

† 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 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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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ⅓ January 19, 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 Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 19, 2014

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Mass of Anticipation for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM John , Louise & David Kiernan—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Joseph Basler—Birthday Remembrance

9:00 AM Ted Burzyk—Memorial

10:30AM Dr. Walter Schubert—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

MONDAY, JANUARY 20—MLK HOLIDAY

Weekday, St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr 8:30 AM Intentions of MMP Rosary Cenacle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 AM Jean M. Selwyn—13th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:30AM For The Protection of the Unborn

7:00PM For An End to Abortion

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Weekday/St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr

7:30 AM Margaret M. Healey—26th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Antoinette Mulchay—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

The Conversion of St. Paul

8:30 AM Special Intention

 ${\it Mass of Anticipation of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time}$

4:00 PM Charles Ludwig—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Special Intention

10:30AM Maria San Martino—Memorial 5:00PM Anne & Don Shannon—Memorial



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Flu season has hit Rhode Island and most of the country. What should we be doing to stop the spread of influenza? Bishop week Tobin issued guidelines for Pastors concerning influenza and Mass. First, if you have the flu or flu symptoms please stay home and get proper treatment from a doctor. I ask you please not come to Mass if you are seriously ill. Bishop Tobin has dispensed all Catholics suffering from the flu from the obligation to attend Mass.

If you are at Mass and are afraid of contracting the flu or spreading it then at the Sign of Peace simply offer a word or give a nod rather than a handshake. If someone doesn't offer their hand know that it isn't an insult but a precaution. Also, please wash your hands before and after Mass. All that is really needed during this flu epidemic is to use common sense both at home and at Mass. In the meantime, Bishop Tobin has asked us to pray for all those suffering from the flu that they may soon be restored to full health.

On Wednesday of this week we will mark the 41st Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our nation. January 22nd is a sad anniversary that calls us to pray for the protection of all unborn children and offer penance for the evil of abortion. We pray that our nation and our world might recognize and truly value every human life from natural conception until

natural death.

This past Monday in the annual Papal "State of the World" speech delivered to Vatican diplomat corps, Pope Francis said the denial of human dignity was a threat to world peace, and spoke of the problems of hunger among the have-nots and food waste among the haves. The Holy Father went on to say: "Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who discarded are 'unnecessary.' For example, it is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day."

On Wednesday thousands are marching the streets of our nation's capitol in the March for Life. Among them are some of our OLM parishioners including many from the Bishop Hendricken Pro-Life Club. I've had the great privilege of making the march during my life and it is a powerful and joyful event in support of the dignity of human life.

At OLM we are celebrating a Mass for the Protection of Human Life on Wednesday at 7:00PM. Bishop Evans is our celebrant and I invite you to join us as we pray together for an increase of the respect for human dignity and human life.

We may not be able to make the March for Life but we can all join in praying for an end to abortion and for the protection of the innocent unborn. The Holy Father is right, it is "frightful" to think that these innocents "never see the light of day." Won't you

join us in praying for their protection?

The Rhode Island General Assembly has gone back into and resumed their session legislative duties. As the Director of the Rhode Island Catholic Conference and Chief Lobbyist for the Diocese of Providence, I once again take up my duties during the week lobbying the elected officials. The recent opening of the legislative session began with prayer. One local atheist blogger took issue with the prayer and the fact that the Catholic Church dare to speak on behalf of her beliefs at the statehouse.

It was typical of the rants of those who try to remove God from the public square and possess a venomous animosity for the Catholic Church. History has proven that faith and morality are essential for good public policy. Churches play an important role in offering a prophetic voice at the statehouse and actually have the right to speak out in this country!

As we celebrate the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy of fighting for civil rights in our nation it is clear what an essential role religious faith played in the battle for equality for African-Americans. May the voice of the voiceless offered by the Church never be muffled but continue to be boldly proclaimed at our statehouse and at every seat of government! God Bless. Go Pats!!!!!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: What does the Church teach about Capital Punishment?

The fifth commandment—Thou Shall Not Kill—forbids



absolutely the direct and intentional taking of innocent human life. No circumstances permit the intentional destruction of an innocent human being. For that reason, abortion, euthanasia, and

destructive research on human embryos are grave crimes that can never be permitted.

The fifth commandment has traditionally been understood to permit killing in self-defense or in a legitimately declared just-war. Similarly, the Church has traditionally acknowledged the rights and obligations of governments to protect their citizens and promote the common good. In so doing, in principle, a state may have recourse to capital punishment.

However, in recent years the Church has made clear that the cases where this would be necessary are "very rare if not practically non-existent." The times in which it is necessary for a state to have recourse to the death penalty are difficult to envision. With advances in modern prisons most governments are able to render aggressors powerless to do further harm.

Still, the Church's great hesitancy to use capital punishment and desire to see it cease being used is not the same as Her absolute opposition to abortion. Some years ago then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger explained the difference. He said:

"Not all moral issues have the same weight. For example, if a Catholic were to be at odds with the Holy Father on the application of capital punishment or on the decision to wage war, he would not be considered unworthy to present himself to Holy Communion. While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia."

In recent years the Bishops of the United States have echoed the support of recent Popes for the use of the death penalty to cease. In keeping with the dignity of the human person, it has been found unnecessary to preserve the common good.

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



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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: The Catholic University of America

Next Week: The Church in Latin America

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

Monday, January 20, 2014 Martin Luther King Holiday



Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, **Alfred T. Sisson** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.



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 this weekend due to the MLK Holiday. All classes next meet week.



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!

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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.

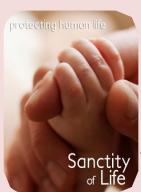
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Mass for the Protection of Human Life Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00PM Our Lady of Mercy Church

Auxiliary Bishop Robert Evans
Celebrant
Father Bernard A. Healey
Homilist

Join us as we mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade with a Mass for the Protection of Human Life.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which



will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." — Blessed Pope John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100



The OLM Knights of Columbus next meeting is January 26, 2014 at 7:00 in the cry room in the Church. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com

OLM Monthly Breakfast Group



Please join us for our OLM Monthly Breakfast Gathering on Wednesday, January 29th, following 7:30 Daily Mass, at Cracker Barrel in Coventry. The OLM Breakfast Group meets the last Wednesday of the Month, everyone is invited and most welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

Pray for an End to Abortion

"Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children. the most defenseless and innocent amona 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. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist and conservative. ...A human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development. Human beings are ends in themselves and never a means of resolving other problems." —Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel (213)



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



Our Lady of Mercy School Open House and Registration: Sunday, January 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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<u>Celebrate Catholic Schools Week</u> Sunday, January 26th—Friday, January 31st



Catholic Schools Week Mass Friday, January 31st at 9:00AM

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