

### † MASS SCHEDULE †

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	;	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30, 9:00 &	10:30 AM
September—June		5:00 PM

### Daily

Monday - Friday	7:30	ΑM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30	ΑM

### **Holy Day**

Vigil Mass		5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	.7:30 AM 8	7:00	PM

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### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ February 23, 2014

### **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 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time February 23, 2014

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

Mass of Anticipation for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Antoinette Mulcahy—4th Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Francis Nasetta—Memorial

9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

10:30AM John Gardner-Memorial

5:00PM Anthony Reale—Birthday Remembrance

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Weekday

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary—Mem.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Weekday

7:30AM Dorothea Musumeci—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

Weekday

7:30 AM Eraclio Iacobucci—Memorial

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM Robert Cronin—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation of the Eigth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM William M. Pearson, Sr.—Birthday Remembrance

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Nancy Appleton—6th Anniversary
10:30AM Eugeniusz & Joanna Krzemien—Memorial
5:00PM Mary Ann & Armand J. Maddalena—Memorial



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! NOT! Enough already of the white stuff that seems to fall every other day lately. Last weekend as you can see by the Weekly Budget results many of our parishioners didn't make it to Mass due to the snowstorm. It snowed again on Tuesday and now we await the next snowfall! Pray that it ends!

The bad weather lately reminds me of an incident in World War II. In 1944 when General George Patton's Third Army was poised for the breakthrough across the Rhine River, foul weather threatened to postpone the attack.

One morning Patton phoned the Head Chaplain of the Third Army, Father James H. O'Neill, and said: "This is General Patton; do you have a good prayer for weather? We must do something about the weather if we are to win the war."

After hanging up the receiver, Father O'Neill looked out at the bad weather which had plagued the Third Army's operations for the past three months. As he searched through his prayer books, he could find no formal prayers pertaining to weather so he composed an original prayer, which he typed on a note card:

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies and establish Thy justice among men and nations."

Father O'Neill quickly reported to General Patton's office. After reading the prayer, Patton returned it to O'Neill and directed him to "have 250,000 copies printed and see to it that every man in the Third Army gets one." Let us pray to end the snow and cold sooner rather than later!

In the midst of all this snowy weather I must offer thanks to Paul Anderson and our OLM Maintenance Staff for working so hard in shoveling and plowing the snow. They do a great job ensuring our parking lots and sidewalks are cleared of snow and safe for those coming to Mass. I am most grateful for their dedication to this tough assignment.

By now I hope you have seen the two statues recently put up in our Church. The St. Joseph statue next to the Blessed Mother Shrine was donated last year in memory of Monsignor Lolio and had been in the Candle Room.

Also the statue of the Sacred Heart was recently restored to its original beauty and repaired of the damage to its hands. It too has been given a much more prominent place in Church. This statue was part of the old Our Lady of Mercy Church on Main Street and is nearly one hundred years old. It was made in Germany most likely in the

early 1900s. We hope to put up some new lighting to highlight these beautiful statues. May good Saint Joseph and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus protect us and guide our parish.

We have recently restored and refinished some of the ciboria we use at Mass for Holy Communion. They are nearly fifty vears old and some of them were made in France. We also refinished some our candle sticks and are making a new processional cross out of the cross from the high altar of the old OLM Church. These items should be ready for Easter. All of these restored or refinished items are available to be memorialized in memory of a deceased loved one.

As the month of February ends, we look forward to March and the Holy Season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5th as we begin the solemn fast of forty days once again. In preparation of Ash Wednesday, we ask you to please bring your blessed palm branches from last year to Mass next weekend. They are to be collected and used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Containers will be available at the entrances of Church so you can deposit these old palm branches.

More about Lent next week, but mark your calendar now for Stations of the Cross of Fridays and a Lenten Mission which begins the week of March 23. More details about it next week. God Bless.

Father Healey

## Dear Fr. Connors: What do you think we can learn from the Old Testament?

Despite the fact that at almost every Mass



throughout the year there is a reading from the Old Testament, many very faithful Catholics don't feel very comfortable with their knowledge of this part of

Sacred Scripture. An overall understanding of the Old Testament is very helpful in understanding our Catholic faith.

The story of the Old Testament is God's forming a people out of which He will bring a Savior. The creation of the world, the fall of man and the promise of redemption begin the Old Testament. The formation of the people of Israel—out of which God will bring Jesus—is the central aspect of what God is up to in this part of the Bible. Their exodus from slavery in Egypt, foreshadowing our exodus from sin, is the central narrative in the experience of the Hebrew people.

Many of the heresies in the history of the Church—when people had erroneous ideas about God—can be seen as a failure to be sufficiently steeped in the Old Testament. Remaining grounded in the Old Testament is an antidote to many problems today.

For example, any privatization of the faith makes no sense in light of the Old Testament. God saves the people of Israel, not individual people with no relation to the corporate body of Israel. In the same way, God saves us from sin not privately but by joining us to His body the Church. The Old Testament is very helpful in understanding how we are part of a whole—the People of God. It similarly is helpful in emphasizing the importance of sacrifice to God, ritualized prayer, and the need to look after the poor.

A careful reading of the Old Testament—always in reference to what God has in mind to prepare for His sending His Son—is of great profit in the spiritual life.

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Fr. Connors send it to associatepastor@olmparish.org

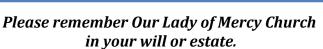


### February 16, 2014

Weekly	\$6,873.00
EFT	\$2,804.00
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### Thank you for your generosity!



### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Next Week: Building & Grounds** 



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Deborah A. O'Connell** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week.

May she rest in peace.



### **PALM BRANCHES NEEDED**

In preparation of Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, we are in need of your old blessed palm branches. Please bring your old palm branches to Mass next week and deposit them in the containers at the entrances of Church. These branches are to be burned and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you!



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



### **OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14**

RE Grades 1—5
Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM
RE Grades 6—8
Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

No RE Classes meet this weekend (2/23) due to School Vacation. All RE Classes resume on March 2nd

**Upcoming RE Events:** 

First Communion Parent Meeting Monday, March 3 at 7:00PM

**RE First Reconciliation Service**Saturday, March 15 at 1PM

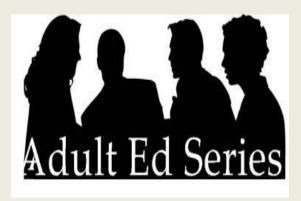
OLM School First Reconciliation Service Saturday, March 22 at 1PM

**RE Teachers Training Session**Monday, March 10 at 7PM



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food. Please leave your food donations in the box in the vestibule of Church. Please place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. If you would like to volunteer to assist with our Food Pantry, please contact Doug Green at 884-4410.

Thank you for your generosity.



## OLM Adult Education Series Monday nights at 7:00PM

Join us for Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction and a short talk.

Monday, February 24, 2014
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Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

### **BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE**



Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 16th from Noon—3:00PM. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities

will be available. The entrance exam for prospective freshman and sophomore transfers will be held on Saturday, April 5th at 8:30AM. For more information or to pre-register, please call the Admission Office at 739-3450 ext. 162

### Priesthood Retreat for High School Men



A retreat for High School Men is being offered on Saturday, March 1, 2014, from 10:00am to 3:30pm at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Avenue,

Providence. Please join us for a day of prayerful discernment. This free retreat includes Mass, lunch, and Q & A with Bishop Robert Evans. Please contact Fr. Carl Fisette, Director of Vocations, at 401.331.1316 or email <a href="mailto:cfisette@catholicpriest.com">cfisette@catholicpriest.com</a>. More information at catholicpriest.com

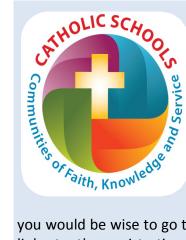
### Monsignor Thomas V. Cassidy Scholarship For Catholic High School Female Students



The RI State Circle Daughters of Isabella is once again offering a scholarship to memorialize the late Msgr. Thomas Cassidy who served as our Chaplain for many years. One (1) \$3,000 is to be awarded to an eight grade girl entering a Catholic High School of her choice. *The scholarship is* 

determined by scholastic merit and financial need. Any girl interested should request an application in writing. All applications must be returned by March 15, 2014. Request application at: Msgr. Thomas Cassidy Scholarship Fund, c/o Nancy F. Sohigian, 45 Kinfield St, Providence, RI 02909.





## REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS

Renewals and new registrations are coming in for next year. Several new Pre K and Kindergarten registrations have already come in. If you are considering either program

you would be wise to go to www.olmschool.org for the links to the registration forms as soon as possible. There is limited availability in other grades. If you have any questions please call the School at 884-1618. Thank you.

### **ANNUAL SPRING FLING**

This year's Spring Fling will be held on Saturday, May 3rd at Omni Hotel in Providence and will include a silent and live auction as well as great food, dancing and a fun evening with fellow OLM parents and staff! Spring Fling is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know other parents and to get involved with your child(ren)'s school. There are many ways, big and small, that you can help us plan for this exciting event! Let us know if you can attend by contacting Rosa Ciunci at <a href="mailto:rrciunci@gmail.com">rrciunci@gmail.com</a>, or just stop by to see what Spring Fling is all about. We look forward to seeing you! Any parishioner or friend of OLM School who would like to offer a donation in support of the Spring Fling should contact the Parish Office at 884-4968.



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