

THE CHURCH OF

Our Rady of Mercy

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The Second Sunday of Lent ✤ February 21, 2016

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

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

<u>Daily</u>

Monday - Friday	7:30 AM	
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30 AM	
Holy Day		
Vigil Mass	5:00 PM	
Holyday Masses7:30 AM	& 7:00 PM	

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Second Sunday of Lent February 21, 2016

SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 20
The Mass Ar	nticipation for the 2nd Sunday of Lent
4:00PM	Mary Ann Cardillo—Memorial
<u>SUNDAY, FE</u>	BRUARY 21
The Second	Sunday of Lent
7:30 AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00AM	Souls in Purgatory
10:30AM	Dalia Pundys—4th Anniversary
5:00PM	Richard Lefebvre—Memorial
<u>MONDAY, F</u>	EBRUARY 22
The Chair of	St. Peter the Apostle
7:30 AM	Fr. Lionel Blain—Memorial
12:05PM	Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial
TUESDAY, F	EBRUARY 23
Lenten Wee	kday/St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
7:30 AM	Francoise Anderson—Memorial
12:05PM	Fr. Charles H. Downing—Memorial
<u>WEDNESDA</u>	Y, FEBRUARY 24
Lenten Wee	kday
7:30AM	William H. McGrath—1st Anniversary
12:05PM	Eracoio Iacobucci—Memorial
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	FEBRUARY 25
Lenten Wee	
	Rosemary Bowen—Memorial
12:05PM	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, FEB	
Lenten Wee	•
	Ed Garrahy—Memorial
	Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 27
Lenten Wee	
	Paul Collins—Memorial
-	[•] Anticipation for 3rd Sunday of Lent
4:00PM	Ernest N. Miller, Jr. —Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, FE	
	inday of Lent
7:30 AM	Murray & Mary Catherine Finley—Memorial
9:00 AM	Roy H. Cahill—Memorial
10:30AM	Judy Fahey & Colleen Moren—Memorial
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
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PRAYER

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Mercy Musings

Dear Parishioners:

The unexpected passing of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was sad news. Justice Scalia was a brilliant jurist and an important figure in the legal history of our nation. He was a husband, the father of nine children and the grandfather of twenty-eight grandchildren.

Justice Scalia was the first Italo-American to serve on the US Supreme Court. He was also a committed Catholic whose son is a priest of the Arlington, Virginia Diocese. He was just one of six Roman Catholic justices on the Supreme Court, but in his devotion to the faith he was second to none.

Many years ago I had the great privilege to hear him speak here in Providence to the Justinian Legal Society of Rhode Island. He possessed not only a keen intellect but a tremendous sense of humor and a sharp wit. Afterwards my father and I were able to speak with Justice Scalia for a few moments. We shared a good laugh when I told him that I was the ninth of nine children, a priest and also the son of a Judge. offer We our prayers and condolences to the family of Justice Scalia. May his noble soul rest in peace!

In his Annual Message for Lent, Pope Francis suggested: "For all of us, then, the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year is a favorable time to overcome our existential alienation by listening to God's word and by practicing the works of mercy.

mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited; in the spiritual works of mercy – counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer – we touch more directly our own sinfulness.

The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated. By touching the flesh of the crucified Jesus in the suffering, sinners can receive the gift of realizing that they too are poor and in need. "

One of the greatest ways the corporal works of mercy and the spiritual works of mercy are lived out is through the many good works done by our local Church. The various offices and agencies of the Diocese of Providence practice daily the works of mercy for the poor, the stranger, the ill, the imprisoned and the needy. Whether its at the Emmanuel House for the homeless, celebrating the sacraments for prisoners, tending the ill and infirmed in nursing homes, or helping resettle refugees & welcome immigrants, the many offices provide good works for all of God's children.

This is truly something we can be proud of as Catholics. Our Church is the second largest provider of social services in the behind nation only the government. Here in Rhode Island our Church is the largest Church provider of services to the poor and needy. In the name of Christ and the Catholic Church, each day hundreds are helped *In the corporal works of* | through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Each year during Lent we are asked to give alms. Perhaps one of best ways we can do that is to support the Catholic Charity Appeal. This Appeal helps finance the good works of the Church across the state. It is only through the tremendous financial support of Catholics across Rhode Island that such good works can continue to serve God's people.

Next weekend we begin the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal at all Masses. We are asking each parish family to consider pledging a gift of \$300. This means that for just \$30 a month, the poor and needy, the imprisoned and forgotten, the sick and the infirm continue to be served. I ask that you prayerfully consider making this pledge next week. We are called to give alms not simply out of our surplus but sacrificially out of our love.

I am deeply grateful to Kevin and Nancy McDevitt who serve as the Chairs of the Catholic Charity Appeal here at OLM. Also, I thank Stephen and Antonia Zubiago who serve as the Chairs of the Bishop Partnership in Charity. Our parish goal this year is \$193,864, an amount we have traditionally surpassed. I am sure we can do so again with your generosity and I thank you for your support of the CCA.

It's Lent! Remember Fridays are for fish and Stations! Pray. Fast. Give Alms. Be well. Do Good. God Bless.

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Dear Fr. Connors: What are your thoughts about the meeting between Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill?

On his way to Mexico last week Pope Francis made a stop in Cuba. Despite visiting there just five months ago, the Pontiff made a second albeit only hours long—visit there on Thursday. He stopped in Havana to meet Patriarch Kirill, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church who was there for a visit.

This truly historic meeting—the first time ever a Pope has met with a Russian Patriarch marks an important milestone in the thousand year rift between Catholicism and Orthodoxy.

While the Patriarch of Constantinople serves as the Ecumenical Patriarch and ostensible leader of Orthodoxy worldwide, Patriarch Kirill in fact has the majority of Orthodox adherents. Russian Orthodoxy is the second largest single Christian group in fact, after Catholicism.

The Orthodox—Greek, Russian, Coptic, and others—are our closest Christian partners. They celebrate all seven valid Sacraments and profess virtually the same Christian faith. Only a dispute about the extent to which the Pope can exercise his office keep the two churches from lacking full communion.

The decision of Pope Francis to make such an extraordinary visit—and of the Russian Patriarch to agree to such a meeting demonstrates the importance of Catholic-Orthodox relations in our time. As the long joint declaration released after their meeting makes clear, many issues of mutual interest exist on the world stage. The slaughter of the Christians in the Middle East, the fate of Christians in the Ukraine, and the place of Russia on the world-stage are just some of the political and moral questions Francis and Kirill wanted to discuss.

Their meeting marks an important moment in the on-going quest for Christian unity in our time. The Pope of surprises certainly delivered this week with a truly history and important gesture for the unity of Christians throughout the world.

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

Weekly Collection

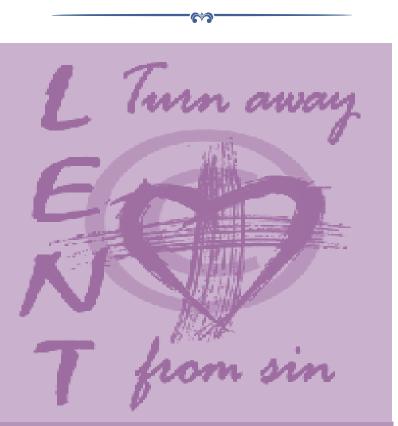
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Weekly	\$12,227.00
-	\$3,152.50
	Total=\$15,379.00
Outreach	\$919.50

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 generous support!

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



<u>Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy</u> <u>During Lenten Season</u>

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM with 2 Priests Saturdays: 3:00PM—3:45PM Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 11:45AM—12Noon Tuesdays & Thursdays: 7:00AM—7:20AM



•No RE Classes on February 21, due to the school vacation. All RE Classes resume February 28, 2016.

•Reminder for First Communion Families: First Confession for the Grade 2 Religious Education students has been switched to Saturday, March 19th at 1:00pm.



•**The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all donated food items in the box in the vestibule of the Church. *Thanks for your support*!

•For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



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Congratulations to our newly baptized :

Salvatore Edward Serrecchia, and his parents, Scott and Talia.

Cameron Michael Kassabian, and his parents, Michael and Lisa.

Henry George Pinheiro, and his parents Cory and Kristyn-Anne.

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



All OLM High-schoolers are welcomed to join the Our Lady of Mercy Youth Group, which **meets every Sunday night in the OLM gym from 7:15-8:30 PM**. The Youth Group is a great chance for students to socialize, play team-building sports together, and grow in prayer. The Youth Group features frequent Eucharistic adoration, guest speakers, as well as fieldtrips outside of the parish. There is no need to sign up or register. For more information or questions, contact Michael LaChimia at <u>mlachimia@olmschool.org</u>

OLM Youth Group invites all High Schoolers to Providence College vs. DePaul Basketball Game, Saturday, February 27 at 4PM. Tickets are limited contact OLM Youth Activities Coordinator Michael LaChimia at mlachimia@olmschool.og

Our Lady of Mercy Church 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal Parish Goal =\$193,864

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDevitt OLM Catholic Charity Appeal Chair

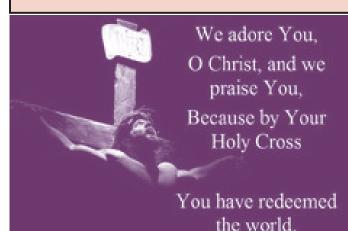
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Zubiago OLM Bishop's Partnership in Charity Chair

CCA In-Pew Solicitation Next Weekend, February 27/28, 2016



Please Support the 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal

The Catholic Charity Appeal supports numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence which provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands of Rhode Islanders each year regardless of race, creed or background. The ministries supported by the Fund range from social service ministries providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, to immigration and refugee services, and to emergency rent and medical aid. Additional services include prison ministry, and community advocacy for needs in the community.



The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7pm during Lent

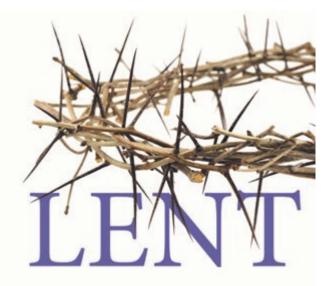
2nd Sunday of Lent



L his Sunday's liturgy focuses on faith and trust in God and gives us a kind of preview of Christ's resurrection in the Gospel reading of the transfiguration.

These themes form an excellent background for a special penitential rite or scrutiny that is celebrated today with already-baptized candidates who are preparing for reception into the church at Easter.

It is interesting to note that the transfiguration story is revisited on August 6 with its own feast and a very different liturgy focusing on triumph, praise, and exaltation.



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