

† 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 &	չ 7:00 PM	

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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time ▼ February 7, 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.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

The Mass Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Daniel Murphy—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Dolores Vespia—1st Anniversary

9:00AM Edna (18th Anniv.) & Bruce Hart—2nd Anniv.

10:30AM Armando, Katherine & Gaetano DeAngelis-Mem.

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Weekday/St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin 7:30 AM Deborah Sullivan & Deborah Anderson—Mem.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

7:30 AM Thomas Brescia—Birthday Remembrance

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10—ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Anthony Gilcrest—Memorial

9:00AM Eligio Moscatelli—14th Anniversary

12:05PM Special Intention

7:00PM Anne Germeroth—2nd Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11-WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Thursday after Ash Wednesday /Our Lady of Lourdes 7:30AM Barbara A. Sedlock—9th Anniversary

12:05PM For All the Sick

FRIDAY, FEBRURAY 12

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Deceased of the Pundys & Dikinis Families-Mem.

12:05PM Saverio "Sully" Campanini—Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Saturday After Ash Wednesday

8:30AM Robert Danesi—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

The First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM Mary Catherine Leddy—15th Anniversary

9:00 AM James Riley—Memorial

10:30AM William Pearson III—Birthday Remembrance

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Catholic Schools Week has ended and it was a grand celebration this week. The OLM School students speaking at Masses last weekend did a superb job and truly captured the spirit of our school. The OLM School Open House drew lots of visitors exploring the great opportunities offered at our parish school.

Every day this past week OLM School celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a different event, such as Mass on Monday, a Book Fair, a community service project and teacher appreciation day.

On Tuesday the students went bowling with their classes. However, two of our OLM School Fifth Graders sacrificed going bowling with their class and volunteered to serve a Funeral Mass being celebrated at the same hour. What a great witness to what OLM School is truly all about, "becoming saints and scholars so that mercy might flourish."

Now that Catholic Schools Week has concluded we look to the big event beginning this week. Yes, Lent begins this Wednesday as once again we begin the solemn fast of forty days! On Ash Wednesday we are distributing ashes at all four Masses, 7:30am, 9AM School Mass, 12:05PM and 7PM.

In the bulletin there is a full schedule of the Lenten Schedule at OLM. As is the tradition at OLM, we are adding an extra Daily Mass at 12:05PM, Monday through Friday during

Lent. This Mass is to be attended by our OLM School students, but I also urge all of you to consider coming to one of the two Daily Masses offered at OLM during Lent. There is no better way to pray than Holy Mass, so consider coming to Mass during the week.

We are once again offering the Stations of the Cross on each Friday of Lent. It is truly a tremendous devotion to celebrate Lent as together we walk with Christ to Calvary. Please consider adding Stations to your Friday night schedule.

We also have added times for the Sacrament of Confession at OLM. On our normal Monday night Confessions at 6pm we are adding a guest priest confessor each week.

Also Confessions are to be heard every weekday during Lent. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays just before the 12:05PM Mass, Confessions are to heard from 11:45am until Noon. And on Tuesdays and Thursdays we are to hear Confessions before the daily 7:30AM Mass from 7AM until 7:20AM.

In celebration of the Year of Mercy All-Day Confessions are taking place, on March 5th, across the state. OLM is once again hosting All-Day Confessions from 9AM until 3PM with four priests hearing confessions all day on March 5th. So please tell your friends and neighbors who have been away from the Church or the Sacrament of Confession, invite them to experience God's mercy, love and forgiveness!

We have a Lenten Mission

scheduled in March. I'm happy to announce that Fr. Joe Upton, Chaplain at URI and Prout, is to lead the Mission. He is a dynamic preacher and a terrific young priest, so mark your calendar now for the Mission, March 7-9.

Lent means prayer, fasting and alms giving. The guidelines for fasting and abstinence are in the bulletin. Please remember Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence and all the Fridays of Lent, in a spirit of sacrifice, we are to abstain from eating meat.

In the spirit of alms giving I encourage you take home a cardboard Rice Bowl and fill it with donations during Lent. All the money you give and sacrifice supports Operation Rice Bowl in their efforts to feed the hungry of the world. The great work of Catholic Relief Services benefits greatly from your generous donations to the Rice Bowl.

On Wednesday we come forward to have our foreheads smeared with ashes as we are reminded that we "are dust and unto dust we shall return." As we take up the cross of Lent with faith and sacrifice, let us truly commit to more prayer in our lives, more profound fasting from things that keep us from God, and a greater generosity in giving alms. Pope Francis reminds us: "Let us not waste this season of Lent, so favorable a time for conversion! Pray. Fast. Give Alms. Be well. Do Good. Celebrate Lent! God Bless.

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Dear Fr. Connors: What does the term evangelical mean?

The word evangelical can have different meanings. In a Catholic context it simply refers to sharing the Gospel. Our

evangelical mission means our charge to share the Gospel with others.

The word evangelical comes from the ancient Greek word evangelian meaning "Good News" or "Gospel." The Good News is that God has come. In Jesus of Nazareth, God has taken on a human face. He has come down from Heaven to save us from our sins. We can forget sometimes that the essence of Christianity is Good News, it is saving news, new information, as it were, which promises Heaven.

To evangelize then is to share the Christian faith. That can be directly as in missionaries who spread the faith as their full-time mission or more simply just speaking to others about God. It can be indirectly too as when we quietly live out our Catholic faith in view of sharing it with others.

The Good News is simply too good to keep to ourselves. In fact, one way to judge the authenticity of our faith is our wiliness to bring others to know the Lord. Our evangelical mission then, our evangelical fervor, is a good indicator of our own relationship with the Lord.

Separately, the word evangelical can also refer to non-Catholic Christians who most often don't affiliate with a particular mainline Protestant tradition. They tend to be Bible-believing and deeply committed non-Catholic Christians.

Evangelical in the general sense however simply refers to being committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. In that sense, every Christian should be evangelical.

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS



Year-End Tax Statements for contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church for 2015 have been mailed out. If you have not received it or there

is an error in your statement contact the Parish Office (M-F, 8am-4pm) at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

January 31, 2016

Weekly	\$12,723.00
	\$1,826.00
	Total=\$14, 549.00
Saints & Scholars Fund	\$14,020.50
Outreach	\$225.50

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

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners Eileen Chickinski, Therese L. Blanchette, Daniel Connor and Richard Lefebvre whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.

Palm Branch Collection



Please deposit your blessed palm branches in the baskets at the doors of the Church. These palms are to be burned and used for ashes on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



•ALL RE Classes meeting this weekend.

RE Class Schedule:

Grades 1-5: 10AM—11AM Grades 6—8: 5:45PM—6:45PM

- •Grade 8 has a Mandatory Lecture with a Guest Speaker on this Sunday, February 7 from 5:45-6:45. *All Grade 8 students, Public, Parochial and Home Study are required to attend*
- •No RE Classes on February 14 & 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.

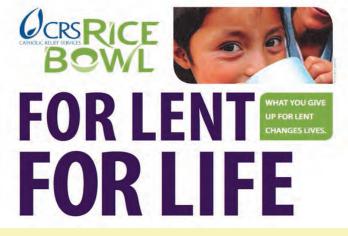


- •The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all donated food items in the box in the vestibule of the Church. Thanks for your support!
- •For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



•Ash Wednesday OLM School Mass on, February 10th at 9:00AM

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2016 marks the 41st year of CRS Rice Bowl – the largest and oldest Lenten program practiced by Catholics in the United States. In 41 years, generations of Catholics have used their Lenten sacrifice to alleviate hunger caused by poverty and improve the lives of individual and families in developing countries as well as in their own communities. *Please take your Rice Bowl home today and return your sacrificial donations made during Lent on Palm Sunday, March* 20. Thank you for your support.





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 mlachimia@olmschool.org



With the season of Lent beginning on February 10, please take a moment to review the following Lenten Regulations.

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 fast days: 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 reasons such as one's health can excuse a person from these rules. Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27th, 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 must 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.)



<u>**OLM Lenten Book Rack:**</u> A selection of spiritual and informative books and pamphlets are available for Lent on our OLM Book Rack. Feel free to stop and browse!

OLM Lenten Table: During the Season of Lent a table is placed in the vestibule with religious articles both new and old. These items are available to you without cost. They have been donated by OLM parishioners. Stop by and check them out!



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Ash Wednesday • February 10, 2016

Masses with distribution of ashes at 7:30 and 9:00AM, 12:05PM and 7:00PM

Confessions on Ash Wednesday 11:45AM until Noon

Daily Masses during Lent

7:30AM & 12:05PM

Daily Confessions during Lent

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Monday, Wednesday & Friday • 11:45AM – Noon
Tuesday & Thursday • 7:00 – 7:20AM
Saturdays 3:00PM - 3:45PM

Year of Mercy All-Day Confessions for Deanery VII

Saturday, March 5 • 9:00AM – 3:00PM Four Priests All-Day

Lenten Mission

Monday – Wednesday, March 6 – 9, 2016
Father Joseph Upton, Mission Preacher
Mission Talk each night at 7:00PM

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Stations of the Cross

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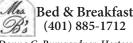
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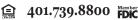
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