

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 9:0	0 & 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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#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ August 3, 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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# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2014

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 2**

The Mass of Anticipation for 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Celestina, Felix, & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Robert W. Mancini—Memorial

10:30AM Jeannine Light—Birthday Remembrance

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 4**

St. John Vianney, Priest

7:30 AM Arthur Boyle—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**

Weekday/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major 7:30 AM Derek Parenteau—8th Anniversary

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30AM Eleanor Steffens—Memorial

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**

Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest 7:30AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8**

St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM Marion Hart—33rd Anniversary

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**

Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr; BVM 8:30AM Deceased Members of the Pundys & Dikinis Families

Mass of Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Frederick Grace—Memorial

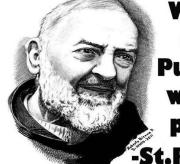
#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—43rd Anniversary

10:30AM Edward Verrier—2nd Anniversary



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

St.Padre Pio

# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We offer our Summer Seminarian, Nick Robenhymer, a fond farewell this weekend. Nick has been with us just over ten weeks as part of his preparation for priesthood. After graduating from Providence College this past spring, he came to OLM for the summer. Now he departs to begin his priestly formation and theological studies at St. John's Seminary in Boston.

I hope you can stop by to wish Nick well after the 10:30AM Mass in Mercy Park. He was a joy to have at the parish this summer and helped in many ways. Nick provided some much needed help with our new Vacation Bible School and we learned then that he can play the Ukulele!!

His help coordinating and serving Masses, visits to the sick, catechetical instruction with both individuals and parish groups were a great experience for him as well as our parish. We thank Nick for his joyful and prayerful presence at OLM. Keep him in your prayers as he enters the next stage of priestly formation at St. John's Seminary. I am grateful to Fr. Carl Fisette, the Director of Vocations, for choosing OLM to the seminarian participate in program and assigning Nick to our parish.

Our own native-son of OLM, Seminarian Brian Morris, spent his summer serving at St. Pius Parish in Westerly and leaves today to serve two weeks at the Shrine in Lourdes, France. While there Brian is to assist pilgrims especially those who have come

in need of healing and suffer from physical disabilities. I have asked Brian to pray for our parish and the intentions of all of our parishioners while he is there.

Lourdes has long been a place of pilgrimage since Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. Many come to be cured in the waters of the beautiful grotto where the Blessed Mother spoke her message to the young French farm girl. The core of the message was that God comes to tell us that he loves us, and he loves us as we are with all our successes but also with all our wounds, our weaknesses and our limitations. Let us turn to Our Lady of Lourdes and beg her intercession for our parish and for our seminarians preparing for the priesthood.

Last week I received a call from my classmate, Father James Ruggeri. He is the Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in the Smith Hill section of Providence. Father James is one of the finest priests of our Diocese and is commonly called the "the Saint of Smith Hill." He is a tireless servant of the poor and has established a new Catholic high school for economically disadvantaged students, runs a weekly soup kitchen and provides aid and assistance to the poor and needy of his parish. He called and asked if the good parishioners of OLM might help provide school supplies for the students of his parish as they prepare to go back to school this fall.

there Brian is to assist pilgrims | Father James knows well especially those who have come the generous and supportive

nature of OLM as we routinely send him financial support from our Outreach Collection. The details of the "Backpack Drive for St. Patrick's" are in this week's bulletin if you care to help out. In the name of Father James and the poor he so faithfully serves, I offer thanks and gratitude for your support.

Don't forget to put Sunday, September 21st on your calendar as we look forward to another celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy. We will once again have our Annual Parish Picnic complete with all the fun and games, good food and good times we have had the last two years. So put it in your book or on the kitchen calendar now! Who knows we may even be able to see Fr. Connors not only juggle but perhaps ride his unicycle this vear!!

Tomorrow, August 4th, is the Feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. He is often referred to as the "Curé d' Ars". He became internationally known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish because of the radical spiritual transformation of the community. His holiness and zeal were apparent to all who met him. He spent hours and hours hearing confessions and was devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. I kindly ask for your prayers for Connors and myself and also for all priests on this special feast day. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear OLM Parishioners:

As I come to the end of my first assignment in my Priestly formation, I find that the blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon me here at OLM are beyond measure. It has truly been a great joy for me to spend this summer at such a lively, warm and loving parish.

I would like to thank Fr. Healey, Fr. Connors and Deacon Dowd for their great examples of pastoral care. They have shown me the joys of parish ministry and what it means to lay down your life for God's people. Our Holy Father could point to them as pastors who "smell like their sheep". Their pastoral care and works will guide me in my priestly formation as I try to become the best shepherd I can be to God's flock.

I am unable to express the gratitude which I have for all the parishioners here at Our Lady of Mercy. I cannot express how encouraging it is for a seminarian to see such a vibrant parish. I want to thank each and everyone one of you from the bottom of my heart for all of your prayers and support.

I would also like to give a special thanks to all the faculty, staff and students of OLM School. The joy of the students overflows upon all who enter the school each day. Each teacher told me that the best part of their job is being able to experience the joy of the children each day. OLM School is truly a great example of the superior education, joy and Christian values which are found in the Catholic school system.

As I leave I know that the impact of Our Lady of Mercy Parish will last into my Priesthood. It has been a great experience and my gratitude cannot be fully expressed in words. I want to assure all of you of my continued prayers and I ask that you please remember me in your daily prayers as I continue my Priestly formation.

In Christ,

Seminarian Nicholas Robenhymer



#### July 27, 2014

Weekly	\$10,392.50
EFT	\$912.00
Outreach	\$173.00

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!



#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

This Week: Peters' Pence

Next Week: Building and Grounds

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



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

#### May she rest in peace.



The Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine have been donated in loving memory of Alfred Joseph Mastracchio.



## Banns of Marriage

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**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.** 

Thank you for your prompt cooperation.



**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.

**The OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, August 7 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. Anyone experiencing a loss of a loved, in grief or lonely is most welcome to attend. We offer support and prayer in a friendly and faith-filled environment. Contact Doug Green at the Outreach Office for more information.



2014 CCA Parish Goal for OLM: \$193,684 2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600

Total to date: \$248,317.50 Total donors to date: 615 Average gift: \$404.00

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Father James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Smith Hill section of Providence, recently requested the help of OLM Parishioners. Fr. James is looking for 75 to 100 school backpacks and back to school supplies such as pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, notebooks, folders and binders. If wish to support this effort please place your donations of backpacks and/or supplies in the vestibule of Church. We hope to deliver all backpacks fully supplied by August 18, 2014. If you care to donate funds simply put a check payable to OLM Outreach with St. Patrick's Backpack Drive in the memo. Place the check in envelope marked "Backpack Drive" and deposit it in the collection basket or send it to the OLM Parish Office. All donations to this effort will be used to buy backpacks and supplies for the local students of St. Patrick's Parish.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

#### **Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over Wedding Anniversary



Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 1:00PM Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul Providence, RI Bishop Thomas J. Tobin Celebrant & Homilist

The Celebration includes: Mass, renewal of vows, personalized certificate and reception. Please contact OLM Parish Office to register. All registered must be returned before August 22, 2014.

#### **HELP IRAQI CHRISTIANS TODAY**

Our Christian brothers and sisters need your help — today. Right now, terrified families and children



are fleeing parts of Iraq, as a fresh wave of violence crosses the land. Among them are many Chris-

tians. The faithful have lived in the city of Mosul for nearly 2,000 years — today, it's entirely empty of Christians. The deteriorating security situation in north and central Iraq has caused mass displacement across much of the country. Families continue to move, often on a daily basis. A reported 500,000 people have been displaced from Mosul, with 30 percent being hosted by family or friends. An estimated 40 percent (200,000 people) are living in collective centers, and in need of immediate humanitarian assistance. Many Christian, Sunni and Shiite families are living in schools, empty houses, clinics and church compounds, with multiple families residing in a single room, sleeping on the floor and sharing the basic facilities. Catholic Relief Services and its local partner Caritas Iraq responded

immediately with support for 2,000 families living in collective centers, providing family baskets of essential food and living supplies.



Please pray for the families affected by this terrify-Additionally violence. vour ing generosity can help strengthen our response to this emergency as well as continue our work in 93 countries serving the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. What can you do today to help Iraq's Christians and give them hope? Donate today to Catholic Relief Services: Online donations at: http://crs.org/donate/ By Phone Call 1-877-435-7277 By Mail: Mail your check to: Catholic Relief Services. P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21297-0303



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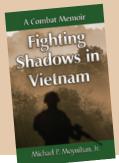
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