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#### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ June 16, 2013

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

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

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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.

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#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 15**

Vigil of the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Jennie & Richard Collins—Memorial
5:00 PM Letto F. Vickery—Memorial

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 16**

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Donald & Helen E. Green—Memorial 10:30 AM Frank Almonte—Memorial

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 17**

Weekday

7:30 AM Neil O'Donnell—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

St. Barnabas, Apostle

7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

Weekday/Saint Romuald, Abbot 7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

Weekday

7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious 7:30AM John Bucci—3rd Anniversary

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Ss. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs; BVM

8:30 AM David Kenney—12th Anniversary 5:00 PM William J. & Margaret E. Ahern—Memorial

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Louis Catanio—Memorial 10:30 AM Felix & Irene Giorgio—Memorial



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Happy Fathers Day! This day has an important place in American life and while it is not on the Church's liturgical calendar we still remember the importance of Fatherhood. So let us remember all Fathers today both the living and deceased and give God thanks for the gift of Fatherhood.

I recently finished reading a book given to me by a friend "A Man: entitled Good Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver." Sargent Shriver is well known to many as the brother-inlaw of President Kennedy who founded the Peace Corps and an outspoken advocate for Special Olympics which was founded by his wife Eunice Kennedy. He also served as the founder the Job Corp, Head Start and was the architect of President Johnson's War on Poverty and served as US Ambassador to France. Sargent Shriver was also an unsuccessful candidate for Vice-President and President.

However, it is not any of these roles that are recounted in the book by his son, Mark Shriver. Rather the book recounts the much more important role of Father that Sargent Shriver lived out with love and faith. Sargent Shriver was a devout Catholic who attended Mass daily his entire life. His son tells the story of man who while busy with a very distinguished career always had time for his wife and children as well as his faith and God.

It is quite a poignant story of the relationship between a

Father and his son. Mark Shriver's book is an excellent read and it tells of his attempt to understand the lessons of his Father's life including Sargent Shriver's final struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. These lessons speak of the durability of faith, the endurance of hope, and the steadfastness of love.

On this Fathers' Day perhaps we might take a moment to recall our own Fathers in prayer. For those Fathers who have gone before us, we might offer a prayer of thanksgiving for their love and for their gift of Fatherhood. For our Fathers still living, we might pray that they continue to offer a strong example of faith, hope and love for their children. Fatherhood should be celebrated as it is one of the most important roles lived out in life. Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, may God continue to bless and guide you!

This past Thursday night we celebrated the Graduation Mass for the Our Lady of Mercy School Eighth Grade Class. The class of 2013 now moves on to high school in the fall. We thank them for their presence in our school and for their commitment to academic excellence and the Catholic values that so distinguish our parish school. We also thank their parents for their support and sacrifice in ensuring their children a first-class Catholic education at OLM.

Finally we thank the dedicated administration and faculty at OLM for guiding and

teaching these young men and women not only wisdom, but also, the important lessons of faith, hope and love. May God continue to bless our OLM School *alumni* with wisdom and mercy as well as guide them to always be men and women of faith, hope and love. Congratulations OLM Class of 2013!

Next weekend will be Father Shemek's last weekend serving at Our Lady of Mercy. In the year he has been here he has brought tremendous energy, faith and joy to our community. He is a fine priest and I know he will be missed by many including me. As he leaves our parish and moves on to his new position as Pastor in Tiverton, keep him in your prayers. You will have a chance to thank him for his ministry and say farewell next weekend after the 10:30AM Mass at a Farewell Reception in Mercy Park.

While we celebrate Fatherhood and also say Farewell to our OLM Class of 2013, and soon to our own Father Shemek, I am reminded of the words of St. Francis de Sales who tells us : "Do not fear what may happen The tomorrow. same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and everyday. Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all thoughts anxious and imaginings." Happy Fathers Day! God Bless.

Father Healey

### **The Catechism Corner**

"Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so we have the courage to pray..." We usually hear these words at Mass right before we pray the "Our Fa-

ther." There on the altar is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and with Him each one of us prays, "Our Father." Christ taught us this prayer because He wants us to know and



share in the intimacy He Himself YEAR OF FAITH 2013 has with the Father. What an AWESOME gift! Referring to the Almighty with the same Name Christ calls Him! But unfortunately we might not always be aware of this great privilege. At present we live in a society where fatherhood is constantly under attack. Some social policies make it financially beneficial not to have the father in the home and there are even some laws that give the father no rights in protecting the life of his unborn child. This slow and gradual stripping away of the dignity of fatherhood not only has grave consequences for the individual, the family, and the society, but it also has grave consequences for our relationship with Almighty God. Jesus did not arbitrarily pick "Father" out of a list of possible names. Rather, "Father" expresses the very depths of Christ's own personal relationship. Christ invites us into that mystery by telling us to call His Father, "Our Father." "We can invoke God as 'Father' because he is revealed to us by his Son become man and because his Spirit makes him known to us. The personal relation of the Son to the Father is something that man cannot conceive of nor the angelic powers even dimly see: and yet, the Spirit of the Son grants a participation in that very relation to us who believe that Jesus is the Christ and that we are born to God." The implications of God's fatherhood are great and varied. They remind us of His creative and protective love, His providential and omnipotent care for us, and His gift in giving us His only Son to be our Savior. The "Our Father" is perhaps the most basic prayer of the Catholic Faith and at the same time it is the powerful prayer. It reminds us of the greatness of God's love and also the responsibility we have in responding to that love. Father knows best so first check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2780 and then have a Happy Father's Day



#### **JUNE 9, 2013**

Weekly	\$11,158.50
EFT	\$682.00
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Outreach	\$343.00

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.

### Thank you for your generosity!

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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



#### 2013 Parish Goal

Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Donor Goal: 600 Donors Raised to date: \$217,053 Donors to date: 622 Average Gift: \$350.00

#### **OLM 2012 CCA Results**

Pledge Goal: \$195,000 Total Raised: \$187,271 Total Number of Donors: 505 Average Gift:\$370.00

Thank You For Your Generous Support!



Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now being accepted. Please contact the Office Parish at 884-4968 parish@olmparish.org to obtain a form. Please note that all those students who are entering the 8th Grade (Public, Private or Catholic School) next year must be registered for 8th Grade Confirmation Class. 2nd Grade is a Sacramental Preparation Year and all those in need of First Communion should be registered in advance. All RE Classes are scheduled for Sundays.

#### RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

#### RE Grades 6—8

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

Last call for a First Communion DVD! All those who would like the DVD of this year's First Communion Mass should contact the Parish Office this week.



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 any denomination a realso helpful. **The next Bereavement Support Group meeting** will be Thursday, June 20, 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.

# Farewell Reception for Fr. Shemek

Sunday, June 23, 2013 Following 10:30AM Mass

Join us in saying "Farewell and Thank You" to



Father Shemek as he leaves Our Lady of Mercy Parish to begin his new assignment as the Pastor of St. Theresa and St. Christopher Parishes in Tiverton. Fr. Shemek celebrate and preach for the last time

at all Masses on the weekend of June 22/23 and you will be able to say good-bye and thank you at the reception in Mercy Park immediately following the 10:30AM Mass. Congratulations Fr. Shemek on your new assignment and Thank You for your ministry at Our Lady of Mercy.

## Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Filipini Sisters at Our Lady of Mercy Parish Sunday, June 30, 2013 10:30AM Mass followed by Reception

Please join us in giving thanks to God for the ministry of Sister Rose and Sister Lucy at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. The Filipini Sisters are leaving OLM and we will mark their dedicated service here with a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a Farewell Reception at Mercy Park. We thank the good Sisters for their years of service to our parish family. Come offer your prayerful best wishes for them on June 30.



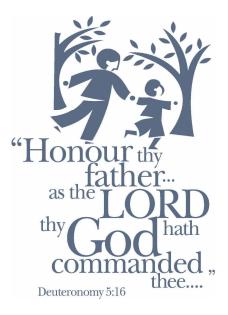


Congratulations to our newly baptized:

Alessandra Rose Hagopian and her parents, Philip and Gioia.

**Gibson John Goudie,** and his parents, Brett and Jean-Nicole.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."—The Rite of Baptism





I—Anthony Gelsomino & Tracy Alix

III—Andrew McCarty & Katherine Petres



### **Prayerful Congratulations to the Class of 2013!**

Robert Carl Baxter III Connery Li Cannon Hunter Corbett Michael E. Cottam Jacob Bishop Covell Jared David Covell Makenna Mary Dacey Zachary Michael DeNuccio Elizabeth Joy DiSanto Peter Joseph Faherty Ryan James Farrell Sarah Grace Fiore Lucas Michael Gesmundo Aidan B. Gleason Claire Victoria Hanlon Daniel Kenneth Hurley Valerie Anna LaBore Daniel Toole Legare Daniel Christian Locke Isabelle N. Lucente Ethan Joseph Lyons Zachary John Magiera Bianca Rose Miccolis Kathryn Elizabeth Moore Lauryn Elizabeth Morrissey James Warren Mueller Cameron Christopher Navlor Sean William Noonan Timothy John O Brien Jr. Matthew Donald Paliotta Katie Ann Paparelli Patrick John Petteruti Kathryn M. Pope Benjamin James Rotatori Hannah Marie Senerchia Luke Dominick Stirpe Natalie Jane Turner Devon Brooke Werner Ryan Paul Williams

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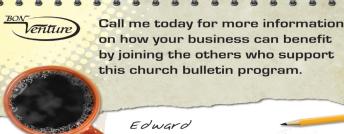
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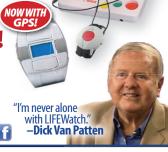
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