

† 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

<u>Dally</u>		
Monday - Friday	7:30 AM	
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30 AM	
Holy Day		
Vigil Mass	5:00 PM	
Holyday Masses7:30 AM	1 & 7:00 PM	

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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 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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Mass Intentions for the Week

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 2016

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

The Mass Anticipation for the 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

9:00AM Mary "Anne" Dolan—Memorial

10:30AM Betty Tresselt—Memorial

5:00PM Special Intention

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday

7:30 AM Joseph Scanlon—Memorial

9:00AM Susan Noll—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord

7:30 AM For All Priests, Living and Deceased

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Weekday/St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr/St. Ansgar, Bishop

7:30AM Anthony Masi—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Weekday

7:30AM Abigail Luchun—Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRURAY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Bertrand A. Gosselin—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 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

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

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

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

St.Padre Pio

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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

As the late, great Yogi Berra once said: "It's déjà vu all over again!" Big snowstorms on the weekend are back again! I was hoping they might not reappear, but alas Mother Nature dashed all hope last weekend. Let's pray it won't happen as often as it did last year.

This weekend we kick off National Catholic Schools Week! It is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the national celebration is: "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

Catholic schools offer academic excellence and faith-filled education for students nationwide. National test scores, high school graduation rates, college attendance and other data show that Catholic schools frequently outperform schools in both the public and private sectors.

We are celebrating our own parish school this week. Some of our students from OLM School are speaking at Mass this weekend to share their positive experiences attending OLM. There is an Open House at OLM School on Sunday from 10:00AM until Noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore what our school offers.

Under the dynamic leadership of our Principal, Scott costs
Fuller, lots of new, exciting, and innovative things have been happening at OLM School and I encourage you go to the OLM is also schools.

to find more information. Also, take a look at the terrific new promotional video about OLM School.

Our parish school has many events planned for this special week. Of course, we begin this Catholic Schools Week on Monday with an OLM School Mass. I hope you join us for the Mass at 9:00AM as we worship and pray together. We give thanks for Catholic Education especially for OLM School and its excellent faculty and wonderful students.

We've also updated our school mission which now states: "Our Mission at Our Lady of Mercy School is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church as we pursue excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. In the midst of safe and nurturing environment we seek to develop a good moral character built upon the teachings of the Catholic Church. We strive to be Saints and Scholars who serve the evangelical mission of our parish SO that Mercy may flourish."

There are many challenges for Catholic Education especially here in Rhode Island. A declining population, as Catholic families children, have less impacts enrollment in our schools. The expense of running a parish school continues to increase as costs for health insurance, pensions. and utilities rise. Keeping tuition affordable for all, and helping those who need aid, is also a real challenge for our As we continue the mission of OLM School in making saints and scholars in the future, we have established the Saints and Scholars Fund. It helps with the expense and also builds a stronger endowment for the future. This new fund is the second collection this weekend, I thank you for your generous support.

The former NFL player, Damien Woody, when he was playing for the New York Jets, choose to send his children to a Catholic School even though his family wasn't Catholic. A fellow school parent asked him why he sent his kids to Catholic School even though he wasn't Catholic. He answered, "My wife and I believe that a school where they love God will love my children."

Some say Catholic education, the largest private education system in America, is about many things like excellence and discipline but certainly not about love. I firmly believe that the center of Catholic Education truly must be love. A love that exists here at OLM School every day. It is a deep and abiding love of God and of our neighbor lived out daily.

Pray for Catholic Schools, pray for our principal, faculty and students this week. Celebrate and support Catholic Education as together we strive to be Saints and Scholars. Football season is over! Go Sox!!! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. !!!

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Dear Fr. Connors: How do we know God exists? Do we just need faith?

It can be helpful to distinguish truths that can be known only by faith and those that can be

known simply from human reason. Matters of faith—like knowledge of the Trinity—require God's revelation. Other things—like the existence of God, His attributes, certain truths of the moral law—can be known without faith and simply from human reason.

In Scripture and the Church's Tradition, God has spoken. He has revealed Himself. We believe what He has said through faith. Thus, knowledge of the Trinity or the divinity of Christ, require and an act of faith. It is only because God has revealed those things that we can know them.

Now, it is not a matter of blind faith. There are good reasons for what Catholics believe. In fact, all objections to the Catholic faith can be answered. Contrary positions can be refuted.

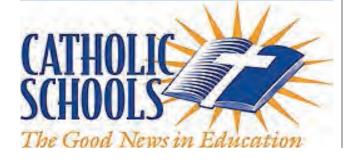
However, all this is distinguished from those truths that can be known from reason alone. We can know that God exists from human reason alone. It is not just a matter of faith.

The First Vatican Council, held from 1869 to 1870, addressed directly the issue of our knowledge of God's existence. In the document *Dei Filius*, the First Vatican Council taught: "God, the beginning and end of all things, can be known with certitude by the natural light of human reason from created things."

Quoting St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, the Council Fathers continued: "'For the invisible things of him, from the creation of the world, are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made' [Rom 1:20]."

Simply by reflecting on the nature of created things, by observing the world—the motion of objects, the design of the universe, the gradations of goodness in the world—we can conclude with certitude that God exists. There is a first cause of all things. We cannot know that He in the Trinity or that Jesus is the Lord from reason alone. But we can know that God exists.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to: associatepastor@olmparish.org



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January 23, 2016

Weekly	\$8,075.00
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	Total=\$10,026.00
The Church in Latin America	\$2,176.50
Outreach	\$129.50

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: OLM Saints & Scholars Fund Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Douglas P. Hauser** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.



Schedule of Confession at OLM

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



NO AM RE Classes (Grades 1-5) on this Sunday,
 January 31st due to OLM School Open House
 All PM RE Classes (Grades 6-8) are to meet.



◆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



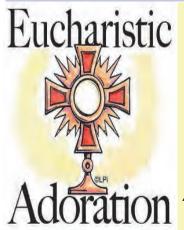
•Catholic Schools Week begins January 31st! OLM School Open House, Sunday, January 31st 10-Noon School Mass on Monday, February at 9AM

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OLM Young Families Meeting Wednesday, February 3, 2016 5:30—7:00PM, OLM School Cafeteria

All young families are most welcome to come to join with us in fellowship and conversation about our Catholic faith. Babysitting is available for your children and Pizza served for dinner! For more information or learn more about our group contact Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com



First Friday Adoration Friday, February 5, 2016

Exposition of the Eucharist following 7:30am Mass

All-Day Adoration

Benediction at 5pm

Adorers needed. Please sign up in Church vestibule.



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



National Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 6, 2016

STRIVING TO BE Saints and Scholars

With a tradition of excellence in Catholic elementary and middle school education since 1951, Our Lady of Mercy School offers its students an opportunity to pursue excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Pre-K through Grade 8, co-educational Catholic school located in East Greenwich provides a nurturing, values-driven environment built upon the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Excellence in (Academics

On their journey as young scholars, OLM students are offered a rigorous math, science, technology, language, and communications-based curriculum that develops the mind, heart and soul of each OLM student. OLM teachers, who promote intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and a love of learning, are state certified and 75% hold advanced degrees. More than 90% of OLM graduates continue to Catholic or Independent high schools, with the majority testing into honors programs. Those graduates continually rank at the top of their classes upon graduation from schools such as Bay View, Bishop Hendricken, Prout and LaSalle.

Extracurricular Opportunities

OLM students are offered multiple extracurricular opportunities that provide tremendous educational, social and spiritual enrichment. These include Band, Robotics, Science Olympiad, Student Council, Mock Trial, Drama, and CAL Sports (basketball, cross country and soccer). Clubs such as Chess, Mandarin, Karate and Stock Market further enhance the opportunities for OLM students.

Catholic Tradition

OLM students receive a rich education in the Catholic faith. Our principal mission is to form the future saints and scholars of the Church. We are proud to offer daily classroom instruction in the riches of our Catholic faith, weekly celebration of Holy Mass, and the regular reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

With the active presence of parish priests and religious sisters and extracurricular groups such as the Friends of Mercy, students have the opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the rosary, and to exercise Christian charity through programs like the Four-for-Four food collection, Mobile Loaves and Fishes, and Catholic Relief Services Helping Hands.

Community of Families

The OLM Community encourages a family-centered, values-based environment with tremendous parent volunteerism and involvement. The active Parent Teacher Group offers opportunities throughout the year for families to gather as a school community. Other benefits for families include before and after-school care; parish tuition assistance and busing from local communities.



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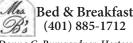
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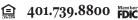
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