

† 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	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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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time ★ August 30, 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 Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2015

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Weekday

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday

7:30 AM Thomas Shannon—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Weekday

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM Rose Zaino, Antonio & Angela Mattace—Mem.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBRER 4

Weekday

7:30AM Doris A. Jamieson—Birthday Remembrance 9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Weekday; BVM; Bl. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious 8:30AM Special Intention of MMP Rosary Cenacle

The Mass of Anticipation for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Emma Truppa—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Roy J. Zimmerman—Memorial

9:00 AM Albert Burnside & Rose Farina—Memorial

10:30AM Joseph Gianardi—11th Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday morning over 500 people gathered at Planned Parenthood of RI. Fr. Connors and I along with a few parishioners from OLM were among them. We gathered there to pray for an end to abortion and an increased respect for human life. We were also there to protest the depraved practices of Planned Parenthood.

The large crowd was led in prayer by Bishop Tobin who called for the conversion of heart of Planned Parenthood workers. A host of speakers included our own Fr. Connors who reminded the crowd that "the Church stands ready to receive with open arms all those hurt and wounded by abortion. The God of mercy and love stands ready to forgive and to convert our 'throw-away culture' into a culture of life and a civilization of love."

All during the peaceful and prayerful protest Planned Parenthood was blaring music from their building. It was a rather obvious attempt to "shout down" the speakers calling for their defunding. No matter how loud the music got during the protest it did not and cannot drown out the voice of the voiceless unborn.

Let us continue to give the unborn a voice as we call for the defunding of Planned Parenthood. Our tax dollars should not be used to kill innocent unborn children and then sell their bodies and body parts as part of a macabre scientific experiment. Pray for an

end to abortion and an increase in respect for all human life.

This Monday we welcomed our new OLM School faculty members at an orientation session. We are so happy to have such excellent additions to our outstanding faculty. The new teachers were joined on Wednesday by the entire faculty as they spent the day preparing for the start of school this Tuesday!

On this Monday our OLM School Faculty gathers for a day of retreat at the Enders Island Retreat Center in Mystic. Their retreat is being led by Fr. Joe Upton, the Chaplain at the Prout School and the University of Rhode Island. I ask you to please pray for our teachers that this time of retreat might be one of renewed faith and zeal as they begin another school year.

This Sunday we welcome the many new families who are entering OLM School this year. We are overjoyed that they have decided to entrust their children and their education to our parish school. There are many educational choices available to parents and we are happy they think OLM School is the best way to go!

It's hard to believe but school starts this week. East Greenwich Public Schools begin on Monday and OLM School begins on Tuesday. The first day of school is always a great day for children and families. Do you remember your first day of school?

I remember my very first

day in 1970! My Dad brought me to school and into the classroom. I saw some friends, he said "So-Long" and my school career commenced! I hope and pray that all our students enjoy their first day of school!

Having a parish school is a true blessing for our community. Pope Francis reminds us about the mission of Catholic Schools: "Our generation will show that it can rise to the promise found in each young person when we know how to give them the material and spiritual conditions for their full development; to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to quarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be." We pray for OLM School that the new school year is truly a year of faith. hope and love for all!

We invite all parishioners to join us on Friday at 9:00AM for the Mass of the Holy Spirit. Join us as we celebrate the Beginning of the New School Year at OLM. We pray together as a parish family that the Holy Spirit continues to guide Principal Fuller, the OLM Faculty and Staff, OLM students and families. May they grow together in wisdom, understanding, piety, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, and awe.

Welcome back students and teachers, have a great first week of school! Saint Thomas Aquinas, the patron of students, intercede for us. Be well. Do Good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why doesn't God have a birthday?

Kids ask the best questions. I would say there are two correct answers to this question, depending on what you

mean.

First, God does have a birthday—December 25th. Jesus really is God. He is the eternal Son of God, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, taken on human flesh. Jesus is true God and true man, two natures united in one divine person.

On Christmas we celebrate His birth, His coming into the world. We call that in the Incarnation—His taking on human flesh. Christmas is the celebration of when God came into the world and took on human flesh. The Bible does not give the date of Jesus' birth but for most of the Church's history she has celebrated Christmas on December 25th.

Christmas is celebrated exactly nine months after the celebration of the Annunciation when the angel Gabriel visited the Blessed Virgin Mary and she conceived Jesus in her womb.

At the same time, if one means God the Father, then it is correct to say He doesn't have a birthday. God always existed, that is part of what it means to say He is God. He has no beginning or end. He is eternal.

That is true by the way for all three persons of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity always existed and has no end. The Trinity does not have a birthday.

The amazing thing—the truly wondrous thing about God—is that this eternal God decided out of the love for us to take on human flesh, to enter time and have a birthday as it were. Thus Christmas celebrates the eternal God fully entering our human history.

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



This week the Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine have been donated in loving memory of Thomas Shannon.

Weekly Collection 650800

August 23, 2015

Weekly	\$12.379.50
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	Total=\$13,807.00
Outreach	\$350.50

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

Thank you for your generosity!



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Week: Building & Grounds



<u>Please Note:</u> Sunday Mass at 5:00PM resumes next <u>Sunday, September 6, 2015</u>. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Andrew McNulty and Robert Danesi** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Banns of Marriage

II—Sean Anthony Murgo & Kristie Elise Mazin

Our Lady of Mercy Church

St. Mary Church, Lynn, MA



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



•THE OLM FOOD PANTRY is always in need of donated food items. Please place all donated non -perishable food items in the box located in the Church vestibule. OLM Bereavement Group meets this Thursday, September 3 at 4PM at Mercy House. All experiencing grief, loneliness or isolation are invited to attend. Contact Outreach Director Doug Green for more information.

Thank you for your support!



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.



Tuesday, September 1st: First Day of School!

All OLM Parishioners and OLM School Families are invited to attend the

The Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Opening of the School Year
9:00AM on Friday, September 4, 2015

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OLM CAL Basketball Registration 2015—2016 Season



Website registration opens on 9/1/2015. Teams to be formed for both parish and school, girls and boys grades 3-8. We will also have an Instructional league for all players K thru 2nd grade. For more information and to register on September 1st please visit:

www.olmhoops.org

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

"I have called you by name, and you are Mine." - Isaiah 43:1b



Interested in becoming a Catholic? Looking to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Are you an Adult in need of the Sacraments of Initiation?

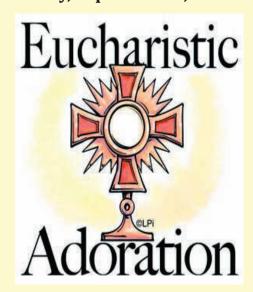
Consider the RCIA Program—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Classes are held Sundays after the 10:30am Mass and begin in late September.

Contact Fr. Connors for more information at 884-4968 or via email:associatepastor@olmparish.org

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?



First Friday Adoration Friday, September 4, 2015



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 9AM School Mass

All-Day Adoration of the Eucharist

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5PM

Adorers needed, sign-up in Church Vestibule.

"Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer." -St. Alphonsus Ligouri

A Prayer for the New School Year

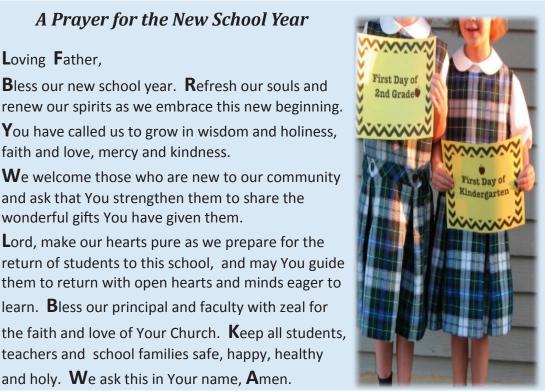


Bless our new school year. **R**efresh our souls and

You have called us to grow in wisdom and holiness, faith and love, mercy and kindness.

We welcome those who are new to our community and ask that You strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts You have given them.

Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school, and may You guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn. **B**less our principal and faculty with zeal for the faith and love of Your Church. **K**eep all students, teachers and school families safe, happy, healthy and holy. **W**e ask this in Your name, **A**men.





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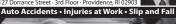
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