

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass			5:00	PM
Sunday Masses	7:30,	9:00 &	10:30	ΑM
September—May			5:00	PM

Daily

Monday - Friday	.7:30	AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays	.8:30	ΑM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass	5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	7:30 AM & 7:00	PM

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ⅓ June 21, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2015

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

The Mass of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM William J. & Margaret Ahern—Memorial

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM For All Fathers 10:30AM For All Fathers

MONDAY, JUNE 22

Weekday/St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More, Martyrs

7:30 AM Bruce Hart—Birthday Remembrance

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

Weekday

7:30 AM Intention of the Priest Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:30AM Intention of the Priest Celebrant

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

Weekday

7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

Weekday

7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Weekday/St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor; BVM 8:30AM Costanzo "Gus" Paglia—26th Anniversary The Mass of Anticipation for 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Maria San Martino—2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Kate Bedard—Birthday Remembrance 10:30AM John Bucci—5th Anniversary



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We had a wonderful celebration of Graduation for the 8th Grade of Our Lady of Mercy School. It began on Sunday with the Mass in honor of the graduates and then a Awards Luncheon. On Monday night the graduates received their diplomas at the beautiful Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations!!

Also, last weekend I, along with Fr. Connors, Seminarian Silva and Bishop Evans attended the OLM School Production of the Lion King. It was a fabulous play and the school children were fantastic. The children had only a few weeks to prepare for the play but nonetheless it was a great production, and yet another reason why our parish school is so special.

School ended last Tuesday for OLM School and ends this Monday for EG Public Schools! Summer begins on June 21st and now we hope and pray for good weather, sunny days and a healthy and happy summer for If you are traveling this summer be sure to pick up the church bulletin when you go to Mass out of state. When you get home to OLM simply put it in the collection basket. I always love to see where people went and what other parishes across the country are doing.

For me the summer usually means more time for books on the beach. What are you reading this summer? I know that Fr. Connors and I will be reading the new encyclical from Pope Francis on the beach!

Released this past week from the Vatican the encyclical letter is entitled "Laudato Si': On the Care of Our Common Home."

It is about something called "integral ecology." This idea tells us that the way we relate with one another and how we relate to the environment are intimately connected. ecology means that "natural ecology"-the environment, our natural resources, the precious gift of Creation—is decidedly linked to "human ecology"—how we respect life, treat one another, regard the poor, structure our economic decisions and policy, mold and shape our society. I know It should prove to be a very interesting read.

However, it isn't only encyclicals that I read at the beach. I also like to read Alan Furst spy novels! He writes historical fiction about espionage in the period just prior to the Second Word War. They are quick and great reads for the beach or a plane ride!

I suppose my interest in such historical fiction about World War II comes from my late Father who loved, both to read books, and was also a World War II combat veteran. It is from him I got the desire to read such novels. So perhaps you might share a book with your child this Father's Day!

Today is Father's Day and we honor and give thanks for all Fathers for their love and support but also for the great gift of Fatherhood.

We offer our prayers and

Masses Sunday for all our Fathers both living and deceased. We ask God to bestow upon all Fathers his blessings, guidance and protection. Happy Fathers Day to all our OLM Fathers!

Speaking of Fathers, next Saturday Bishop Tobin is to ordain three young men as priests. The new Fathers are Joshua Barrow, Nicholas Fleming and Ryan Simas, and are to be ordained priests at the Cathedral at 10am on Saturday. June 27th. The bishop offers these profound words as part of the ceremony: "Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross." Please pray for these new priests as they begin their priestly ministry.

Father Connors and I were also both ordained in late June. Fr. Connors celebrates three years as a priest on Tuesday, June 23rd and I mark my twentieth anniversary of priesthood on Wednesday, June 24th. I humbly ask for your prayers for the both of us and our priestly ministry at OLM. May Christ, the Eternal High Priest, continue to guide us to understand what we do, imitate what we celebrate, and conform our lives to the great mystery of His Cross.

Summer has arrived!! Remember the words of Jesus: "Come away by yourselves and rest a while." Enjoy the summer before it ends! God Bless. God Bless All Fathers! Happy Father's

Tather Healey



Dear Eric: How can I make a Holy Hour?

A large part of priestly formation (and probably the most important) is prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines prayer as: "the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the

requesting of good things from God (CCC 2559)." God is intimately involved in every aspect of our lives and most certainly in every aspect of our day. The challenge is to find out where and how, and this is primarily discovered through prayer.

I've mentioned before that everyday in the seminary we do what is called a "holy hour." This is simply an hour spent dedicated to prayer. There aren't any specific guidelines on how or where to conduct one. It could literally be anywhere. Ideally one should be held in a church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. In the past, I've done them sitting outside in a park just admiring the beauty of God's creation.

But how does one go about spending an hour in prayer? My first recommendation is to find someplace quiet. Try to calm your thoughts and acknowledge that you're in the presence of God. I usually start with some sort of organized prayer like the rosary, The Liturgy of the Hours, or any particular novena I may be invested in at the time. Next, I try to move to meditation. Usually I bring a bible with me, pick an event, usually one in the life of Christ, and try to imagine the scene and myself as someone involved. I try to pay attention to everything that comes up during this time and write it down to reference it in later meetings with my spiritual director. Some days if meditation is just not working out then I will do some kind of spiritual reading usually something written by a saint.

Again, there is no set way of doing a holy hour, but this is just how I go about it. One piece of advice is usually to divide up your time during the hour. However, sometimes there may be something going on that requires your full attention during prayer and can't be limited.

OLM Summer Seminarian Eric Silva is filling in for Fr. Connors for the next ten weeks. If you have a question about the Catholic Church, Catholic Teaching, or the life of a seminarian, please email all questions to parish@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

June 14, 2015

Weekly	\$12,312.50
EFT	\$3,277.50
	Total=\$15,590.00
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Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Jaxson Lee Smith,

and his parents Darren and Jenniferbeth.

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



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This week the Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine have been donated in loving memory of Philip Gardner.



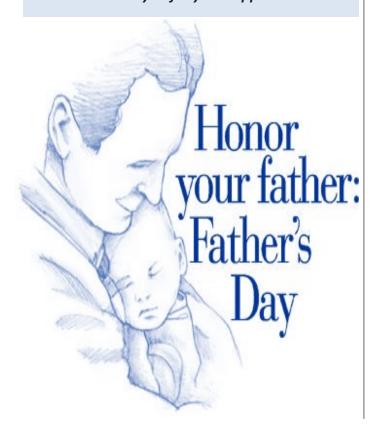
The Sacrament of Confirmation is to be conferred by Bishop Tobin on **Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 5:00PM** at Our Lady of Mercy Church. *Mark your calendars!*



Please Don't Forget the Hungry During the Summer!

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Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

Junior Legion of Mary

Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at atoljan@msn.com



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2015-16 PTG Board: Please join us in welcoming the 2015-16 Parent Teacher Group (PTG) Board Members. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and wish them well as they take on their new roles. The following will hold their position for the upcoming school year:

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Monthly OLM Breakfast Group

Join us on Wednesday, June 24th for breakfast immediately following the 7:30am Mass at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in

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