the upcoming year. Good food and good times for all OLM High School aged parishioners. If interested please email your RSVP by Friday, August 21st to Michael LaChimia, OLM Youth Activities Coordinator, send emails to: mlachimia@olmschool.org



Monthly OLM Breakfast on Wednesday, August 26 Cracker-Barrel Restaurant

Please join us for our Monthly OLM Breakfast this week. We gather for good food, good company and good conversation immediately following 7:30AM Mass.

Hope to see you there! All are most welcome!



Our next meeting on Sunday, 9/13 at 6PM in the OLM Church Cry Room. At that meeting, we are to discuss our support of the OLM Parish Picnic on 9/20 and our plan to support various Right To Life activities in the upcoming year. Hope to see you there! The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men, who perform charitable missionary work in support of Our Lady of Mercy Church. If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Mahoney via email at:tom@tommymahoney.com. The Knights of Columbus is actively engaged in the pro-life movement and in support various activities of Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



oday we finish our Gospel reading from John 6, the narrative of the multiplication of loaves and Jesus' discourse on the bread of life.

As we have discovered, John's Gospel is more about the significance of certain events in Jesus' life than it is about the events themselves.

At the end of chapter 20, John states his purpose, "these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

Next week we return to the more strictly narrative Mark.



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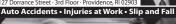
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