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#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM Sunday Masses ......7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

#### 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

## Our Rady of Mercy School

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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.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 2013

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

Anticipated Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Joann Vito—Memorial

9:00 AM Nancy Appleton—5th Anniversary 10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

Weekday/*The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major* 7:30 AM William Sullivan—Memorial

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 6**

The Transfiguration of the Lord 7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

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

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

St. Domenic, Priest

7:30 AM Marion Hart—32nd Anniversary

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
7:30AM The Deceased Members of the Pundy & DiKinis
Families—Memorial

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:30 AM Edward Verrier—1st Anniversary

Anticipated Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—42nd Anniversary

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Joseph & Lenore Neri & Ralph Buontempo—Mem

10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

What a site in Rio as an estimated crowd of 3 million gathered people on the Copacabana Beach for a World Youth Day Mass with Pope Francis. The Holy Father told the young people jamming the beach that the Church needs their enthusiasm and creativity. He urged them to go out and spread their faith "to the fringes of society," even to those who seem the most indifferent.

Pope Francis continued to challenge the young people and the entire Church in his homily. Here are some highlights from his powerful sermon:

"Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us to everyone. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent. The Lord seeks all; he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love.

And then, Jesus did not say: "One of you go," but "All of you go": we are sent together. Dear young friends, be aware of the companionship of the whole Church and also the communion of the saints on this mission. When we face challenges together, then we are strong, we discover resources we did not know we had. Jesus did not call the Apostles to live in isolation; he

called them to form a group, a community.

Evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness; it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did. Go, do not be afraid, and serve. If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized; the one who transmits the joy of faith receives joy. Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destrov and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, so as to build a new world. Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on vou!"

The Holy Father's message was delivered to the young Catholics attending World Youth Day but it really is a message for each one of us, young and old, priest and laity. Do we bring Christ with us wherever we go or is He only for Church on Sundays? How well are we bearing witness to the Lord's love and mercy with our own actions and words? Is there someone at work, at home, at school or even at the local breakfast joint we frequent everyday who needs Christ in their lives?

Perhaps we who faithfully come to be with Jesus at Mass each week need to reach out more to our neighbors, friends and even some members of our own families who have

drifted away from the Lord and His Church and invite them back to be with the Lord.

Maybe we need to simply invite them to join us at Mass to share the experience of joy and hope we celebrate and proclaim each week at Eucharist. If everyone who regularly attends Mass invited just one person whose been away from the Church back to Mass imagine what could happen! Is there someone in your life who needs to receive that invitation?

Let us pray: "Heavenly Father, stir in my soul the desire to renew my faith and deepen my relationship with your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ so that I might truly believe in and live the Good News. Open my heart to hear the Gospel and grant me the confidence to proclaim the Good News to others. Pour out your Spirit, so that I might be strengthened to go forth and witness to the Gospel in my everyday life through my words and actions.

In moments of hesitation, remind me: If not me, then who will proclaim the Gospel? If not now, then when will the Gospel be proclaimed? If not the truth of the Gospel, then what shall I proclaim? I pray that through the Holy Spirit I might hear the call to deepen my faith, grow in confidence to proclaim the Gospel and boldly witness to the saving grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen." God Bless.

Father Healey

## The Catechism Corner

Cremation remains one of those topics that might cause some confusion for Catholics. For centuries the Church forbade cremation, right?? Yes. And now

it's okay?? Another, yes. How can this change?? Well, it can change because it was a law of the Church and all laws that are not divine are subject to alteration depending upon the needs of the



present age. The Church forbade YEAR OF FAITH 2012 cremation first during the Middle Ages because there were numerous instances of so-called "believers" who wanted their bodies cremated out of complete disgust for the flesh. They saw the body as the prison of their soul and an impediment to their true holiness. After their death they would fully reveal this contempt by destroying their body in the most effective way they could--by burning it. understanding is obviously contrary to the Church's teaching regarding the goodness of all creation and especially the resurrection of the body, so the Church would not allow cremation for those reasons. But what if someone believed in the goodness of the body and in the resurrection of the dead, but still wanted to be cremated?? That's the question that the Church has been asked. Since the original prohibition had to do not with cremation itself so much as with the reasons behind it, now "the Church permits cremation, provided that it does not demonstrate a denial of faith in the resurrection of the body." The Church has even recently allowed a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in the presence of the cremated remains (the "cremains"), something not allowed before 1998. What this practice reveals is the Church's great ability to adjust to the needs of a particular society while maintaining the Truth of the Catholic Faith. There are some things, of course, that the Church does not allow in terms of cremated remains and those would be the practice of "scattering the ashes" or even keeping the ashes in one's home. Both of these practices seem to undermine the respect that we must show for the bodies of the deceased. A body or the cremated remains must be buried in a grave or at sea or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. How we treat the dead, after all, is one indication of how we treat the living. The Church calls us to respect all of the stages of life and death so that when that Last Day comes we may bridge the gap of death and enter into that eternal gift of LIFE--soul AND BODY. Check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2301.



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## **Second Collections**

This Week: Peter's Pence **Next Week: Building & Grounds** 

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM

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



II—Emily Cunanan & Mark De Souza



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!



Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now being accepted. Please contact the Parish Office by phone at 884-4968 or via email to parish@olmparish.org to obtain a form.

Religious Education for Grades 1-5 will be held on Sundays, from 10-11. We are looking for high school students to help 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.

**Confirmation families are reminded that ALL paperwork is past due**. Please send it in ASAP. Confirmation is October 6th at 5:00pm.

Registrations for all RE grades are due by July 31st.

## **OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-2014**

RE Grades 1-5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM



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.

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be Thursday, August 15, from 4PM - 6PM at Mercy House, 57 Second St. East Greenwich, RI. All those who are experiencing grief over the lose of a loved one are invited to attend.

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Interested in the Knights of Columbus? Would you like to learn more about it? Please contact Grand Knight Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com



Our Lady of Mercy School is still accepting applications throughout the grades. There are a few available spaces in all the grades except grades 7 and 8. The Pre K program is three full days (M, W, F). Kindergarten is a full day program building a strong foundation in both Reading and Math. All grades have Religion on a daily basis. In addition to the regular subjects, students have Spanish and Computer/tech in their weekly schedule. Science kits have been introduced in elementary grades and the students love them. If you are looking for an excellent curriculum grounded in the Catholic faith please call 884-1618 to learn more about OLM School. Tuition assistance is available for all OLM Families. Our Mission is: "...that Mercy may flourish."

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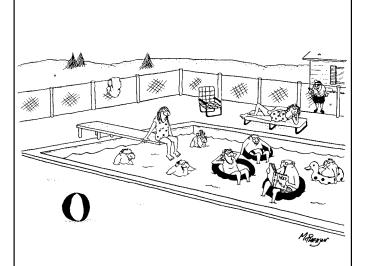
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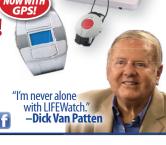
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