

† 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 PM Holyday Masses......7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ February 15, 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.

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

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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 15, 2015

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Lucia Asprinio—Month's Mind

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Thomas Hickey—Memorial

9:00 AM Susan A. Mitchell—Memorial

10:30AM Michael Noble—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16—PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday

8:30 AM Eileen A. Valentine—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Weekday/The~7~Holy~Founders~of~the~Servite~Order

7:30 AM Yolanda Tarantino—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30AM Brother Edward McKenery,FSC—Memorial

12:05PM Deborah O'Connell—1st Anniversary

7:00PM Ann Germeroth—1st Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Vivian Landrigan—Memorial

12:05PM James Potter—5th Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial

12:05PM Monica Ziegman Wallin—Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Eraclio Iacobucci—13th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for the First Sunday of Lent 4:00PM William M. Pearson—Birthday Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM George Ferrucio—15th Anniversary 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 10:30AM Antoinette Mulchay—5th Anniversary

5:00PM Anthony Reale—Birthday Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

"It's like déjà vu all over again!" as Yogi Berra once famously stated. Another Monday and another snowstorm. Another Monday and no school. It seems that winter really wants to make an impact in 2015!

Thankfully for our many school families this week also marks the annual winter school vacation. It arrives just in time for more snow and severe cold temperatures! I hope this time is truly a time of rest and refreshment for our school teachers and school children.

We begin Lent his week on Wednesday. Ash Our "retreat" annual from the ordinary routine of life into a robust conversion to Christ. It is a time of deeper prayer, renewed penance, profound sacrifice and bountiful good works preparation of the celebration of Easter.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican Council II states, "The two elements which are especially characteristic of Lent -- the recalling of baptism or the preparation for it, and penance." This Wednesday we begin the solemn fast of forty days as we: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." As ashes are imposed on our foreheads we are reminded that we "are dust and to dust we shall return." A time of up penance and prayer with greater fervor begins.

Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence and we are to refrain from eating any meat. Also, Ash

Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast which require us to eat less. The guide to these important practices is found in the bulletin this week.

During Lent we strive to sacrifice in imitation of Our Lord. He prayed and fasted for forty days in the desert and so we are called to do the same. What should we fast from this Lent? Alcohol or candy? Television or tobacco? Dessert or junk food? What pleasure should be sacrificed for forty days?

the lt is traditional practice of Catholics to "give something up" during Lent. It is a good practice, but perhaps we also need to take something on this Lent. What should we take on this Lent? Attending Daily Mass at 7:30AM or 12:05PM? Extra prayer at home before we start our day? Reading the Sacred Scriptures daily? Praying the Rosary? Making the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00PM?

Also, we are called to give alms during Lent as we are more mindful of the poor and needy. There are many ways to support the good works of our Church through our charity and service to the poor. Traditionally we take up the Rice Bowl Collection for Catholic Relief Services during Lent. It is a way to help those who have no food. Placing these simple bowls on our tables and depositing not only our spare coins and surplus dollar bills in them but perhaps by sacrificing a costly pleasure to ensure food for the hungry is a good practice for any family.

Also, during Lent we can support the good works of our local Church through the Catholic Charity Appeal. We are to take up this collection beginning the first weekend of March. We might also support the good works and efforts of OLM Parish Outreach. We have scheduled an Outreach drive for new blankets for the homeless at Emmanuel House during the month of March. All are good ways to help the poor and needy with alms.

There are three Masses on Ash Wednesday: 7:30AM, 12:05PM and 7:00PM. Ashes are to be imposed at each of them. We begin the extra Lenten Daily Mass at 12:05PM on Wednesday for all of Lent. Consider adding Daily Mass to your schedule!

We are encouraged to go to Confession during Lent. At OLM Confessions are heard Saturdays at 3PM and Mondays at 6PM. In Lent there are two priests available (one parish priest and a guest priest) on Monday. Also, Confessions will be heard from 11:45PM until Noon each weekday before Mass. Lent is a good time to get to Confession!

Our Parish Lenten Mission is scheduled for the week of March 21st with Fr. Mike Najim, Spiritual Director at OLP Seminary and LaSalle Academy Chaplain, as our preacher. Lent is coming! Are we ready? Our time to pray, fast and give alms. Let us take up the cross for forty days and renew our faith! God Bless.

Father Healey

Fr. Connors

Dear Fr. Connors:

Does everyone have his or her own guardian angel? Do they accompany us in Heaven as well?

The existence of angels is a truth of Catholic faith. Angels are intelligent and free creatures who are pure spirits—they do not have bodies. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also affirms the existence of guardian angels. The *Catechism* explains: "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by [angels] watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God" (CCC 336).

St. Thomas Aquinas, known as the Angelic Doctor in part for his lengthy treatises on the angels, teaches that our guardian angel accompanies us during our earthy pilgrimage but in Heaven we are assigned another angel. In the *Summa Theologiae* St. Thomas explains:

"And therefore as guardians are appointed for men who have to pass by an unsafe road, so an angel guardian is assigned to each man as long as he is a wayfarer. When, however, he arrives at the end of life he no longer has a guardian angel; but in the kingdom he will have an angel to reign with him, in hell a demon to punish him" (ST I, q. 113, a. 4).

Since the guardian angel is appointed precisely to help us get to Heaven, it seems to make most sense that they do not accompany us there as well. This is an area where there is some theological speculation and not definite magisterial teaching. It is a pious custom to pray to one's guardian angel in these words: "Angel of God my guardian dear to whom His love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen"

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org



Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



February 9, 2015

Weekly	\$14,564.00
EFT	\$1,464.50
	Total=\$16,028.50
Outreach	\$161.50

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.



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

May she rest in peace.



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





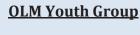
NO RE Classes on February 15 or 22 due to School Vacation.

We wish our RE Teachers, students and families a restful week of school vacation!



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

On the weekend of March 7/8 we will be having a **BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS** to benefit Emmanuel House. Due to the harsh winter all of the shelters have been strained. We are collecting donations of **new** blankets for donation to the Emmanuel House shelter. Mrs. Grace Murphy is the coordinator of this event. Please drop off your donations at any mass the weekend of March 7 and 8. Thank you for your generosity! For questions call the Outreach Office at 884-4410



Youth Group Works of Mercy

Join us **this Sunday, February 15th** for a visit to Greenwich Bay Manor. We will gather at 3:30PM and visit with our elderly neighbors

and return for 5:00PM Mass. Contact Fr. Connors at associatepastor@olmparish.org for more info.



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OLM Young Families Group

The OLM Young Families Group meets in the OLM School Gym. Baby-sitting for children is available, pizza and drinks served. For more information contact Kate Jelinek at kate jelinek@hotmail.com

Meeting on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30PM. Join us for discussion on "Catholic Parenting" with Joe and Carol Cavanagh.

RSVP to Kate Jelinek at kate_jelinek@hotmail.com

Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Mia Rose Hummel, and her parents, Stephen and Angela.

Owen Ross Hamil, and his parents, Andrew and Julie.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."—The Rite of Baptism

GUIDELINES FOR LENT 2015



Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance. Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year.

These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).





Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Imposition of Ashes at All Masses

Mass Schedule 7:30AM 12:05PM 7:00PM

Ash Wednesday is a Day of Abstinence and Fasting.



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