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The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ✕ January 23, 2016

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....4:00 PM

Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM &
5:00 PM (Sept—May)

Daily

Monday - Friday.....7:30 AM

Saturdays & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

Holiday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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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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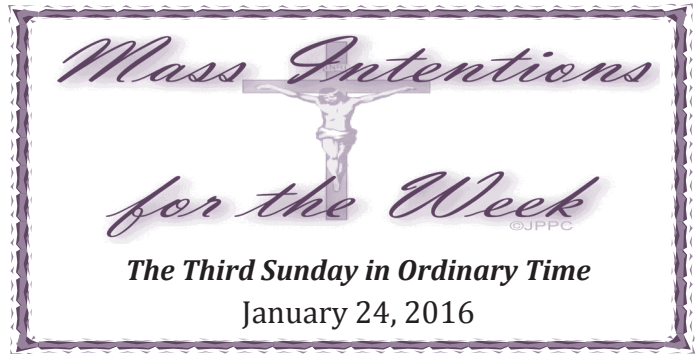
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

The Mass Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Joseph A. Pescatello, Sr.—Memorial
 10:30AM Margaret M. Healey—27th Anniversary
 5:00PM Sergio Espinoza—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 7:30 AM Vera A. Uttley—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

St. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
 7:30 AM Ellen Allwell—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 7:30AM Fr. Michael A. Tarro, CS—Memorial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM John I. DeClemente—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday
 7:30AM Monsignor Edward F. Egan—12th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Annamae Sceery—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Mary "Anne" Dolan—Memorial
 10:30AM Betty Tresselt—Memorial
 5:00PM Special Intention



**We must
 empty
 Purgatory
 with our
 prayers.
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

On Friday we prayed for the legal protection of unborn children in our nation. I am grateful for the many parishioners and others who turned out to spend some time in prayer and adoration for this great cause. Also, I thank Fr. Joe Upton, the URI Chaplain, for his inspiring words about "Living the Gospel of Life."

This week at the RI State House the RI Right to Life Committee, and other committed pro-lifers, are to gather to give voice to the voiceless unborn. The Right to Life Rally is to take place on Wednesday, January 27 from 3:00PM until 4:00PM in the State House Rotunda. It is a tremendous opportunity to call upon the state's political leaders to work to protect and respect all human life.

Also, this week at the RI Statehouse, the RI Families for School Choice are hosting an event to highlight the need for expanded parental choice in education. This group includes families from Catholic and Jewish schools as well as supporters of school choice in education.

The event is Thursday, January 28 from 2:00PM to 5:00PM in the State Room of the RI Statehouse. The featured speaker is the national school reform leader Kevin P. Chavous. He is a former Washington, DC City Councilman and was instrumental in helping DC establish a school voucher for economically disadvantaged children.

In RI we have a Tuition Scholarship Tax Credit program that helps economically poor students obtain scholarships for the school of their choice. Tax-credit scholarships allow taxpayers to receive full or partial tax credits for donating to nonprofits that provide K-12 private school scholarships.

The amount of tax credits distributed is capped at \$1.5 million, which, in turn, affects the availability and size of scholarships. It is a great program for those who own small businesses to obtain valuable tax credits as they aid poor children.

Speaking of choice in education next Sunday we kick-off Catholic Schools Week. There is a great week of events planned at our parish school. Our excellent students are to speak at all Masses next weekend about OLM School and its many benefits.

Next Sunday we are hosting an Open House at OLM School from 10:00AM until 12:00PM for any families who might be interested in exploring our school. All parishioners are invited to stop by and take a tour of the school to see the many great things that are going there.

When I was growing up (many years before Fr. Connors was born), if people asked where you were from, you never said a town but "St. Paul's" or "OLM" People understood that the success of a parish school was tied to the success of the parish.

The same is true today. When our parishes flourish, our schools flourish. When there are

more people at Mass, when more families understand the mission of Catholic schools, they succeed.

Here at OLM, our 13th Pastor, the late Fr. Brady, had a tremendous concern for the children of the parish. With the permission and encouragement of then Bishop Russell J. McViney, the fifth Bishop of Providence, Fr. Brady purchased a home on First Avenue for use as a convent and invited the Sisters of Mercy to staff the new parish school.

In September of 1950, the first parish students enrolled at Our Lady of Mercy School. The Kindergarten class was in the Convent, and grades one and two in the basement of the Church. Under the direction of the first principal, Sr. Helena McNulty, the number of students grew rapidly.

In the summer of 1951, Fr. Brady then purchased three acres of land on Fourth Avenue and began construction of a new school building. The new school opened in January of 1952 and remains a vital part of our parish today.

I hope you'll attend one or all of the many important events taking place this coming week. Have a great week! It's good to be home. We look forward to another Pat's victory next weekend! Be well. Do Good. God Bless.

Father Healey

Fr. Connors
Q & A



Dear Fr. Connors: *What is the candle room in the Church?*

Here at Our Lady of Mercy the small room to the left to the statue of the Blessed Mother is referred to as the candle room. In that room there are several statues of various Saints as well as a number of candles that can be lit for prayer.

As you know, it is a custom in the Catholic Church to light a candle as a sign of our prayer. So often during the day I see people come into the church, light a candle and make a small donation to the work of the Church and charity to the poor, and kneel down and say a quick prayer. The candle symbolizes that while we have to leave the church and get on with our ordinary life our prayers remain here. We leave them, as it were, with our Lady or perhaps another Saint to whom we are devoted.

In the so-called candle room there are statues of several Saints to whom many parishioners have a strong devotion. There is a statue of St. Patrick who brought the Christian faith to Ireland in the fifth century. There is a statue of St. Jude the apostle and patron saint of lost or hopeless causes. Because he was present at Pentecost for the descent of the Holy Spirit he is pictured with a flame above his head (although the school children tell me it looks more like a horn)!

There is a statue of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua. There is one of St. Joseph and of St. Therese of Lisieux. There is a new statute of Pope St. John Paul II as well as an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each of these images speaks about some aspect of Catholic faith. They are signs and helps to our prayer, raising our mind and heart to God.

If it has been awhile since you have made a trip to the candle room, stop by soon. And be sure to say a prayer for us too.



Weekly Collection

January 17, 2016

Weekly.....	\$10,362.50
EFT.....	\$2,684.50
	Total=\$13,047.00
Catholic University.....	\$1,985.50
Outreach.....	\$471.50
Annual (to date).....	\$123,309.00

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 generous support!

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: The Church in Latin America
Next Week: OLM Saints & Scholars Fund



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Jean Fitzpatrick and Barbara Tougas** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Schedule of Confession at OLM

**Mondays
6:00—6:45PM**

**Saturdays
3:00—3:45PM**



Religious Education NEWS

- RE Classes resume this Sunday, January 24
- NO AM RE Classes (Grades 1-5) on Sunday, January 31st due to OLM School Open House



Outreach Update

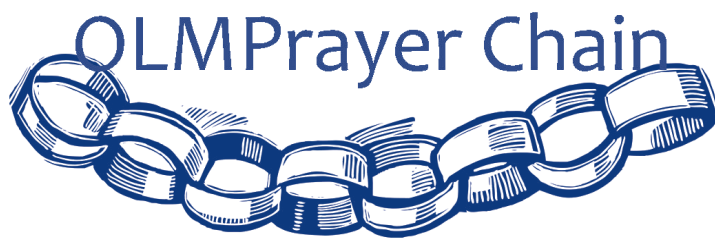
- **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all donated food items in the box in the vestibule of the Church. *Thanks for your support!*
- **For more information** contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



- School Mass, Thursday, January 28th at 8:15, the Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas, Patron of Students
- Catholic Schools Week begins January 31st! OLM School Open House, Sunday, January 31st 10-Noon

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OLM Prayer Chain



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray 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 or email at 2hart@cox.net. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!



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

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Whether you're looking for full-day pre-school or kindergarten, elementary, or middle school, Our Lady of Mercy School nurtures the mind, body, and soul of your children. Anchored by our Catholic faith, OLM offers a tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. Please visit us to Discover the OLM Advantage.

Open House

When: Sunday, January 31, 2016

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Where: Our Lady of Mercy School
55 4th Avenue, East Greenwich, RI

Don't forget to ask us about "Classroom Visit Day!"

If you have any questions, please contact us at 401-884-1618 or principal@olmschool.org.



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