

† 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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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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The Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

The Mass of Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday of Advent 4:00PM Armando & Katherine DeAngelis & Concetta & Antonio Tribelli—Memorial

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

The Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00AM Milan Toljan—15th Anniversary 10:30AM John F. McBurney, Jr.—Memorial 5:00PM Anthony Reale—3rd Anniversary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM 5:00PM James E. Riley—Memorial

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8—A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

7:30 AM Elizabeth & Paul E. Moscatelli—Memorial 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 7:00PM Dolores A. Plante—Memorial

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

Advent Weekday/Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin 7:30AM Hak Jin Pyun—Memorial

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Advent Weekday

7:30AM Margaret Devlin—40th Anniversary

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

Advent Weekday/St. Damasus I, Pope 7:30AM Theresa Pearson—7th Anniversary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30AM Lauren Foley—10th Anniversary

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Advent is here! We don purple vestments and sing the ancient hymns as we call out: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" We acknowledge that Christ is indeed with us and at the same time we await His glorious return.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in an Advent homily stated: "In Advent, Christians relive a dual impulse of the spirit: on the one hand, they raise their eyes towards the final destination of their pilgrimage through history, which is the glorious return of the Lord Jesus; on the other, remembering with emotion his birth in Bethlehem, they kneel before the Crib."

Yes, Advent is here! Prepare the way for Christ to come! We can do that at OLM in many ways. First, by coming to Mass faithfully we deepen our relationship with the Eucharistic Lord. We can also cleanse our souls in Confession. It is truly a great way to prepare the way.

This week the Church across the globe begins the Jubilee Year of Mercy called forth by Pope Francis. It is a time for the Church to celebrate God's mercy. The Year of Mercy begins on Tuesday, December 8th on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Jubilee Year of Mercy concludes on the Feast of Christ the King in November 2016.

Pope Francis declared this year and called upon the entire Church to reflect on God's mercy—His love for those who are suffering, those who are in

need, and those who are afflicted by sin. He has called for a renewed commitment to God's Mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. He has also asked that we gain a deeper understanding of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

On the Holyday, Tuesday, Bishop Tobin celebrates the 9AM OLM School Mass and inaugurates the Year of Mercy for the entire Church of Providence. We will also have the regular schedule of Holyday Masses with a 5PM Vigil on Monday and Holyday Masses at 7:30AM, 9AM and 7PM on Tuesday. I hope you make it to Mass for the Holyday, and if you can, I invite you to join with Bishop Tobin at the 9AM Mass.

It is a special time for our Church and for our Parish which is dedicated to Our Lady of Mercy. I hope and pray it may strengthen our commitment to the Works of Mercy as a Church and as a Parish. It is an opportunity to encourage Christians to meet people's "real needs" with concrete assistance, experience a "true pilgrimage" on foot, and to send "missionaries of mercy" to forgive even the most serious of sins.

Next Saturday following the 4PM Mass we gather as a parish for a Work of Mercy, "Feeding the Hungry." We are to pack 20,000 meals for the hungry in Africa as part of the Catholic Relief Services Helping Hands initiative. Last year was our first time with this project and it was a sterling success.

I am grateful to Kathy Bennett for organizing it here at OLM. If you are interested in helping us and also having a fun and faith-filled evening please sign up. It is truly a great family event and open to every man, woman and child of any age in the parish. Help us take up the Year of Mercy by offering your helping hands to feed the hungry!

We have planned other Works of Mercy events throughout the upcoming year. Also, there is to be an All-Day Confession event across the entire state in March during the Lenten Season. Pope Francis has said: "This Jubilee Year, may the Church echo the Word of God that resounds strong and clear as a message and a sign of pardon, strength, aid, and love."

Advent continues on and so should our preparation for the coming of Christ. As the Year of Mercy commences let us commit as individuals and as a parish family to making Mercy flourish in our community, our state and our nation. Let us seek out God's mercy in Confession and let us put into action the Works of Mercy.

I am away this weekend at a meeting of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors in Washington, DC. I am grateful to Vocation Director Fr. Fisette for covering in my absence. See you at Mass on the Holyday . Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Pats!

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Dear Fr. Connors: Can thoughts be sins or only actions?

This is an interesting question and an important one actually. Yes, the Christian moral life is concerned not simply with eternal actions but our whole being, thoughts,

feelings, and actions.

We have to make a distinction between a fleeting thought that enters one's head and one that is really dwelt upon. Limited, if any, moral responsibility can be assigned to passing thoughts. We are responsible, however, for thoughts that are dwelt upon.

One thinks of the ninth and tenth commandments which forbid coveting a neighbor's wife and a neighbor's respectively. These commandments forbid entertaining lustful thoughts as well as entertaining thoughts and feelings of greed and jealousy.

The point of Christian teaching speaking about interior acts, thoughts, and feelings is not to make the moral life difficult for us. Instead, it is to show the truth about human flourishing. Dwelling even in thought upon jealous or greedy intentions does not make for a flourishing human person. It makes one enslaved to negative thoughts and desires. The point of the Christian life is not make one simple behave externally in a certain way. Instead, it is truly to be transformed by Christ even on the inside by means of grace.

The virtues represent the high point of Christian moral living. The virtues offer a stable disposition and capacity for feeling and action which in the order of grace unites one to Christ. Radical transformation through the grace of Sacraments remains possible. The Christian moral life then describes the full flourishing of the individual in grace.

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





November 22, 2015

Weekly	\$11,249.50
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Outreach	\$192.50
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Weekly	\$12,455.50
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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!

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



SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection Next Week: Retired Religious Collection



Confession at OLM

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



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

If you would like to donate the flowers at the Marian Shrine in Church in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the Parish Office at 884-4968.



•All RE Classes meet this weekend.
RE Class Schedule

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

utreach Update

- •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.



- •Holy Day Mass with Bishop Tobin, Tuesday, December 8th at 9AM. Welcome to OLM School, Bishop Tobin!
- •Christmas Pageant, Friday, December 12 at 7PM in Church.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 7
Vigil Mass at 5PM

Tuesday, December 8
Holyday Masses at
7:30AM, 9AM (School Mass)
& 7PM

Christmas Flowers



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*.



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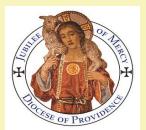
but we lack the COUTAGE to do it.

LET US LEARN FROM MARY HOW TO MAKE DECISIONS, TRUSTING IN THE LORD.

POPE FRANCIS

The Jubilee Year of Mercy

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 thru Sunday, November 20, 2016

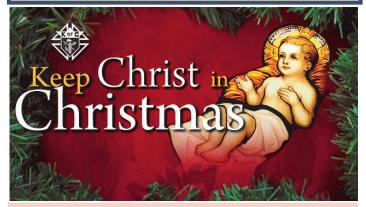


The Year of Mercy commences on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary A Holy Day of Obligation

Join us for the Opening of the Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Providence

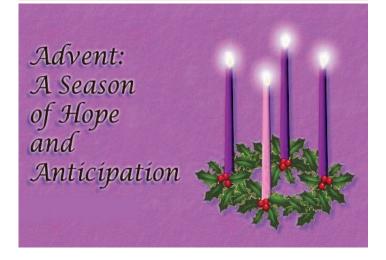
Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at Our Lady of Mercy Church 9:00AM Holy Day OLM School Mass & Opening of the Year of Mercy

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin Celebrant & Homilist



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



The Year of Mercy — Work of Mercy at Our Lady of Mercy "Feed the Hungry" Saturday, December 12, 2015 Our Lady of Mercy is taking action to feed our poor

neighbors overseas and help reduce global poverty!

Join your fellow parishioners in the OLM School Gym on



Saturday, December 12, 2015 immediately following the 4PM Mass for a Helping Hands meal-packaging event presented by Catholic Relief Services and Stop Hunger Now. Our goal is to pack 20,000 bags to help feed vulnerable children, women and men in the West African country of Burkina Faso.

For more information and to sign up for this event, contact the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org or simply sign-up online at: helpinghands.crs.org

Open to All Parishioners Age 3 to 103!



OUR LADY'S



OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop Tuesday, December 8, 2015 10:00-11:30AM

Join us as we make Rosaries for the Missions. Materials and instructions provided. Everyone is most welcome to join with us in this great act of charity and faith! For more information, contact the Parish Office at 884-4968.

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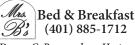
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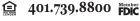
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