

### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses7:30, 9:0	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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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 Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2015

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 3**

The Vigil of the Epiphany

4:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Attilio Fillippi—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Albertina June Tait—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Ronald J. Hagen—Memorial

5:00PM Michael F. Giannellii—Memorial

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

St. John Neumann, Bishop

7:30 AM Special Intention of the MMP Rosary Cenacle

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

Christmas Weekday/St. Andre Bessette, Religious

7:30 AM Thomas Cavanagh—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**

Christmas Weekday/St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:30AM Lilian E. Healey—Birthday Memorial

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**

Christmas Weekday

7:30AM Michael & Wanda Zwolinski—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

Christmas Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention of the MMP Rosary Cenacle

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

Christmas Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention

The Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

4:00PM Ellen Simms—5th Anniversary

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 4**

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM James V. Lentino—Birthday Memorial

9:00 AM Florence Metcalfe—Memorial

10:30AM Harriet Chilas—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year! I hope and pray that 2015 may be a year of blessings for all of you and for our parish. It is hard to believe that it's already a new year. Where did 2014 go?

I thank the Caparco Family of the Hill Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our parish calendars. These beautiful Catholic calendars were distributed last weekend at all Masses. We are grateful for them and hope you put them to good use in your homes.

On the Epiphany of our Lord, according to an ancient practice of holy Church, the davs movable feast are announced. The proclamation of the date of Easter, and the other moveable feasts on Epiphany, dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year. It can be found in this week's bulletin, so

be sure to mark your calendars!

The Rhode Island General Assembly begins its legislative session on Tuesday, January 6th. Also on that day, our new Governor and all the of the General Officers are to be sworn in and begin their duties. We wish them well and commend them all to Almighty God. We pray that they may truly serve our state with integrity and honesty and serve the common good of all citizens. We pray that they ensure the protection of the most vulnerable among us: the poor, the elderly, the refugee, the sick and the unborn. And may Saint Thomas More inspire them, and intercede for them.

As the General Assembly resumes its duties in January so also do I resume my duties as the Director of the RI Catholic Conference, and chief lobbyist for the Church on Smith Hill. Once again the Church's advocacy for the unborn, the immigrant, the poor, and the most vulnerable among us continues on. Without a doubt there is much work to be done by our state leaders on the economy, ensuring the sanctity of all human life and respecting the dignity of all. I ask for your prayers for me, and for the work I do with our elected officials.

This is the final week of the Christmas Season, as it ends next Sunday on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. So take a good look around the Church at the beautiful decorations, plants and the crèche. After next Sunday they are to be put away until next Christmas!

I received many positive comments about the new outdoor crèche in Mercy Park. It certainly is beautiful and I am grateful to Paul Anderson and Doug Green who designed and constructed the barn for the figures. The design and the lighting of the crèche invite you to stop, reflect, and pray to the Holy Family. This beautiful nativity set was purchased at Tally's just before Christmas and is available to be memorialized: if anyone is interested please contact me.

We celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany this week. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world. He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. The Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation.

Pope Francis reminds us: "The destiny of every person is symbolized in this journey of the Magi of the East: our life is a journey, illuminated by the lights which brighten our way, to find the fullness of truth and love which we Christians recognize in Jesus, the Light of the World. Like the Magi, every person has two great 'books' which provide the signs to guide this pilgrimage: the book of creation and the book of sacred Scripture. What important is that we be attentive, alert, and listen to God who speaks to us, who always speaks to us." Happy Epiphany! God Bless.

Father Healey



## Dear Fr. Connors: How are bishops appointed?

The simple answer is that the Pope names them. The Pope appoints every bishop in the world. He does so with the consultation and advice of bishops, priests and lay people.

When a diocese finds

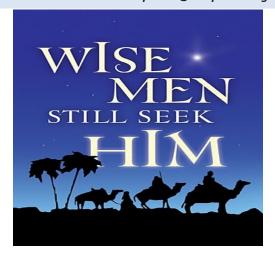
itself without a bishop a report is prepared about the needs of that particular diocese. The local bishops in the area, especially the metropolitan archbishop (in the case of Providence that would be the Archbishop of Hartford), assist in this process. Names of priests who may be suited to lead the diocese are collected and information about them is gathered.

This process is coordinated by the Apostolic Nuncio, who is the Holy Father's personal representative to the church in a particular country. In the United States the Apostolic Nuncio is currently Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano. He resides at the apostolic nunciature in Washington, DC and serves as the Pope's representative both the US government (with whom the Holy See has full diplomatic relations) and to the church in the United States.

After information is gathered it is forwarded to the Holy See and is reviewed by the Congregation for Bishops. This Congregation, currently led by Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prepares a *terna* of three names to present to the Holy Father. The Pope then selects a bishop for a particular diocese.

The appointment of bishops is an important task precisely because it deals with the Sacraments themselves. The Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred in three degrees, bishop, priest and deacon. A man is thus ordained a bishop, priest or deacon and receives an indelible character on his soul. This is distinct, for example, from the conferral of the title Monsignor, which is simply a special title for a priest, or Cardinal which is simply a special title, most often for a bishop.

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





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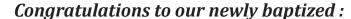
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"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. She is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is."—The Rite of Baptism





We wish all our RE families, students and teachers a Happy New Year! Michele St. Jean & Doug Green

All RE Classes resume this Sunday, January 4, 2015!



Thank you for your generous support during the
Thanksgiving & Christmas Season.
Your generosity ensured a joyful holiday for the needy!
God's Blessings for the New Year!

Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director Phone: 884-4410 or via email: outreach@olmparish.org



We wish all our OLM School families, students, faculty and staff a very Happy New Year! Principal Scott Fuller

School resumes on January 5, 2015!!

### Epiphany of the Lord

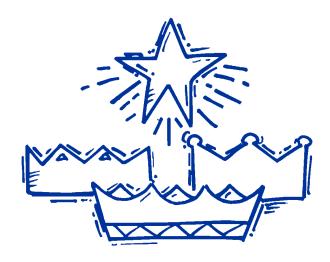


he solemnity of the Epiphany which celebrates the manifestation of God to humanity began in the Eastern Church in the third century.

Called *Theophany*, it was primarily a feast of the baptism of the Lord, but it also incorporated themes of his nativity, the visit of the magi, and the marriage feast at Cana

The church of Rome adopted this celebration in the fourth century and focused it on the adoration of the magi since it already had a feast of the Lord's nativity in place.

In the United States, we observe the Epiphany on the Sunday between January 2 and 8, but there are places where it is celebrated as a holy day of obligation on the traditional date of January 6.



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Dear Our Lady of Mercy:

The gifts we received from you parish community will help us to reach out and assist many moms and babies. Last year we served over 1,200 women and babies! Thank you for being part of this essential and life-affirming ministry. Sincerely yours in Christ,

Carol A. Owens

Director of the Office of Life & Family Ministry

Diocese of Providence

Dear Our Lady of Mercy:

Thank you for your generous donation to Emmanuel House for the Homeless in Providence. Your gift helps us keep hundreds of homeless fed and warm. Without the help of your parish we could not accomplish our ministry of serving the poor and needy. Thanks again for your generous support of this important ministry.

Blessing for the New Year!

Jim Jahnz

Coordinator of Emmanuel House

Dear Our Lady of Mercy,

Thank you! We are still overwhelmed by your kindness. With your help, Mary House was able to provide food and other necessities to many people. We are so grateful to you.

Gratefully,

Fr. James Ruggeri

Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Providence

Dear Our Lady of Mercy,

On behalf of McAuley Ministries, thank you for your generous gift. Gifts like yours enable us to fulfill our mission of providing basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, support and guidance to the most vulnerable in our community.

Yours in Christ,

Donald P. Wolfe

**Executive Director of McAuley Ministries** 

Dear Our Lady of Mercy,

On behalf of the entire Oakland Beach School community, I would like to thank you for your generous donations. In this day of limited funding and cutbacks, our families are feeling the pinch more than ever. Thoughtful gifts such as yours are so welcome and needed. Many of our families benefit from your generosity.

Best wishes,

Paul Heatherton

Principal of Oakland Beach School, Warwick, RI

### **Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts**



Know, dear brothers and ★ sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the **eighteenth** day of **February** will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the **fifth** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **fourteenth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the **twenty-fourth** day of **May**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **seventh** day of **June**, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **twenty-ninth** day of **November**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.



### **Epiphany Prayer**

Thou, O Lord, art the Star of truth, that riseth out of Jacob, and the man that springeth from Israel. In the new Star thou showest thyself as God, and lying in the Crib God and Man, we confess thee to be the one Christ. In thy great mercy grant us the grace of seeing thee, and show unto us the radiant sign of thy light, whereby all the

darkness of our sins may be put to flight: that so we who now languish with the desire of seeing thee, may be refreshed with the enjoyment of that blissful vision. Amen.

This prayer was taken from the Mozarabic Breviary.

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