

† 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	ΑM

Holy Day

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

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ♣ August 24, 2014

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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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 24, 2014

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

The Mass of Anticipation for 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mary Falchini—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Patricia Cunningham—Memorial

10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica

7:30AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr. —4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Nancy Raimondo—11th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist 7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

Weekday/BVM

8:30AM Donald & Ruth Guilfoyle—Birthday Remembrance

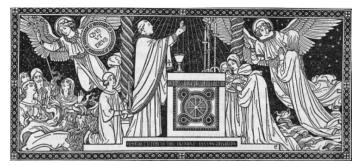
Mass of Anticipation for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Albert Burnside—26th Anniversary

10:30AM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey— 28th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

It's back to school this week! Summer is over for our students, and teachers, as Wednesday is the first day of school. The summer vacation seemed to fly by but I am sure our school children, and perhaps even their parents, are ready for the return to the classroom!

When I was a school kid summer didn't end until Labor Day and school didn't begin until after the holiday. However, most school districts in our state including East Greenwich now begin school the week before Labor Day. So as school begins I ask for your prayers for our students, teachers and staff as they begin another academic year of learning.

Our parish school follows the East Greenwich Schools Calendar so we begin this Wednesday as well. Of course our dedicated teachers begin this Monday in preparation of the school year. We are most grateful for their service to our parish school and wish them the best this year. We also wish our new OLM Principal Scott Fuller all the best as he begins his first year of leadership of our great school.

We will officially mark the beginning of school with a Mass of the Holy Spirit on Friday, September 5th at 9:00AM. We will call forth the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our faculty and students this year and help them grow in faith, hope, charity and wisdom. Mr. Fuller will be officially installed as our new Principal at this Mass. We invite

you to join us for this celebration for our parish community.

The OLM Maintenance Staff under the leadership of Mr. Paul Anderson have been working especially hard these last few weeks finishing up some of the renovations of the school. includes installing the new security system for the school, refurbishing the main corridor and front hallway with new paint, new flooring and a new ceiling tiles as well general maintenance and painting of classrooms.

Also the crew from RISE, a part of the National Grid that provides free energy efficiency services, have been installing all new lighting in the school classrooms and corridors. This new lighting will work more efficiently and will likely save on our electricity costs for the school. The lighting and work of installation are free of charge.

We are presently looking into replacing the boilers for the Church and Rectory. They currently use heating oil and our oil bills during the winter months are very high, as you can imagine. Both boilers are old and not as efficient as they should be and we hope to replace them with natural gas boilers. The cost of natural gas is much less than oil and can provide great savings for our parish.

I wish to offer my deep thanks and gratitude to the many parishioners who were so generous in our Back-Pack Drive. On Monday we delivered over 100 back-packs full of school supplies to St. Patrick's Parish in Providence. Fr. James Ruggeri and his parishioners were overjoyed at the response to their call for help. We also gave nearly fifty back-packs filled with school supplies to some families in need here in East Greenwich. Your tremendous witness to charity is deeply appreciated and in the name of the needy, I offer my thanks.

Now that he has settled in after a year here, Fr. Connors is serving as the Chair of our Annual OLM Parish Picnic. On Sunday, September 21st it kickoffs our celebration for our Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy which is on September 24th. We hope to have yet another year of good food, good fun and good times with parish family and friends. Sign-ups for volunteers to help with this great time is to take place in the coming weeks after Masses. So mark your calendar now for this great event in the life our parish and please pray for good weather!

Pope Francis was in South Korea last week where he beatified 124 martyrs at a Mass for Korean Youth. In his homily he said: "The martyrs challenge us to think about what, if anything, we ourselves would be willing to die for." A challenging question for us who worship so freely and without fear in this time of violent and murderous persecution of many of our Christian brothers and sisters. Indeed, what would we die for? Father Healey



Dear Father Connors: What is the difference between a divorce and an annulment?

So many questions in the Church concern her teaching about marriage. The reason for

that is because Jesus is so clear in the Gospels about what marriage is and how it ought to be treated. While our culture has a very different view of marriage, the Gospel teaching could not be clearer.

A divorce is a civil arrangement in which married people civilly separate. A divorce however does not end a Sacramental marriage. The marriage between two baptized Christians cannot be broken even by the Pope himself. What God has joined man cannot separate.

An annulment is a different thing entirely. It is a declaration of the Church that what appeared to be a true marriage was in fact not actually a Sacramental marriage from the very beginning. One does not "get an annulment" as if it is something that can be obtained by anyone who seeks it. Instead, it follows an examination into the truth of the matter...was this a real marriage that God joined together or not?

The obvious example would be someone who lied during the courtship. In such a case, the couple, while civilly marriage would never have actually been sacramentally married. Because it is precisely the consent of the couple to be married that God uses to join them together, if there was something inadequate in their consent—again from the very beginning—then it is possible to declare that they were never actually joined in marriage.

A declaration of nullity or annulment is a formal declaration of the Church that what appeared to be an authentic marriage actually never was so from the beginning. It does not separate what God has joined but declares instead that God never joined the partners together in the first place.

These questions are very difficult to deal with in the abstract. One should always seek the counsel of a priest who can help with the situation more directly. It should go without saying that those who find themselves in difficult situations should not despair. They should examine what possibilities exist to have their situation rectified. The Church is there for them and urges them to be reconciled to the mercy of God.

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





August 17, 2014

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Outreach	\$351.00

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



Congratulations to our newly baptized:

Vivian Bailey Toce, and her parents Frank and Katherine.

Jameson Lorenzo Porcari, and his parents Anthony and Juliet

Maeve Edith Dawson, and her parents Kevin and Laura

Shane Wesley Marcks, and his parents Wesley and Seana

Olivia Leighton Murphy, and her parents Daniel and Kristi

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



MONTHLY BREAKFAST GROUP GATHERING

Everyone is invited to join the OLM Monthly Breakfast Group, this Wednesday, August 27th at the Cracker-Barrel Restaurant following the 7:30AM Mass. Hope to see you there!

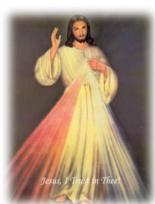


Re-Registration for Religious Education Attention all RE Families. Registration for next year (2014-2015) available online at the parish website (olmparish.org). Please re-register your children for all grades of Religious Education. **Late fees will be applied to all those who do not register on time.**



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food especially during the summer months. Please leave all donated food items in the Food Bin in the Vestibule of Church. Thank you for your generous support.

OLM Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:00am - 4:00pm



Join Fr. Connors for a faith-filled day of pilgrimage and prayer to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Come together for Holy Mass, the Stations of the Cross and a spiritual talk by renowned author and speaker, Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. Advance

Sign-up required to reserve seat on bus. Please Contact Pilgrimage Coordinator Shelia Broderick at 884-4968 or sheilabroderick@me.com All reservations must be made by October 1, 2014.



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

<u>Sunday, August 24th:</u> 9:00AM Mass of Welcome for New OLM School Families. Reception to follow in OLM School Gym sponsored by OLM PTG.

Wednesday, August 27th: First Day of School!!!!

<u>Friday, September 5th:</u> 9:00AM Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit for OLM School.

<u>Friday, September 12th—Sunday, September 14th:</u>
OLM School Annual Mum Sale

Limited Openings in Pre-K and other grades. Call today to register your child. Parish Tuition Assistance available.





A Back to School Prayer

God of wisdom and might,

we praise you for the wonder of our being,

for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow;

wisdom and knowledge to their minds

as they search for understanding;

and peace and zeal to their hearts.

Help them grow in love of God and neighbor.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Annual Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic Sunday, September 21, 2014 1:00PM to 4:00PM

On The Grounds of Our Lady of Mercy

Join us for good food and good times as we celebrate our Parish Feast Day!



- ◆Homemade Baked Goods ◆Games & Crafts for Kids!
- Face Painting & Pony Rides! Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream
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