

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30, 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	ΡM
Holyday Masses7:30 AM &	7:00	PM

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 👁 February 1, 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 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

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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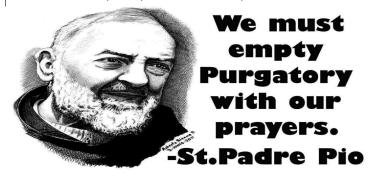
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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 1, 2015

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

The Mass of	Anticipation for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Lydia Marino—Memorial
SUNDAY, FE	BRUARY 1
The Fourth S	Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Yolanda Tarantino—Memorial
9:00 AM	Dorothy Licciardi—Memorial
10:30AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
5:00PM	Ray Miranda—1st Anniversary
MONDAY, F	EBRUARY 2
The Present	ation of the Lord
7:30 AM	Joseph Vileno—Memorial
TUESDAY, F	EBRUARY 3
Weekday/St	. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Angsar, Bishop
7:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary—Mem
WEDNESDA	Y, FEBRUARY 4
Weekday	
7:30AM	Deborah Carroll Donahue—Memorial
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	FEBRUARY 5
St. Agatha,	Virgin & Martyr
7:30AM	The Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, FEE	BRUARY 6
St. Paul Mik	i & Companions, Martyrs
7:30AM	Edna Hart—17th Anniversary
9:00AM	Susan Mitchell—Memorial
SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 7
Weekday/B	VM
	Laurel Miller—Birthday Memorial
The Mass of	[£] Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cantanio & Family—Memorial
SUNDAY, FE	BRUARY 8
The Fifth Su	nday in Ordinary Time
	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM	Bruce Hart—1st Anniversary
10:30AM	Armando, Katherine & Gaetano De Angelis — Mem.
5:00PM	Sally Carey—2nd Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

As I write this column I am looking out the window at the Blizzard of 2015! It's been snowing for over 24 hours, the winds are whipping, snow drifts are piling up, and the temperatures are dropping! Juno is sure leaving a mess to be cleaned up in the next few days.

However, we can give thanks that nobody has died and electrical outages haven't been wide scale. Fr. Connors and I have been hunkered down in the Rectory watching the snow fall and watching the local news and the Weather Channel for the latest developments on the blizzard.

At the time of this writing schools have been cancelled for both Tuesday and Wednesday. It is a good thing because our crack snow removal team led by Paul Anderson have been working all day and night plowing and removing snow.

They cannot seem to remove it quickly enough as it keeps falling and falling. They tell me the snow drifts are terrible and difficult to shovel. l am grateful for their tremendous hard work and dedication to keeping OLM clean, clear and safe!

Just in time for this time of the season for cold and snow we mark the Feast of St. Blaise. He is the patron of throat diseases and all ailments of the winter. In honor of his feast we are blessing throats this weekend at the end of all Masses.

February 3 but we will anticipate it this weekend. And so we turn to St. Blaise and pray: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness. Amen."

L recently received communication for Bishop Tobin about the spread of influenza conditions. He suggests ways for deal pastors to with the widespread effects of the flu and other seasonal illnesses. Thev include eliminating the Sign of Peace, asking those who are seriously sick and ill to stay at home and praying for the Lord's protection from illness.

They are all good suggestions for us to follow. However, my experience has shown when we eliminate the Sign of Peace from Mass, many people continue to offer it to one another. I think a more practical approach is simply to rely on your own good judgment and prudence when extending the Sign of Peace.

So we will continue to offer the Sign of Peace at OLM but I urge you to use prudence in doing so. If you are sickly then simply offer it with words not with your hands. And if someone doesn't offer you a hand to shake at the Sign of Peace then just assume they are exercising prudence not being rude.

Also we urge everyone attending Mass to wash their hands prior to Mass, and also use a hand sanitizer before Mass. Hot His feast is celebrated on | water, soap and scrubbing still

works on getting rid of germs!

I hope you were able to stop by OLM School for the Open House last Sunday. We had many new families stop by and take a look around. L met а Grandmother who graduated from OLM School in 1966 and she was bringing her grandchild for a look around and to register for next year! While some things in the school have changed since commitment 1966 the to excellence in academics and a strong Catholic environment have certainly not changed. If you didn't get a chance to do so, just contact our Principal, Mr. Scott Fuller, to arrange a tour for you and your family.

Our own Fr. Connors has been bouncing off the walls all week in anticipation of the Superbowl. He has had enough of the so-called "deflategate" and is ready to move on to Phoenix. Not a day goes by when he isn't talking about Bill Belicheck, Tom Brady and the Patriots. I've tried to get him to talk about theology, philosophy, and public policy but its all Patriots all the time! I don't know what to do with him other than to join in! Go Pats!

Let's hope the Blizzard is the last of the season and let's pray everyone is able to stay safe and secure during this terrible weather. May God protect us especially our first responders, snow plow operators and snow removal teams! God Bless. Good-bye Juno, Hello Superbowl!!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: How are our actions truly free if God knows what we will do before we do it?

The question of human freedom and God's omniscience, or His being all-knowing, is a

challenging one. It doesn't admit of a simple answer.

The short answer, however, is that our freedom and God's knowledge are not in competition. They don't run up against one another. We can assert both things—human freedom and God's omniscience—and if both are understood correctly, there is n o

contradiction.

God is like the author of a book; He creates characters who are free. They are truly free even though created—and sustained—by Him. God's knowledge of our choices does not make them any less free. It isn't precisely correct to say God knows what we do *before* we do it since God exists outside of time. It isn't really that He knows the future as much as all time is present to God. He is truly eternal—that is, outside of time.

To add yet another level of complexity, it isn't just that God knows what we choose, it is that He gives us the grace to choose it. No good act happens without God's pre-motion—His grace moving us toward it. Without Him we can do nothing, Jesus reminds us (John 15:5).

All this is to say that our freedom and God's will, His knowledge and His grace are not in competition. The non-competitive joining of humanity and divinity is revealed most especially in the person of Christ. He is both human and divine. Humanity and divinity are shown in Him not to be in competition. They coexist in one person.

This shows us that our freedom does not end where God's will begins. He is the author of our freedom. He holds us in being even in this very moment. God can move us freely. Freedom then is not a space where only man acts apart from God. Freedom is the capacity to flourish without the coercion of outside forces. And God is not completely outside of us. He holds us in being and provides the grace or the power for us to act.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please



Weekly Collection

January 25, 2015

Weekly	\$13,124.00
EFT	<u>\$1,828.50</u>
	Total=\$14,952.50
The Church in Latin America	\$2,697.50
Outreach	\$229.50
Annual (to date)	\$122,264.00

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.

Thank you for your generosity!

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building and Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, James M. Wilson, Kathleen Lee, David McGovern, and Paul Roy, whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



No RE Classes on Sunday, February 1, *Evening classes only* (Grades 6-8). RE Classes (Grades 1-5) meet Sunday Morning as usual.

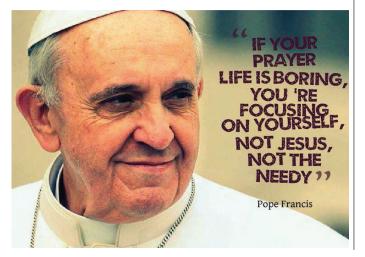
Attention Fall 2015 Confirmation Candidates: In an effort to answer questions and discuss the Sacrament, Fr. Healey and Fr. Connors are scheduling mandatory interviews for all Confirmation Candidates for Fall 2015 and their parents beginning in the Month of February. You may register and schedule your interview on the parish Website,

www.olmparish.org

For more information contact Doug Green at RE Office 884-4410 or via email: confirmation@olmparish.org



The OLM Outreach Ministry is still accepting donations of gently used or new winter clothing such as hats, gloves, mittens, socks and coats. Please drop items off at Mercy House. For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director at 884-4410 or via email at : outreach@olmparish.org





Catholic Schools Week update:

• The Scholastic Book fair is extended to Monday, February 2.

• Bowling Day and The Olneyville Food Pantry Assembly will be rescheduled to some time before February vacation

• Frist Friday Mass is this Friday, February 6 at 9:00AM. All are invited to attend.

Please visit our website at <u>www.olmschool.org</u> or call 884-1618 for more information.

Discover the OLM Advantage!

FRIST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00AM All Day Adoration Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at 6:00PM

Adorers needed throughout the day. Please sign up in Church.

Bishop Tobin recently kicked off this year's 'Keep the Heat On' Challenge, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private



means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$1.5 million in assistance to more than 7.800 Rhode Island households in need. If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Interfaith Dire Emergency Fund, Office of Community Services & Advocacy, One Cathedral Square, Providence,

RI 02903 with the notation "Keep The Heat On" or log onto <u>www.heatRl.com</u> to make a secure credit card donation. If you, or someone you know is in need of assistance please visit the web site or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.

OLM Young Families Group



Meeting this Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30PM. Join us for pizza and discussion. Babysitting provided. For more information contact, Kate Jelinek@hotmail.com



Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

Junior Legion of Mary

Everv other Saturdav morning immediatelv following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at atolian@msn.com



<u>The Sacrament of Confession</u> <u>at Our Lady of Mercy</u>

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



We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners. It's simple, just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (www.olmparish.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. It's secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available. It's Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurcontributions ring to be processed. • Tax benefits: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. • Parish benefits: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs. To get started log on to: http:// www.olmparish.org/ and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

-SAINTS FUN FACTS -SAINTS FUN FACTS -by John Sheppard Raised as a Christian in a rich family, he became a bishop. In a vision. God appeared to him and told

him to flee. To avoid persecution, he lived in the hills with sick animals and Cared for them.

He was later captured and while imprisoned, cured a boy choking on a fish bone.

St. Blaise





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