

## THE CHURCH OF

# Our Rady of Mercy

65 THIRD STREET № EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 

⅓ July 28, 2013

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM Sunday Masses ......7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

#### 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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## **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

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.

### **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 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28, 2013

### **SATURDAY, JULY 27**

Mass of Anticipation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, JULY 28**

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Fernanda Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

9:00 AM Maria San Martino—Month's Mind

10:30 AM Marie Enander—3rd Anniversary

### **MONDAY, JULY 29**

St. Martha

7:30 AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 30**

Weekday/ST. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Frank Woods—Memorial

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:30AM John Bresnen—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Special Intention of OLM Cenacle

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Weekday/St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

7:30AM Dorina Lincourt—Memorial

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM Jeannine Light—2nd Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

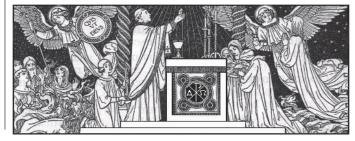
### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Joann Vito—Memorial

9:00 AM Nancy Appleton—5th Anniversary

10:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

I hope you've been able to see some of the news coverage of the Holy Father's visit to Brazil for World Youth Day. Huge crowds greeted him upon his arrival. Pope Francis said he had come to Brazil, the country with the most Catholics in the world, to "give an account of the reasons for the hope" that comes from faith in Jesus and inspire them to "offer everyone the inexhaustible riches of his love."

World Youth Day began in 1984 at the close of the Holy Year Redemption, when over 300,000 young people from around the world responded to the invitation of Blessed Pope John Paul II for an International Jubilee of youth on Palm Sunday in St. Peter's square. Looking out to the crowds who answered his invitation he said. "What a fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today's youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?"

There have been 11 World Youth Day gatherings since 1984. In 1993 World Youth Day was celebrated in Denver, Colorado and it has been held in Spain, Australia, Canada, Italy, Germany, The Philippines, Argentina and Poland.

Some might think that such a large gathering of young people, that is World Youth Day, might bring thoughts of delinquency as the massive crowds of youth flood streets. However, anyone who was to

witness this gathering would end those fears. The World Youth Day gatherings are full of smiles and joy, singing and dancing young people, culture upon culture and nation upon nation, proudly holding their flags high, greeting one another in peace, trading their national tokens, humbly realizing how small they are in a world of people, and strengthened to witness so many who share their convictions.

Acknowledging the hundreds of thousands of young Catholic pligrims gathered in Rio for World Youth Day, Pope Francis said they need space, which they find in Christ, since "there is no more powerful force than the one released from the hearts of young people when they have been conquered by the experience of friendship with Him."

The coverage of the events of World Youth Day in Rio have centered upon Pope Francis and his unique style. He arrived carrying his own luggage and drove through the streets of Rio in a small Fiat car. The Holy Father seems to have a great sense of humor as well. When the journalists asked for a chance to interview him, Pope Francis responded: "It's true I don't give interviews. I don't know why. I just can't. It's tiresome, but I enjoy your company."

World Youth Day is a great event of joy, hope and faith for our Church. Let us pray for all those hundreds of thousands of pilgrims gathered together in Rio to celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. Also, let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, that his pilgrimage might inspire the young people of our Church to be faithful witnesses of Christ. One young pilgrim from the Ivory Coast in Africa when asked what he wanted to happen at the celebration said: "What I want is for our pope to tell all people to have faith and tell people to be friends. The pope cannot resolve the problems of society, but he can illuminate the right path."

Next week we have a chance to practically aid the good of Pope Francis by supporting the Peter's Pence Collection. The 2013 theme is "Be a Pilgrim of Charity" and emphasizes the role of Catholics in allowing Christ's love to reach others. This worldwide collection church needs supports humanitarian activities, through support for victims of war, oppression, religious persecution, natural disasters and other human promotion projects around the world. It also assists seminaries and institutes of Christian formation in developing countries.

Pope Francis has encouraged Catholics to serve others in need and the Peter's Pence Collection is a great way to help the Holy Father help those most in need around the world. Have a great week! Pray for World Youth Day and for Pope Francis! God Bless. Go Sox!!

Father Healey

## The Catechism Corner

We usually don't think of "clouds" as being the best things to see on the horizon. Dark clouds usually bring with them storms and all kinds of bad weather. White clouds, while beautiful to look at, always seem to block

out the sun for an otherwise perfect day. "A cloudy day" is never said with much enthusiasm on the 11:00 o'clock news either. But there is one cloud though that should always be mentioned with enthusiasm. It's a very special type



of "cloud" and it's particularly a "Catholic" cloud as well. It's the "cloud of witnesses" that lies on the horizon ahead of us between heaven and earth. "Cloud of witnesses" is the ancient name for all the saints who have gone before us to heaven. When we see this "cloud" in the distance we should always know that "good weather" is about to begin. "The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth." They are "witnesses" because they prove to us that the Christian life can be lived in all of its rigor and vigor. The example of their lives reminds us that if they could do it, so can we! But more importantly than being just an example they help us more precisely by the prayers they offer for us in the very presence of God Himself. In fact, "their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and the whole world." The saints in heaven have a special outlook on the world as well-they see things as they really are. (Just like any good cloud, the "cloud of witnesses" has a perfect view of the world from its height.) They are not led astray as we can be by the passing pleasures of this world. The "cloud of witnesses" is "locked into" the true pleasures of the next world and so they help us attain those true pleasures by praying for us. The next time you're looking up in the sky wondering what it would be like to be a cloud, more wondrously, imagine what it would be like to be part of the "cloud of witnesses" in the glory of heaven with the splendor of Almighty God shining all around you--and of course, that's a splendor that no cloud can block out! Don't wait for a cloudy day to check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2683.



I—Emily Cunanan & Mark De Souza



## **IULY 21, 2013**

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EFT	\$872.00
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Outreach	\$140.00

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## Thank you for your generosity!



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

> <u>Second Collections</u> Next Week: Peter's Pence Thanks for your support!

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Thursday—Bereavement Group at 4:00PM



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, Alice T. McDonald and Dr. Walter J. Schubert whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now being accepted. Please contact the Parish Office by phone at 884-4968 or via email to parish@olmparish.org to obtain a form.

Religious Education for Grades 1-5 will be held on Sundays, from 10-11. We are looking for high school students to help in the classrooms especially with those preparing for First Communion, Second Grade 2. This is an exciting opportunity to help your church and work with the children! If you are a Confirmed high school student and would like to volunteer, please e-mail Mrs. St.Jean at reled@olmparish.org or call 884-1061.

**Confirmation families are reminded that ALL paperwork is past due**. Please send it in ASAP. Confirmation is October 6th at 5:00pm.

Registrations for all RE grades are due by July 31st.

#### **OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-2014**

RE Grades 1-5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM-7:00PM



The summer months are known to have a decline in donations to the **OLM Food Pantry**. Please continue to think of those in need. Grocery Gift Cards of \$10 are also helpful. Thank you for your support.

The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be Thursday, August 1, from 4PM - 6PM at Mercy House, 57 Second St. East Greenwich, RI. All those who are experiencing grief over the lose of a loved one are invited to attend.

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration



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Interested in the Knights of Columbus? Would you like to learn more about it? Please contact Grand Knight Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com

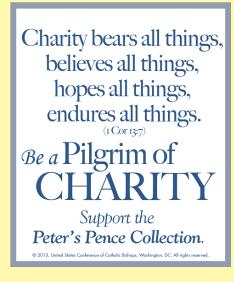


Our Lady of Mercy School is still accepting applications throughout the grades. There are a few available spaces in all the grades except grades 7 and 8. The Pre K program is three full days (M, W, F). Kindergarten is a full day program building a strong foundation in both Reading and Math. All grades have Religion on a daily basis. In addition to the regular subjects, students have Spanish and Computer/tech in their weekly schedule. Science kits have been introduced in elementary grades and the students love them. If you are looking for an excellent curriculum grounded in the Catholic faith please call 884-1618 to learn more about OLM School. Tuition assistance is available for all OLM Families. Our Mission is: "...that Mercy may flourish."



Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most

disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your gift makes you a pilgrim of charity around the globe.





# Mass Times for Your Summer Vacation

Travelling this summer? Going on vacation out of state or to the beach? Don't forget to go to Mass wherever you go this summer.

Don't take a vacation from Mass this summer!



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Our Lady of Mercy is proud to introduce "Enhanced Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer" What is EFT?

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/) and click on the 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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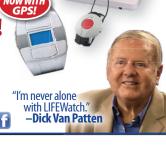
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