

† 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	ΡM
Holyday Masses7:30 AM &	7:00	PM

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 🖷 January 18, 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

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

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

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 18, 2014

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

The Mass of	Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Deirdre Horan—5th Anniversary
<u>SUNDAY, JA</u>	NUARY 18
The Second	Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
9:00 AM	Albert Catanio—Memorial
10:30AM	Joseph & Lenore Neri & Ralph Bountempo-Mem.
5:00PM	Amico Truppa-26th Annv. & Emma Truppa-9th Annv.
MONDAY, J	ANUARY 19—MLK HOLIDAY
Weekday	
8:30 AM	Antoinette Mulachy—Memorial
TUESDAY, JA	ANUARY 20
Weekday/St	. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
7:30 AM	Special Intention of MMP Rosary Cenacle
WEDNESDA	Y, JANUARY 21
St. Agnes, Vi	irgin & Martyr
7:30AM	Jean M. Selwyn—14th Anniversary
	JANUARY 22
A Day of Pra	yer For the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
	For Victims of Abortion
FRIDAY, JAN	
	Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
	Margaret M. Healey—27th Anniversary
	JANUARY 24
	e Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
	Charles Gates—Memorial
	Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Alfred Sisson—1st Anniversary
SUNDAY, JA	
	nday in Ordinary Time
	Albina Shears—Memorial
	Augustine A. Manocchia, Sr.—Memorial
	Msgr. Arthur A. Sullivan—15th Anniversary
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings

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Dear Parishioners:

Last week we watched in horror as yet more innocents were killed by terrorists. This time it was in France but we have seen it in the United States, Spain, England, Australia, Pakistan and across the Middle East. These horrific attacks by Jihadists should cause us all to pause and pray.

We pray for the many victims and their grieving families, we pray for the police and military who protect us from such attacks, and we pray for peace and justice among peoples and nations. We even pray for the terrorists and all those filled with hatred and violence that they may have a conversion of heart.

Praying for our enemies is never easy yet we know we must do so as Christians. So let us pray for all those who seek to do us harm, all those who kill in the name of religion, all those who persecute and oppress peoples and nations, that the God of love might guide them away from violence and hatred to His peace and justice. Prayer must be the weapon we use to wage war on hatred, violence, terror and injustice!

I invite you to join with us this Thursday as we mark the anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court Decision Roe v. Wade, that legalized abortion in our nation, with prayer. This is yet another sad occasion that calls for our prayers. We join Catholics and many others across the nation in observing a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Thousands are to attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Thursday to support the right to life for the unborn and rally in defense of life. Pope Francis reminded us of the great and urgent need to defend life when as Archbishop of Buenos Aries he said: "Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you."

I hope you can stop in Church on Thursday and offer prayers in support of life. This weekend we are privileged to have with us one of our outstanding young priests, Father Chris Murphy. Fr. Murphy serves as Chaplain at Hendricken High School and also as Assistant Vocations Director for the Diocese of Providence. These two important jobs keep him busy, and so I am grateful that he was able to take some time to be with us at Our Lady of Mercy.

Father is here to preach at all Masses about his important work in promoting vocations to the priesthood. We are blessed to have a vocation from our parish as Brain Morris, of Our Lady of Mercy, continues his studies at St. John's Seminary in Boston. We continue to pray for him and his vocation. However, we must also take up prayers for more vocations to the priesthood for the Diocese of Providence.

Presently there are twenty young men preparing for the priesthood for our diocese. This June we are scheduled to ordain three young men to the priesthood. However, we may have as many as six priests retiring from active ministry this year. So you can see there is urgent need for more vocations!

We are blessed at OLM with two priests, a deacon and even a seminarian from the parish. However, many other parishes have just one priest for two churches and sometimes even just one priest for three churches! There is a great need for more priests to serve God's people here in Rhode Island. So I urge you to please pray for more vocations to the priesthood. Also, please encourage your sons, grandsons, nephews, brothers, and any young man you may know to consider the priesthood.

I hope you survived the cold and frigid weather over the last week. We saw temperatures below zero with cold, snowy and gusty winds! Thankfully the new gas boiler in church was working overtime.

It is hard to keep the heat at a high level in our large church but the new boiler sure did a great job. The old boiler in the Rectory had a more difficult time, but Paul Anderson, our crafty maintenance man, managed to apply some Band-Aids to it and keep the heat on for us! We hope to replace the Rectory boiler in the spring. Have a great week. Pray for peace, in defense of life and for vocations! Welcome to OLM Fr. Murphy! I am away on vacation this week. God Bless. Go Pats Go!!!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: From Good Friday until East Sunday, what happened to the Son of God? Were there only two persons in the Trinity?

In a certain sense this

question is quite challenging. In another sense it is quite easy. First, God doesn't change. God has absolutely no need of us. He is eternal, and perfect, and is not changed. In that sense, God does not suffer. So, the Trinity remained unchanged through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. For all eternity there are three persons in the Trinity. That is who God is.

When Jesus died on the Cross His human soul was separated from His body. Like any human death it means the soul is separated from the body. Both the body and soul of Christ, however, remained hypostatically united to the second person of the Trinity. For that reason, his body did not rot. That simply means they were united to the second divine person of the Trinity. The incarnation was not cancelled on the Cross. The Word of God remained united to the human body and human soul of Christ.

From Good Friday until the early hours of Easter Sunday morning, Christ descended into Hell. At that point, He preached the Good News to the souls who went before Him, inviting the just souls into Heaven. This, in a way, was the beginning of His triumph.

During this time, the Trinity was not altered. The human nature of Christ experienced this suffering, but the Trinity was not changed.

It is important to have a proper understanding of who God is. He is not subject to the whims of this world. It is precisely the God who has no need of us, who utterly transcends us, who chose to come down from Heaven to live among us. Understanding that God in His divinity does not suffer or change, actually shows how much this utterly transcendent God debased Himself to come down to us.

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

Weekly Collection

January 11, 2015

Weekly	\$13,295.50
EFT	\$2,556.50
	Total=\$15,852.00
Outreach	\$5,78.5.50
Annual (to date)	\$107,259.00

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

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This Week: The Catholic University of America Next Week: The Church in Latin America

Congratulations to our newly baptized :



Briana Collard Beauvais, her parents Brian and Jaime.

James Brennan Haran, his parents Scott and Margaret.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."—The Rite of Baptism



MLK Holiday Monday, January 19 Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



There is no class for all Grades on January 18th due to the MLK Holiday. Due to the Open House at OLM School on Sunday the 25th, <u>no class for RE Grades 1-5 only</u>. Grades 6-8 will have class as scheduled in the evening. <u>Attention Fall 2015 Confirmation Candidates</u>: 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 Bereavement Group meets this month on Thursday, January 22nd from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Mercy House. All Adults experiencing grief, loneliness or isolation are most welcome to attend. **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



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Enjoy a student-guided tour, meet current Our Lady of Mercy faculty and families, and explore the multitude of extra curricular and service based opportunities that combine to make an Our Lady of Mercy education second to none! Please visit our website at <u>www.olmschool.org</u> or call 884-1618 for more information.

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Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week!

January 25—31, 2015

A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Thursday, January 22, 2015 7:30AM Mass *Followed by*

All Day Eucharistic Adoration

7:00PM Rosary for Life & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Join us on the anniversary of the tragic decision to legalize abortion in the Untied States as we pray for the legal protection of unborn children and an increase in respect for all human life at every stage.



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

"Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to



care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value

of the human person, the church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life."– Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (#213-21)

EACH OF US IS A MASTERPIECE OF GOD'S CREATION.

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