

† 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 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Holyday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2015

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

The Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Ava Hockensmith—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Edward Verrier—3rd Anniversary 10:30AM John V. Gudlevich—Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 10—VJ HOLIDAY

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:30 AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—44th Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin

7:30 AM Anne Matricciano—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

Weekday/St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Weekday/Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs 7:30AM Brone Pundys—50th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
7:30AM William & Mary Mulcahy—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM Thomas J., Vito & Marie Brescia—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the 20h Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Anne Matricciano—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Ferruccio Family-Mem.

9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

10:30AM Brian Brice—1st Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

As I look out my window on this Monday morning I see the Public Works Crew working on the sidewalks. Many of the sidewalks and curbs around OLM have been deteriorating over the years. Last winter's particularly harsh weather also contributed to their further deterioration.

The corners the sidewalks were redesigned for handicapped accessibility. The new sidewalks and curbs were sorely needed. I hope as you read this column they are all firmly in place. I am grateful to the East Greenwich Public Works Crew for their great work.

Also, I thank EG Town Manager Tom Coyle, EG Public Works Director Joe Duarte and EG Town Councilwoman Sue Cienki for helping to make this important project possible. We are grateful for their efforts ensuring access to our Church is easy and safe for all!

The work on the sidewalks is not the only work taking place At OLM School our at OLM. maintenance crew under the direction of Paul Anderson is working hard on several school improvement projects. They have removed all the carpeting from the walls of the corridors. The walls are freshly plastered and painted and now brightening up the hallways!

They have also been painting classrooms and hope to two completely renovate classrooms with new paint, new flooring, and new furniture. It is

endeavor to keep the classrooms in good condition. We are also in the process of updating our technology and internet services in the school. This too is a time consuming and costly project but well worth it to keep our parish school up to date.

You may see our teachers coming and going from the school over these next few weeks as they prepare their classrooms for the new year. The first day of scheduled school is for September 1st! I know it's hard to believe during these beautiful days of summer but school is coming in September!

Speaking of September, its time to mark your calendars for some upcoming special events. Of course, there is the first day of school with all its fanfare, but also the opening Mass of the Holy Spirit is to be celebrated on Friday, September 4th. Annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th!

The Parish Picnic is the kick-off of a week of Mercy Events in honor of the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy on September These events include a 24th. special Mercy Event for Families in conjunction with the World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis in Philadelphia. Also, we plan a Concert of Mercy, a Work of Mercy Event and the Feast Day Mass on Thursday, September 24th.

Fr. Connors is the Spiritual Director for the Diocesan Pilgrimage from Providence to the World Meeting of Families. He is an expensive but worthwhile to lead over 500 pilgrims from Rhode Island to the many events at the meeting and with Pope Francis. There are several families from OLM going along Keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for this wonderful pilgrimage of faith.

Pope Francis is to make an Apostolic Visit the United States in September. His trip includes visits to Washington, DC, New York and Philadelphia. He is to visit the White House, address Congress and the UN, celebrate several Masses and canonize Blessed Father Juniperro Serra a Saint at the National Shrine in DC. He is to also visit a prison and meet with prisoners and deliver a major address on religious liberty at Independence Hall. In addition he is to visit a Catholic elementary school in Harlem and also offer prayers at the World Trade Center.

Let us pray for our Holy Father and for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. May the visit and the meeting be successful in strengthening family life and marriage in our nation. May it lead to an increased respect for human life and dignity in our nation. May the Holy Father's wisdom and pastoral leadership lead to a renewed zeal for the faith and the life of the Church.

They say "time flies" but please enjoy the summer sun during the rest of this month of August. September is coming! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Can Catholics eat meat on Fridays throughout the year?

The universal Code of Canon Law explains: "All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. The days and times of penance for the

universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent" (CIC 1249-1250). The Code continues: "Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Episcopal Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on a Friday" (CIC 1251).

The Code allows the Bishops conference to "determine more particular ways in which fasting and abstinence are to be observed. In place of abstinence or fasting it can substitute, in whole or in part, other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety (CIC 1253).

Until 1966, Catholics in the United States fulfilled this precept of doing penance through the common observance of abstinence from meat on all Fridays throughout the year. In 1966, however, the bishops of the United States made use of the permission of the Holy See to permit Catholics in the US to substitute some other act of piety or charity instead of abstinence from meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

So, the short answer is yes, Catholics may eat meat on non-Lenten Fridays but they must substitute some other additional prayer, sacrifice, or work of charity. The idea is simple: recalling our Lord's death on the Cross, Friday should be lived differently with some additional prayer or work of charity.

For much of the Church's history—and to this day in certain parts of the world—the common, identifiable observance of sacrifice and penance is abstinence from meat. In the United States, however, at the present time, the Bishops allows Catholics to substitute some other act of piety or charity on non-Lenten Fridays.

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



Weekly Collection

August 2, 2015

Weekly	\$10,601.00
EFT	\$1,737.50
	Total=\$12,338.50
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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Peter's Pence



VJ HOLIDAY MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2015

The Solemnity of the Assumption is **NOT A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION** this year because it falls on a Saturday. Mass will be offered at **8:30AM only** on the day of the solemnity.



Banns of Marriage

III—Michael Richard Moscatelli & Min Yu Elizabeth Chen Pan

Our Lady of Mercy Church

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

Hope to see you at Mass during these summer months!



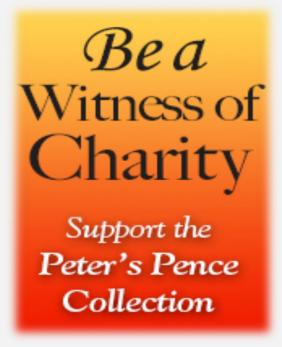
●THE OLM FOOD PANTRY is always in need of donated food items. Our food supply is low at this time of year but the demand increases. Please place all donated non-perishable food items in the box located in the Church vestibule. Thank you for your support! ●The OLM Bereavement Group is to meet on Thursday, August 13 and Thursday, August 20 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those suffering from the death of loved one, grief, loneliness or isolation are most welcome to attend. Contact Doug Green for more information.

Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Oliver Graham Colgan, and his parents, Jason and Lynsey.

"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is."—The Rite of Baptism Annual Peter's Pence Collection at OLM THIS WEEKEND August 8/9, 2015



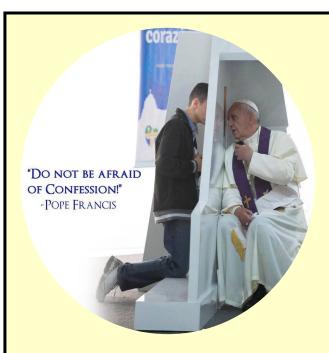
In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

Thank you for your generous support!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Gerard M. Padden** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.



Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Diocese of Providence kindly invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or over Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul, Providence. Celebration includes Holy

Mass, renewal of vows, personalized certificate, and reception with you and your guests. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence, is to be the Principal Celebrant and Homilist at the Mass. To register or for more information contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

If you would like to write and encourage our Summer Seminarian, please send your notes and cards to:



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Help a Needy Student with School Supplies



Fr. James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Smith Hill section of Providence has asked for help from the Parishioners of OLM. He is seeking much needed back-to-school supplies such as pens, pencils, loose

leaf paper, notebooks, folders and binders. Fr. James hopes to fill 100 or more backpacks for needy students in his parish. If you wish to support this effort by OLM Outreach please place all your donated back-to-school supplies in the vestibule of Church. We hope to deliver backpacks full of supplies by the end of August. If you would like to donate funds for this effort simply put a check made payable to OLM Outreach with "St Patrick's Backpack Drive" in the memo and place it in an envelope marked "Backpack Drive" and put in the weekly collection basket. All donations are to be used to buy backpacks and supplies for the needy students of St. Patrick's Parish.

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