

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 PM Sunday Masses7:30, 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 PM Holyday Masses......7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ⅓ July 26, 2015

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Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 4:00 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.

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Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2015

SATURDAY, JULY 25

The Mass of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—Memorial

SUNDAY, July 26

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Robert Kennedy—1st Anniversary 10:30AM Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial

MONDAY, JULY 27

Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, JULY 28

Weekday

7:30 AM Fernanda Cabral—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

St. Martha

7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JULY 30

Weekday/St. Peter Chysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:30AM Mary E. Richard—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:30AM Dorina Lincourt—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 18h Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Louise Bessette—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Doris Clark—Memorial

10:30AM Marie Enander—5th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

In your name I offer a warm welcome to Our Lady of Mercy to Father Roy Shea, a member of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Missionhurst). Fr. Shea is here this weekend to preach at all the Masses about the important work the Missionhurst Missionaries. It is our Annual Mission Co-op Weekend at OLM where we commit our prayers and financial support to the missionaries of our Church.

Missionhurst was founded in Belgium in 1862, by Father Theophile Verbist, for the conversion of China. Their missionary work was originally centered on the area of Inner Mongolia. Later they would go to the Congo and then across the globe.

There are at present over 800 members of the congregation working in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Their mission work includes working in parishes and schools in some of the poorest places in the world. Their good works help to establish hospitals, schools, and churches.

I ask for your prayers for the Missionhurst Missionaries and their good works on behalf of the Church. Also, the second collection this weekend is solely dedicated to the Missionhurst Missions and I ask for your support, and thank you for your generous response.

I hope you are able to liberty for offer your best wishes to Summer individuals Seminarian Eric Silva at a very soon.

"Farewell Reception" at Mercy Park after the 10:30am Mass on this Sunday. Eric's ten weeks here at OLM have come to an end. It was great to have him with us at OLM. In your name I wish him all the best in his theological studies this fall at St. John's Seminary in Boston. Pray for Eric as he continues to prepare for the priesthood.

This weekend there is an insert in the bulletin regarding the recent decision by the US Supreme Court on same-sex marriage. On June 26th the Court ruled that the 14th Amendment requires states to issue marriage licenses to two persons of the same-sex and to recognize same-sex marriages from other states.

This decision now sets the teaching about marriage of our Church, and many others, in direct opposition to the law of the land. Changing the legal term "marriage" is not simply one change in the law, but rather amounts to thousands of changes at once. The term "marriage" can found in family law, employment law, trusts and estates, healthcare law, tax law, property law, and many others.

These laws affect and regulate religious institutions, such as churches, religiously affiliated schools, hospitals, and families. Without a doubt this is going to lead to conflicts between the state and religious institutions and individuals of conscience and faith. Religious liberty for such institutions and individuals is likely to be threaten very soon.

While religious liberty is protected in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and in federal and state laws. Religious liberty includes more than our ability to freely go to Mass on Sundays or pray the Rosary at home. It also encompasses our ability to contribute freely to the common good of society with our charitable works many and institutions, our educational and healthcare institutions. freedom to offer such good works and also follow the teaching of our Church is under threat.

As Catholics we must be concerned about such threats. We must always be joyful witness of the truth of our Church's teaching on marriage and life. We must not compromise our convictions about moral truths because of political or societal pressure. Instead we must advocate for religious freedom for all religious institutions and conscience protections for all people of faith. We must pray and act for the truths of our faith.

I am away this week at a national meeting of State Catholic Conference Directors in Michigan. We are meeting with experts about the looming threats to religious freedom. We are to discuss strategies for advocating on behalf of the Church's teachings on religious liberty, marriage, human life, immigration assisted-suicide and poverty. It is certainly a timely meeting. Do good. Be well. God Bless.

Father Healey

Dear Our Lady of Mercy Parish:



It is truly amazing just how quickly ten weeks can go by. It feels just like yesterday that I moved in and now things are coming to a close and there's nothing I can do to slow things down.

To Father Healey, Father Connors, and Deacon

Dowd - thank you for your wonderful and holy example of ministry and service to the people of God here in East Greenwich. Thank you for being such a joy to work and live with and for letting me get involved in all parish activities and for all your advice and support.

To the parish staff - thank you for looking after me, for all your help, and for making me feel welcome the second I walked through the door and throughout the ten weeks.

To the staff, faculty, and students at Our Lady of Mercy School - thank you for your assistance and for showing me the joys of spiritual fatherhood for the very first time. I truly enjoyed getting to know and teach all of the students. Whether it was in the classroom or just spending time with them at lunch or recess I truly enjoyed every day of the four weeks I was here that school was in session.

To all the parishioners and the community of Our Lady of Mercy Parish - thank you for your warm welcome and your wonderful example of faithfulness to Almighty God and His Church. I was truly amazed, that no matter what time of day I found myself in the Church, there were always people praying even if it was for only a few minutes. Please remember me in your prayers as I am set to depart.

I will spend the month of August spending time with my family and friends and preparing for the next school year. I have four more years left of priestly formation which will primarily be spent studying theology at St. John's Seminary in Boston before I will (God-willing) be ordained a priest. Please know I will remember all of you in my prayers.

Lastly, remember never to take for granted the fact that you have two priests assigned to your parish. That is truly a blessing from God! Please don't forget to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially here in the Diocese of Providence.

Gratefully,

Eric Silva

NB: This is the final column for OLM Summer Seminarian Eric Silva. Fr. Connors returns to this column next week. If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to associatepastor@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection &

July 19, 2015

Weekly	\$10,662.50
-	\$1,952.50
	Total=\$12,615.00
Outreach	\$576.00

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.

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

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Mission Co-op for Missionhurst Missions Next Week: Monthly Building & Grounds Collection



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

May she rest in peace.



I—Michael John Moscatelli & Min Yu Elizabeth Chen Pan

Our Lady of Mercy Church

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Please register for RE Classes today. Registration forms available online or at the Parish Office. *Please note that late fees now apply for registrations.*

Hope to see you at Mass during these summer months!



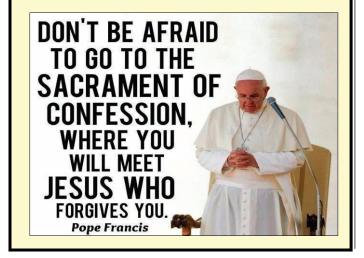
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Confession Times at Our Lady of Mercy

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM

Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM



Mission Co-op THIS WEEK July 25/26, 2015

Second Collection for Missionhurst Missionaries



Please join us in welcoming Missionhurst Missionary Father Roy Shea, CICM (Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary), who is visiting Our Lady of Mercy the weekend of July 25-26, 2015 to present the Annual Mission Co-op Appeal. Fr. Shea is from the foreign mission Province of Brazil and is to share his experience of

missionary work and priesthood in the missions. Missionhurst was founded in 1862 for the conversion of China. Today, Missionhurst serves in some of the most remote locations of Mongolia, Indonesia, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Unlike some relief agencies that arrive only when there is a news-making crisis, Missionhurst missionaries come prepared to stay, living among the people, sharing in their poverty and serving their material and spiritual needs. Missionhurst missionaries help meet the needs of the people they serve with farming projects, building new churches and schools, and helping obtain clean water. Fr. Shea, a native of Prince Edward Island, Canada, is one of 18 children. He professed his first vows in 1966 as a lay brother and was ordained a priest in 1986.

Thank you for your generous support!

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Your Parish Needs You!



We are looking for a few High School students to serve as Weekend Sacristans at OLM. Training and small stipend provided. If you are interested or would like to learn more about it, contact Fr. Connors at

884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org



MONTHLY OLM BREAKFAST

Join us for good food, good conversation and company following Daily 7:30am Mass this Wednesday, August 29th at the Cracker-barrel Restaurant in Coventry. All are welcome to join us for our Monthly OLM Breakfast Group! Hope to see you there!



The U.S. bishops invite the faithful to join a movement of prayer and sacrifice for the protection of life, marriage, and religious liberty in our country. Serious threats to each of these have raised unprecedented challenges to the Church and the nation. When confronted with challenges, our Lord calls us to sacrifice and pray. Go to: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/take-action-



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Offer a sacrifice of love, such as fasting, abstaining from meat, or some other small sacrifice of your choosing.

Pray for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty





We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners. It's simple, just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (www.olmparish.org) click and Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. • It's secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available. • It's Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed. • Tax benefits: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. • Parish benefits: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs. To get started log on to: http://www.olmparish.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

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