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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

♣ August 25, 2013

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

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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

Our Rady of Mercy School

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School Principal

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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.

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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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SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Anticipated Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Albert Perry Burnside—25th Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Patricia Cunningham—Memorial
10:30 AM Beatrice Basler—Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Weekday

7:30 AM Fred Buoro—Memorial

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica

7:30 AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr.—3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

7:30 AM Nancy Raimondo—10th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

Weekday

7:30AM Catherine & Jeremiah Murphy—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM R.G. Peter—Memorial

Anticipated Mass for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Hans G. & Hans Fr. Loeffler—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Katherine, Armando, & Giuseppe DeAngelis—Memorial

10:30 AM Edward V. Healey, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey—27th Annv.

5:00PM Dr. Walter Schubert—Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This time of year always brings to mind my first day of school in September 1970! On his way to work that day my Father brought me to the Rhodes School in Edgewood. It was to be my first day of Kindergarten. He walked me to Mrs. Johnson's room in the basement of the school and said his goodbyes! I remember being very, very nervous.

Amazingly I still remember Mrs. Johnson's face and tender voice as she led me to my seat in my new classroom. Among the many students there were two of my next door neighbors. As I looked at these familiar faces, I remember feeling more at ease.

Over that school year Mrs. Johnson would teach us to read, write, add and subtract. These basic skills would serve as the foundation for the rest of our lives. In fact, I depend everyday on what I learned from Mrs. Johnson forty-three years ago, especially those 26 letters of the alphabet!

I am grateful to her and so many of the great teachers I had over the 22 years of education. Each day I use the basic skills learned in Kindergarten and the knowledge gained over a lifetime of education. None of which would be possible without the dedication and diligence of good teachers.

As the school year begins please join me in remembering with gratitude the women and men from your own school days who taught and readied you for life. Let us offer a prayer of

thanksgiving for the teachers who taught us, inspired us and prepared us for the journey of life.

This week we also remember the many young children who make the first trek to a new classroom and meet their new teacher. Those at OLM School and at schools all across the state and nation enter into the new world of school this week. Yes, the First Day of School is Wednesday for our OLM students and teachers. May God bless all our students, staff and teachers with a great school year. May it be a year filled with faith, hope, joy and wisdom. Welcome back students, study hard and pray often!!

Last Friday night Father Connors and I took a road trip to Tiverton to visit Fr. Shemek. His new digs in Tiverton are very nice and he is certainly thriving in his new parish by the sea! The pastoring of not one but two parishes presents many challenges but Fr. Shemek seems to be settling in very nicely in his new role. As usual he prepared a wonderful meal and we had a great night of priestly fraternity.

I ask you to please keep Fr. Shemek in your prayers as he is to be installed as Pastor of St. Theresa and St. Christopher Parishes by Bishop Tobin next Sunday morning. I hope to attend the Mass of Installation next week and celebrate the special day with Fr. Shemek. In your name I bring him the congratulations and prayerful best wishes of the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family.

Next weekend is also the inaugural weekend for the new addition to our Mass schedule. We begin a weekly Sunday Evening Mass at 5:00PM on September 1. It begins in September and will continue until the last Sunday in June.

Many parishioners have expressed their thanks for this Mass and I hope many turn out for it. One parishioner told me that he hoped to take his whole family to the Sunday 5:00PM Mass and then to dinner. A true family event both spiritually and physically nourished! So please spread the word among your family, friends, neighbors and even the strangers you meet at Dave's Market. There is now a "Last Call" Mass in East Greenwich right at OLM on Sunday evenings!

We've been making some improvements on our parking lots. A large pothole lot has been repaired and new striping is to be laid down. The new handicapped spots and these improvements add to the safety and protection of both parkers and pedestrians.

I know it's hard to believe that the month of August ends this week and school begins on Wednesday! Yes, summer is coming to a close, too quickly for many and not soon enough for others! But time flies for all even summer vacationers! So enjoy the week. God Bless. Go Sox!!Hope to see some of you at the new Sunday evening Mass at 5PM!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

We usually don't think of "clouds" as being the best things to see on the horizon. Dark clouds usually bring with them storms and all kinds of bad weather.

White clouds, while beautiful to look at, always seem to block out the sun for an otherwise perfect day. "A cloudy day" is never said with much enthusiasm on the 11:00 o'clock news either. But



there is one cloud though that YEAR OF FAITH 2012 should always be mentioned with enthusiasm. It's a very special type of "cloud" and it's particularly a "Catholic" cloud as well. It's the "cloud of witnesses" that lies on the horizon ahead of us between heaven and earth. "Cloud of witnesses" is the ancient name for all the saints who have gone before us to heaven. When we see this "cloud" in the distance we should always know that "good weather" is about to begin. "The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth." They are "witnesses" because they prove to us that the Christian life can be lived in all of its rigor and vigor. The example of their lives reminds us that if they could do it, so can we! But more importantly than being just an example they help us more precisely by the prayers they offer for us in the very presence of God Himself. In fact, "their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and the whole world." The saints in heaven have a special outlook on the world as well--they see things as they really are. (Just like any good cloud, the "cloud of witnesses" has a perfect view of the world from its height.) They are not led astray as we can be by the passing pleasures of this world. The "cloud of witnesses" is "locked into" the true pleasures of the next world and so they help us attain those true pleasures by praying for us. The next time you're looking up in the sky wondering what it would be like to be a cloud, wondrously, imagine what it would be like to be part of the "cloud of witnesses" in the glory of heaven with the splendor of Almighty God shining all around you--and of course, that's a splendor that no cloud

can block out! Don't wait for a cloudy day to check it

out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2683.



<u> August 18, 2013</u>

Weekly	\$10,002.00
EFT	\$1,641.00
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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.

Thank you for your generosity!

Second Collections

Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Tuesday—Parish Picnic Planning Meeting at 7:00PM

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

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is pleased to announce Sunday Evening Mass at 5:00PM



Beginning next Sunday, September 1, 2013 OLM now offers Mass on Sunday evenings at 5:00PM.

Please Join Us for Mass each week!

"The Eucharist is the sacrament of the communion that takes us out of our individualism so that together we live our discipleship, our faith in him."—Pope Francis



Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now PAST DUE. Religious Education for Grades 1-5 will be held on Sundays, from 10-11. We are looking for high school students to help as TEACHER'S AIDES in the classrooms especially with those preparing for First Communion, Second Grade. This is an exciting opportunity to help your church and work with the children! If you are a Confirmed high school student and would like to volunteer, please e-mail Mrs. St. Jean at reled@olmparish.org or call 884-1061.

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-2014

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM-11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM-7:00PM

CONFIRMATION REATREAT

Saturday, September 7
Students whose last name begin with A to L
Saturday, September 21
Students whose last name begin with M to Z

The Retreat is <u>MANDATORY</u> for all candidates expecting to be confirmed on October 6, 2013. Please arrive in OLM School Cafeteria promptly at 11:45AM. The Fee is \$30.00 made payable to OLM. The day ends with all Confirmation Candidates attending 5:00PM Mass. Parents are encouraged to attend this Mass in support of their children.

RE TEACHERS MEETING

An orientation meeting is scheduled for all RE Teachers and substitutes of Grades 1 thru 8 on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00PM in the OLM School.

CATECHETICAL Sunday & RE OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, September 15, 2013 will join the US Church in celebrating Catechetical Sunday. All Catechist should attend 10:30AM Mass. An Open House in School will follow Mass. RE Teachers will be available to with student families.

RE Classes

Orientation Class for Grades 1 & 2 only on September 22nd at 10:00AM. A parent should accompany child. RE Class for Grades 3-5 only at 10:00AM on Sunday, September 29th. No Class on 9/29 for Grades 1 & 2. RE Grade 6-8 begin class on Sunday, September 29th at 6:00PM.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic Sunday, September 22nd 1:00PM — 4:00PM On the Parish Grounds



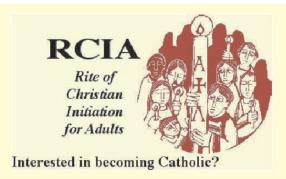
Mark Your Calendar! Save the Date!

All those interested in helping plan for our Parish Picnic are invited to contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org The Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 27th at 7PM in the Parish Meeting Room.





The summer months are known to have a decline in donations to the **OLM Food Pantry**. Please continue to think of those in need. Grocery Gift Cards of \$10 are also helpful. Thank you for your support.



Are you a non-Catholic interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic in need of the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

A Catholic looking to renew your faith?

Then join our OLM RCIA Class! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in October. Non-Catholic and Catholic Adults are invited to join our RCIA program in exploring the Catholic Faith and preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. If you are interested or simply want to learn more about the RCIA, then contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

You're Invited to Monthly Breakfast



The Friends of Daily Mass invite you to join them for a Monthly Breakfast at Cracker Barrel following 7:30AM Mass on the last Wednesday of every month. For more information contact Shirley

Berlanga at 203-9747

Catholic Athletic League BASKETBALL AT OLM



Registration for OLM CAL Basketball for both boys and girls, Pre-K through 10th Grade, is coming soon. Our new online website and registration process will be available shortly. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for announcements and updates. For more information contact, Craig Lombardi, Volunteer CAL Director at cdlom13@gmail.com



OLM School News

- OLM School is looking for a Part-Time Registered Nurse to work one or two days a week.
- First Day of School is Wednesday, August 28th!
- OLM School "Mum Sale" will be held Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15th following all Masses.

A Back to School Student Prayer



Dear God,

Help me remember that you're always by my side at school and all day long.

Help me be the best student I can be, using all the gifts and talents you've given me. Help me study well and often

– especially when I don't feel like studying at all!
Help me finish all my homework – on time.
Help me listen to my teachers and coaches.

Help me play fair and play safely,

Help me be honest when I'm tempted to cheat.

Help me always tell the truth.

Help me be kind to everyone at school and to treat others as I'd want them to treat me.

Help me make good friends

and help me be a good friend to others.

Help me know how I can help others

and to ask for help when I need it myself.

Help me love and respect, trust and appreciate my parents

- and to be honest with them.

Help me remember that you're with me always, Lord, and that you'll never leave my side.

Amen.



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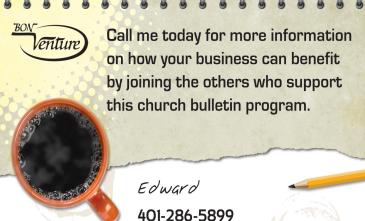
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