

THE CHURCH OF

Our Rady of Mercy

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The Third Sunday of Lent 🏽 February 28, 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 8	& 7:00 PM	

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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Third Sunday of Lent February 28, 2016

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SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 27	
The Mass Ar	nticipation for the 3rd Sunday of Lent	
4:00PM Ernest N. Miller, Jr. —Birthday Remembrance		
<u>SUNDAY, FE</u>	BRUARY 28	
The Third Su	inday of Lent	
7:30 AM	Murray & Mary Catherine Finley—Memorial	
9:00AM	Roy H. Cahill—Memorial	
10:30AM	Judy Fahey & Colleen Moren—Memorial	
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy	
<u>MONDAY, F</u>	EBRUARY 29	
Lenten Wee	kday	
	Edward Patrick Garrahy—Memorial	
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	Fr. Raymond M. Kelly—Memorial	
	Special Intention	
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	Anthony Masi—Memorial	
12:05PM	Special Intention	
THURSDAY,		
Lenten Wee	,	
	Richard Costentino—Memorial	
12:05PM		
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Lenten Wee	-	
	Emily Loria—Memorial	
	Emily Peckman—Memorial	
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Mercy Musings

Dear Parishioners:

It was a beautiful Funeral Mass for the late Justice Antonin Scalia last Saturday. The liturgy of the Mass of Christian Burial was enhanced by the beauty of the music and the Basilica in which it was celebrated. It was truly a Catholic moment for all to see and appreciate the beauty and profound meaning of the Mass.

The Justice's son, Father Paul Scalia, delivered an eloquent homily. His opening line of the homily described what every Funeral Mass should be. He stated: "We are gathered here because of one man. A man known personally to many of us, known only by reputation to even more, a man loved by many, scorned by others, a man known for great controversy, and for great compassion. That man, of course, is Jesus of Nazareth."

Speaking from my own experience it is truly a privilege, but also a highly emotional time, for a priest to celebrate a parent's Mass of Christian Burial. The fact that a Catholic of Justice Scalia's stature did not have his funeral Mass celebrated by a cardinal or bishop, but by his son, is as important as it is sentimental. It demonstrates the priority of Antonin Scalia the Christian over Justice Scalia the public figure. May he rest in peace.

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other

acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God."

We have а great opportunity this weekend to truly take up the Lenten call to alms giving as we commence the Catholic Charity Appeal here at OLM. Our parish goal this year is \$193.864 and I am confident that we can once again surpass the goal. Last year OLM pledged over \$240,000 to the CCA. We are grateful to the 518 parish families that helped to reach and surpass the goal.

Yes, only 518 of our over 2,000 registered parish families offered any support for the Appeal! I pray and hope that more parish families might consider giving to the Appeal and help support the many good works of the Church across our state. Imagine if every family took up the call to give alms!

We are asking each parish family to consider pledging a gift of \$300 over ten months. This is a \$30 per month pledge that helps to ensure the works of mercy are available to those in need. While I know that every family might not be able to pledge such an amount, I ask each and every parishioner to prayerfully consider making a pledge. No pledge is too small.

Over the years the CCA has seen a sharp decline in the number of Catholics who support it. I hope the good parishioners of OLM can demonstrate our generosity by not only going over our parish goal this year, but also by increasing the number of parishioners who participate. In the name of the poor, the sick and the suffering who benefit from the CCA, I thank you for your generous support of the Appeal.

Two important upcoming events at OLM to note. The first is the All-Day Confessions next Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am until 3:00pm. This is a special event in recognition of the Year of Mercy and All-Day Confessions are to be celebrated across the globe next Saturday. So spread the word among your family, friends and neighbors. Come experience God's forgiveness and mercy available in the Sacrament of Confession.

Also, next weekend we welcome to OLM, Fr. Joe Upton, the Chaplain at URI and Prout. Father Upton is here to lead us on our Annual Parish Lenten Mission. His theme is: *"Rediscovering the Power of the Gospel."* I've known him many years and he is a tremendous young priest and a gifted preacher. I am grateful he is taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us for this time of Mission. So please make room on your schedule for the Parish Mission.

It's Lent! Remember that Fridays are for fish and Stations! Pray. Fast. Give Alms. Make the Mission! Support the CCA! Be well. Do Good. God Bless.

Father Healer

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Dear Fr. Connors: Why should Catholics receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Is it really that important?

The short answer is because

Jesus instituted Confirmation and it gives a grace that helps us get to Heaven. So yes, it is crucially important. If the question is why Confirmation is necessary or what does it give that Baptism does not, I suggest the help of St. Thomas Aquinas.

St. Thomas explains, "In Baptism one receives power to do those things which pertain to his own salvation... whereas in Confirmation he receives power to do those things which pertain to spiritual combat with enemies of the faith. This is evident from the example of the apostles, who, before they received the fullness of the Holy Spirit, were in the "upper room . . . persevering . . . in prayer" whereas afterwards they went out and feared not to confess their faith in public" (ST. III, 72, 5).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church concurs: "It gives a special strength to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, and never to be ashamed of the Cross."

While Baptism gives us the grace necessary for salvation, Confirmation gives the special grace to help others to be saved. It makes us official witnesses to spread the faith to others. Precisely when we need God's help in a particular way—to express and defend the faith publicly—the good God is there in the Church to give us the special strength of Confirmation.

Confirmation has always been associated with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These special gifts already given in Baptism are strengthened however in Confirmation.

When called upon to profess our faith publicly—standing for life or marriage or an economy that supports families, or simply saying "Yes," we are followers of Jesus Christ, we can call upon the grace of our Confirmation.

Being a Christian in the 21st century isn't easy. Our Lord never said it would be. But he did promise the Holy Spirit, the strength that remains with us forever. That strength continues today in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Its importance cannot be overstated.

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

Weekly Collection

February 21, 2016

Weekly	\$13,145.05
EFT	\$1,673.50
	Total=\$14,818.55
Outreach	\$411.50

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.

> SECOND COLLECTIONS Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

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

Pledged to date:\$43,055 Number of pledges:100

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

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

Please pledge your gift today!



•All RE Classes resume this weekend, February 28, 2016.

•No RE Classes for Grades 3-5 on Sunday, March 6. Students are encouraged to go to Lenten RE Confessions after the 5pm Mass on Sunday, March 6.

•**RE Grades 6-8** are making Lenten Confessions on Sunday, March 6 immediately following 5PM Mass.

•Mandatory First Communion Parent Meeting: All parents of Grade 2 (public & parochial) on Wednesday, March 2nd at 7PM in OLM School Cafeteria. *One parent must be present.*



•**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*!

•The OLM Bereavement Group is to meet on Thursday, March 3 at 4pm at Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss, grief, isolation or loneliness are invited to attend.

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



•OLM School Lenten Confessions, Monday, March 7 at 1pm.

Discover the OLM Advantage www.olmschool.org



REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL: THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO ROMANS For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith." –Romans 1:16



As believers, we are constantly invited to reflect on and rediscover the power of the Gospel in our daily lives. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans provides a succinct and powerful presentation of the faith of the Church and shows how the Gospel of Jesus can be lived and believed with transforming power. Please join us for our 2016 Parish Lenten Mission as we unpack and explore the most significant of Saint Paul's letters.

Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6, Weekend Masses: "The Gospel as Power"

Monday, March 7, 7PM: "The Gospel as Victory"

Tuesday, March 8, 7PM: "The Gospel as Reconciliation"

Wednesday, March 9, 7PM: "The Gospel as Way of Life" Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday

Confessions with four priest confessors to be heard each weeknight of the Mission beginning at 6PM.



The Reverend Joseph R. Upton grew up in the Edgewood section of Cranston, Rhode Island. After attending Cranston public schools, Fr. Upton began his studies for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Seminary. After graduation from Providence College, he completed his formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD and at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He formerly served as Associate Pastor at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Wakefield. He presently serves as Catholic Chaplain at the University of Rhode Island and Director of the Catholic Center at URI. He also serves as chaplain and teaches at The Prout School in Wakefield.

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Year of Mercy ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH 65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI



Saturday, March 5 from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration during the hours of Confession. Four priests available at all times, no lines and no waiting. For more information, call 884-4968 • www.olmparsh.org



"Be courageous! Go to Confession!"



First Friday Adoration Friday, March 4, 2016

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following 12:05pm Mass

Adoration All Afternoon

Benediction with Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Adorers are needed, please sign up in the Church vestibule.

The Stations of the Cross



Every Friday at 7pm during Lent

We adore You, O Christ, And we praise You, Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the World



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