

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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First Sunday of Lent February 22, 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

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

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The First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2015

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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 Mercy10:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—5th Anniversary

5:00PM Anthony Reale—Birthday Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Lenten Weekday/St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr 7:30 AM Francis "Frank" Kane, Jr.—Memorial 12:05PM Thomas Farrell—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Gore Tar Pan—Memorial 12:05PM Jack Callaghan—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Louise M. Hagen—Memorial 12:05PM Lloyd Messere—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory 12:05PM Ronald Hebert—Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial

12:05PM Martha Eberhardt—Birthday Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Lent 4:00PM John Donahue—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Kathleen Moore Oliverio—Memorial

10:30AM Alan Goldman—Memorial 5:00PM Jacob Becker III—Memorial







PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday's "Blizzard" hit with a vengeance with freezing temperatures, whipping winds, and snow squalls. I was joyfully surprised to see so many made it to Mass on Sunday morning. However, as you can see from the budget results many parishioners were unable to make it to Mass. Please pray that this is the last we see of such snowy storms this year!

If the snow and cold is all that we must endure to practice our faith then we should indeed be grateful. For across the globe many of our brother and sister Christians face far worse with violent persecution simply because they are Christian. For them being a faithful Christian comes with a great cost, including their lives.

This fact was horrifically highlighted last week as ISIS terrorists executed 21 Coptic Christians from Egypt. These men were working in Libya as laborers and were killed because of their Christian Faith. The Pope condemned this murderous attack stating: "Their only words were: 'Jesus, help me!' They were killed simply because they were Christians."

Simply because they confessed their faith in Jesus Christ they were brutally beheaded. The savagery of the ISIS Terrorists knows no bounds and is becoming increasing brutal. In their message to the world after killing these Christian men, they announced that "they will conquer Rome!" It is truly a

frightening proposition in light of the recent attacks across Europe.

When so many of our brothers and sisters in the world face persecution and even death for practicing their faith, how blessed we are to be able to freely follow the Lord. We have ample opportunities to freely attend Mass weekly and daily, to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to celebrate the devotions of the season unhindered.

These attacks upon Christians must cause us to never take our blessings and freedom to practice our faith for granted. On Ash Wednesday we confessed our Catholic Faith in a very bold and public manner, ashes upon our foreheads. This confession of faith isn't merely a onetime event, but must be a daily act as we follow Christ with greater conviction. We might offer our penance and sacrificial acts for an end to terrorism, hatred, and violence.

Lent calls us to repentance and conversion so that the obstacles of indifference and sin which prevent us from following Christ more closely might be removed. We pray. We fast. We give alms. We do so to refocus our lives upon the cross of Christ. These pillars of Lent are meant to deepen our spiritual life and strengthen our relationship with Christ and His Church.

In his annual Message for Lent, Pope Francis reminds us why we celebrate Lent. He says: "Lent is a favorable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body, and in him we cannot be indifferent to one another."

One of the pillars of Lent is alms giving. Next weekend we have a great opportunity to practically give alms as we begin the Catholic Charity Appeal at Our Lady of Mercy, at all Masses. I hope you continue to be as supportive and generous to this important charity of our local Church as you have been in the Your generous donations enable the Catholic Church in Rhode Island to bring the good news of Christ to the poor, the sick, the suffering, the refugee, the prisoner and all those in need. I offer our thanks to Kevin and Nancy McDevitt and Stephen and Antonia Zubiago for once again serving as our Parish Chairs of the Appeal.

Lent is here! I hope and pray that it is truly a time of renewal, conversion and faith for you and your family and our entire parish. Hope to see you at Stations of the Cross on Fridays. Hope you make your way to Confession in the next weeks as well. Remember to pray, fast and give alms! Remember Fridays are for fish during Lent! God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why do Catholics have religious objects blessed? What are blessings for?

The blessing of religious objects is a sacramental in the Church.

Sacramentals are signs instituted by the Church that prepare us to receive grace. Unlike the Sacraments which are instituted by Christ and always effect what they signify, sacramentals depend more on us and how piously we make use of them.

Among sacramentals, blessings have a pride of place. There are a number of different kinds of blessings. Some pertain directly to persons and represent a permanent change in them, as in the blessing of an abbot or consecrated religious sister or brother. Some pertain to objects that have a secular use, like a blessing of a home for example. In this case, the blessing wards off evil spirits and formally asks God's blessing upon that object or place.

The blessing of religious objects, such as rosaries, however, mark off those objects for exclusively sacred use. One who uses them piously and with devotion is especially prepared to receive fruitfully the grace of the Sacraments.

Sacramentals have a certain power in that they raise our mind and heart to God. They have been set apart for God's service having been blessed usually by a priest. Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, he has been given the power to invoke God's blessing. In some cases this is extended to deacons as well.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it....Among sacramentals blessings (of persons, meals, objects, and places) come first. Every blessing praises God and prays for his gifts" (CCC 1670-1).

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





February 15, 2015

Weekly	\$5,455.00
	\$2,807.50
	Total=\$8,262.50
Outreach	\$402.50

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.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Week: Building and Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, William G. Burnett, Dolores K. Vespia and Edward P. Carlin, whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.

May they rest in peace.



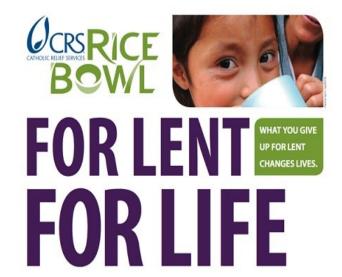


NO RE Classes on February 15 or 22 due to School Vacation.

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



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.





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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



BOOK RACK

There are many spiritual and informative books and pamphlets available for Lent. Stop by and take a look!

LENTEN TABLE

All during Lent a table with religious articles, some new and some used, are placed on a table in the vestibule. They are available to you without any cost. All items have been donated by the parishioners and friends of OLM. Take a few moments and browse!



Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy During Lent

Monday thru Friday from 11:45AM until 12Noon

Mondays from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with two priests (one guest priest)

Saturdays from 3:00PM until 3:45PM

Confessions During Parish Mission

Monday, March 23 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

"Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things — even shame — but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy. The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing." —Pope Francis

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM



Please join us!

"We Adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."

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, 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).

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday, March 6th



Exposition following the 12:05PM Mass

All Day Adoration

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Stations of the Cross

Adorers are needed, please mark you calendars.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

—Mark 14:37

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