

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.......4:00 PM Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Sept—May)

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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Third Sunday of Advent ◆ December 13, 2015

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact the parish Deacon 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 and before surgery.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

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Monday - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

The Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday of Advent 4:00PM Susan Mitchell—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM Joseph J. Cunningham—Memorial

10:30AM Augustine A. Manocchia, Sr. —10th Anniversary 5:00PM Joanna & Euoeniusz Krzemien—Memorial

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Pat & Marie Raimondo—Memorial

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Advent Weekday

7:30 AM Pat Franzone—13th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Advent Weekday

7:30AM Lionel Berard—Memorial

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Late Advent Weekday

7:30AM Michael & Catherine Banas—Memorial

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Late Advent Weekday

7:30AM George C. Jamieson—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

Late Advent Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention of MMP Rosary Cenacle

The Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday of Advent 4:00PM Carolyn Lombardi—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Neil O'Donnell—10th Anniversary
9:00 AM Kate Bedard—6th Anniversary
10:30AM Janet Fayle—7th Anniversary
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

God have Mercy! How many times have we used or heard that phrase in our lives. We have just begun the Jubilee Year of Mercy which calls us to rejoice in the reality that God does have Mercy!

The Year of Mercy began the Solemnity of the on Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday. Across the world the Church is celebrating united in God's We celebrate in the Mercv. Sacrament of Confession and we celebrate each time we take up a Spiritual or Corporal Work of Mercy.

On Monday night, the Vigil of the Holyday, some visiting priests, Fr. Connors, and I were all blessed to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the children of our RE Program and their parents. It was a fitting way to anticipate the great Jubilee of Mercy with the forgiveness of sins!

On Tuesday as we celebrated the great feast of the Immaculate Conception with Holyday Masses, we were joined by Bishop Tobin. He celebrated the 9AM OLM School Mass and officially opened the Year of Mercy for the Diocese of Providence. We thank him for his pastoral visit to our parish, dedicated to mercy, and we are grateful for his wonderful message of mercy offered at the Mass.

The Year of Mercy is only beginning and so we continue to

mercy and also realize the great need of God's mercy many people have across the globe.

I hope you are able to join us for one of the best events we have at OLM. On this Saturday we gather to "feed the hungry." It is a truly terrific event sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and hosted by OLM. We anticipate packaging 20,000 meals for the hungry and poor in Africa. our first parish Work of Mercy as we kickoff the Year of Mercy.

On his recent Pastoral Visit to Africa, Pope Francis delivered a homily at a Mass at the University of Nairobi where some hundreds of thousands of Kenyans gathered to pray with the Holy Father. In his words he spoke of the need for mercy. He stated:

"The health of any society depends on the health of its families. We are called to respect and encourage one another, and to reach out to all those in need. Always be concerned for the needs of the poor, and reject everything that leads to prejudice and discrimination, for these things are not of God. Men and women who are channels of God's grace, who enable his mercy, kindness and truth to become the building blocks of a house that stands firm."

The Holy Father urges us to always be concerned for the poor no matter who they are and no matter where they are from. As Catholics we serve all of God's children no matter their race, religion or nation of origin.

At OLM we are doing this celebrate and acknowledge God's | in many ways. We continue our winter coat drive for homeless until December 18th. Also, many of our RE students are adopting for Christmas the elderly residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Home, and many in our OLM School have recently adopted refugee families who are in need this Christmas.

In addition to these acts of mercy, and thanks to your generous support of the OLM Outreach collection, we are able to support some great charities. Over the last weeks we have donated \$1,000 to Mary's Soup Kitchen at St. Patrick's Church in Providence, \$600 to the Whitmarsh Home for Boys, and \$500 to the Assumption Parish Food Pantry in Providence.

Also, the OLM Outreach Office serves many local families in need on a daily basis. Thanks to your donated food and gift cards we are able to help the hungry. We are also able to help utilities with rents, prescriptions. These are truly difficult financial times for many families and they truly need our mercy and our charity. Thank you for your support!

We can be truly proud as a Church of the many ministries of mercy across the globe helping the needy and also of the great ministry of mercy at our parish. So join the celebration of Mercy: go to confession, help the poor pray for the sick and reach out to the isolated! Be well. Do Good. Live Mercy! God Bless. Go Pats?!

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Dear Fr. Connors: Why do we sometimes sing in Latin at Mass?

The short answer is because we are the Latin rite of the Catholic Church. The sacred and official language of the Roman Catholic Church is Latin.

While the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) allowed for a greater use of the vernacular in the liturgy, it also preserved the use of Latin as the ordinary language for the Mass.

The Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy explains: "In Masses which are celebrated with the people, a suitable place may be allotted to their mother tongue. This is to apply in the first place to the readings and "the common prayer,"... [S]teps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together in Latin those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them" (SC 54).

Making use of some Latin during the liturgy is simply being faithful to what the Church asks. In our increasingly globalized world it is comforting to know that at least at Mass there is some common language for Catholics throughout the world.

When I was in Philadelphia with Pope Francis in September I concelebrated Mass with thousands of priests from every continent. The ordinary parts of the Mass (the Eucharistic prayer, etc.) were in Latin so all the priests could recite them.

Here at OLM, sometimes we sing the *Santus* (Holy, Holy) and the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) in Latin. The text with music can be found in the red hymnal (#304-311). Also, after communion, sometimes there is a Latin chant dedicated to the Blessed Mother which varies by season. For Advent and Christmas, it is the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*—Nurturing Mother of the Redeemer.

The point is not to understand every word but to be caught up in the transcendence and sacred nature of the worship of God. A sacred language—as opposed to our ordinary speech—helps us to experience that.

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



December 6, 2015

Weekly	\$12,916.50
EFT	<u>\$1,502.50</u>
	Total=14,419.00
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Annual (to date)	\$100,216.00

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.

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

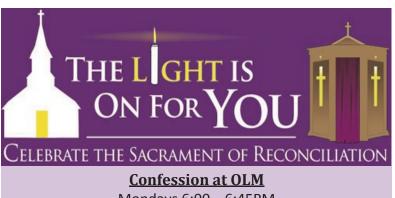
SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Retired Religious Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Gloria E. Mulhearn** and **Ruth Girasole** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Mondays 6:00—6:45PM Saturdays 3:00—3:45PM



•All RE Classes meet this weekend.

RE Class Schedule

Grades 1-5: 10AM—11AM Grades 6-8: 5:45PM—6:45PM



- •The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items especially during the holiday season. Please deposit all non-perishables in the Food Deposit Box in the Vestibule.
- •Christmas Outreach: we are collecting Stop & Shop and Walmart gift cards (in small denominations) for Christmas. All gift cards go to local families in need and also to the elderly poor residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence. Also, all monetary donations to OLM Outreach in December will go to support our efforts.

Please contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or at outreach@olmparish.org for more information.



- •Monday, December 14—School Confessions at 1PM
- •Christmas Band Concert—Wednesday, December 16 at 7pm in the Gym/Cafeteria.

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The Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, December 21, 2015 Confessions from 6:00pm – 8:00pm Guest Confessors and Parish Clergy

The Celebration of the Nativity of the Lord

<u>Christmas Eve</u> <u>Thursday, December 24, 2015</u> Vigil Mass at 4:00pm

Concert of Christmas Music beginning at 11:30pm Christmas

Friday, December 25, 2015
Mass during the Night at 12Midnight
Christmas Day

Mass during the Day at 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am No 5pm Evening Mass on Christmas Day

The Celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Eve Thursday, December 31, 2015 Vigil Mass at 4:00pm

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1, 2016
Holyday Masses 7:30am & 10:30am
No 9am or 5pm Mass on holyday



Christmas Anticipation Prayer



Hail and blessed be the hour and moment
In which the Son of God was born
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight,
in Bethlehem,
in the piercing cold.
In that hour vouchsafe, O my God,
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,
[here mention your request]
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



During the weekends of Advent, the Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards after all Weekend Masses. All proceeds benefit the good works of OLM Outreach.

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 at tom@tommymahoney.com

Christmas Flowers Memorials



Christmas Flower envelopes are enclosed in this month's budget envelopes. All donations help defray the expense of the beautiful flowers that decorate the Church during the Christmas Season. Your generous donations in memory of loved ones is truly appreciated. Thank you. Any Christmas Flower envelope or donation may be deposited in the weekly collection basket *before December 25, 2015*.

3rd Sunday of Advent



he traditional name for the Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from *Gaudete in Domino semper*, Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord always," opening words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced by an opening hymn).

Because one of Advent's tasks is to prepare us for Christ's return at the end of time, this season once had a penitential quality similar to that of Lent. Gaudete Sunday with its rose vestments and relaxation of austerities softened the period and gave a glimpse of its fulfillment just as its counterpart, Laetare Sunday, did at the midpoint of Lent.

Viewed now as a season of devout and joyful expectation, Advent retains very little of its old penitential focus, but we still have the option of using the liturgical color of rose today as we rejoice that Christmas is near, and Christ's second coming is nearer than it was yesterday.



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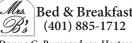
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