

† MASS SCHEDULE †

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time & February 8, 2015

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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2015

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Mr. and Mrs. Louis Catanio & Family—Mem.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Bruce Hart—1st Anniversary

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

5:00PM Sally Carey—2nd Anniversary

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

7:30 AM William L. Mullins—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Weekday/ Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30AM Barbara A. Sedlock—8th Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Weekday

7:30AM In Thanksgiving for Priests

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

7:30AM Eligio Moscatelli—13th Anniversary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

8:30AM Deborah Sullivan & Deborah Anderson-Mem.

The Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Lucia Asprinio—Month's Mind

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Thomas Hickey—Memorial

9:00 AM Susan A. Mitchell—Memorial

10:30AM Michael Noble—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Wow! What a Superbowl we had last Sunday night. The most watched event in television history. Fr. Connors, myself and a few brother priests watched in the Rectory. We were all on our feet for the last few minutes and watched the incredible ending. Congratulations to the New England **Patriots** on their Championship!

Soon after the Superbowl Game the snow came again! It caused schools to close on Monday and I am sure the school kids love that, but I say enough snow already! Monday's storm made a real mess and the cold temperatures don't help either. According to the groundhog we have another six weeks of winter and without a doubt more snow. All that is left to do is pray for the end of snow, cold, winter and the quick arrival of spring!

Again, I offer our thanks and gratitude to Paul Anderson and our OLM Maintenance Staff for their continued hard work and tireless effort in cleaning up after the snow storms. During these winter storms they work long hours throughout the night and day ensuring the parking lots are plowed, the walks cleared of snow and the sand and salt applied to the ice.

Last week we blessed throats in honor of St. Blaise and we hope and pray we are protected from diseases of the throat and other ailments. This week we mark the World Day of the Sick. First begun twenty-three years ago by Saint John Paul II, it

is a day to "turn to all who are burdened by illness and are united in various ways to the flesh of the suffering Christ, as well as to professionals and volunteers in the field of health care."

It is celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Lourdes is one of the greatest pilgrimage sites in the world and a place of prayer and healing for the sick, infirm and ill. Pope Francis reminds us on this day:

"Today too, how many Christians show, not by their words but by lives rooted in a genuine faith, that they are "eyes to the blind" and "feet to the lame"! They are close to the sick in need of constant care and help in washing, dressina and This service, especially eating. when it is protracted, can become tiring and burdensome. It is relatively easy to help someone for a few days but it is difficult to look after a person for months or even years, in some cases when he or she is no longer capable of expressing gratitude. And vet, what great path of sanctification this is! In those difficult moments we can rely in a special way on the closeness of the Lord, and we become a special means of support for the Church's mission."

I hope you will spend time in prayer this week for all those who are sick and for those who care for them. There are many of our own parishioners and family members who quietly suffer in sickness and in solidarity; we need to pray for them, for their healing and for their recovery.

On Wednesday we should especially pray them on World Day of the Sick. The Prayer for World Day of the Sick is printed in this week's bulletin.

If you know of someone sick at home, a nursing home or a hospital please call the Parish Office and let us know. Father Connors and I are happy to visit and bring the Sacraments to them. Unfortunately due to privacy laws we are not notified by hospitals and other healthcare institutions and all too often we are never notified of a parishioner's hospitalization.

Also, every Sunday our faithful Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring Holy Communion to those who are shut-in due to sickness or infirmity and those in our local nursing homes. If you know of someone who is ill at home, even temporarily, let us know and one of these faithful ministers will happily bring them Communion. In the meantime, we assure all of shut-ins of our prayer for them and our continued solidarity with them in their time of need.

It's hard to believe but Lent is coming soon! Ash Wednesday is on February 18th. We are collecting old blessed palm branches to make our ashes. Please bring them to Mass next week and place them in the boxes the doors. Thank vou! Congratulations to New our England Patriots on a great win! Please pray for the sick and ill. God Bless. Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors:

Can someone who has died receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?

The short answer is No, one must be living to receive the Sacraments. There is a caveat however: it is not altogether simple to determine exactly when someone has died.

The Sacraments of the Church can only be validly conferred on living human beings. In death, the will is fixed. That is why it is so important to be full of charity when one dies. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick—also known as Extreme Unction—is conferred on the seriously ill or dying. It was for many years and still today often referred to as the Last Rites.

The term "last rites" is a little imprecise because the last rites would include Confession for the final time, anointing of the sick, the apostolic pardon, and the reception of Holy Communion for the last time which is called viaticum Together they form the final rites of the Church.

The definition of death is not a simple matter. Searching any medical book one discovers there is dispute about exactly when one dies. The contemporary dispute about brain death—the whole brain, brain stem, etc.—demonstrates that when one dies is somewhat complex.

To be most technical, death is when the soul separates from the body. That is not an immediately observable phenomenon, although of course it has observable effects. Since the true definition of death is when the soul leaves the body we cannot know for sure when that happens. Thus, if someone has been declared dead by a medical doctor, it may be possible that their soul remains united to their body for a brief time.

The old sacramental manuals made a distinction between someone who had been dying for a period of time and a more sudden death. The thought was that the soul would depart quickly in one who had been dying for a while whereas in a more sudden death it may take a moment longer. I would say this all would involve not more than an hour's time after one was believed to have died. The point is one may be anointed if there is any doubt about whether the person is still alive.

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 1, 2015

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

Collecting Old Palms



Please bring your old blessed palm branches to Mass next weekend. Place them in the baskets at the doors. All these palms are to be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



The Sacrament of Confession at Our Lady of Mercy

Mondays at 6:00PM—6:45PM Saturdays at 3:00PM—3:45PM



ALL RE Classes meet this week.

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

Attention Fall 2015 Confirmation Candidates: In an effort to answer questions and discuss the Sacrament, Fr. Healey and Fr. Connors are scheduling mandatory interviews for all Confirmation Candidates for Fall 2015 and their parents beginning in the Month of February. You may register and schedule your interview on the parish Website, www.olmparish.org

For more information contact Doug Green at RE Office 884-4410 or via email: confirmation@olmparish.org



The OLM Outreach Ministry is still accepting donations of gently used or new winter clothing such as hats, gloves, mittens, socks and coats. Please drop items off at Mercy House. For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director at 884-4410 or via email at: outreach@olmparish.org

OLM Youth Group

Youth Group Works of Mercy



Join us on Sunday, February 15th for a visit to Greenwich Bay Manor. We will gather at 3:30PM and visit with our elderly neighbors and return for 5:00PM Mass. Contact Fr. Connors at associatepastor@olmparish.org for more info.



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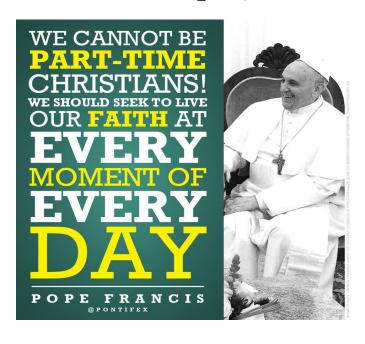


The OLM Young Families Group meets in the OLM School Gym. Baby-sitting for children is available, pizza and drinks served. For more information contact Kate Jelinek at kate jelinek@hotmail.com

Meeting this Wednesday, February 11 at 5:30PM. Join us for discussion on "The Beatitudes: The Biblical Guide to Happiness" with Fr. Connors.

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



Bishop Tobin recently kicked off this year's 'Keep the Heat On' Challenge, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and



private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$1.5 million assistance to more than 7.800 Rhode Island households in need. If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax -deductible donations to: Interfaith Dire Emergency Fund, Office of Community Services & Advocacy, One Cathedral Square, Providence,

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Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

Junior Legion of Mary

Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at atoljan@msn.com



On the twenty-third World Day of the Sick, we come together to pray for those who are sick and for all who participate in their care. The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this worldwide day of prayer is "I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame," taken from the book of Job. Time spent in solidarity with the sick is holy time — a way of praising God — and it leads us to wisdom of the heart. As we conform to the image of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve, we become servants of others.

Prayer for World Day of the Sick

God of healing and compassion,



You shower us with your infinite care, and comfort all in pain and affliction. Look with abundant mercy on all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Grant healing and hope to the sick, the wounded and the dying in their darkest hours, so they may witness the power of Your Healing Presence in the world.

We thank you, Gracious God, for all those who have contributed to the mission of Catholic health care for more than 200 years in the United States. These are the women and men who inspire and inform the work we do every day. Send your merciful love and empowering

presence to all who continue working to alleviate the suffering of the sick, the lonely and the broken-hearted, wherever they may be.

Sustain us, Your ministers of compassion and healing, in our work in the world as we continue Your mission of love and healing. May we be the face of yours on, Jesus, who said, "Come to me all who labor and are burdened and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light."

May all who work in health care and all those who suffer with family and loved ones who are ill feel their burdens lightened through the intercession of our prayers. We ask this, on the world day of the sick, through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, whose feast we celebrate today, and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

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