

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass......4:00 PM Sunday Masses......7:30, 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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#### Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2015

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

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## The Second Sunday of Lent March 1, 2015

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

The Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Lent 4:00PM John Donahue—Memorial

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Kathleen Moore Oliverio—Memorial 10:30AM Alan Goldman—Memorial

5:00PM Jacob Becker III—Memorial

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial 12:05PM Frank White—Memorial

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Lenten Weekday/St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin
7:30 AM Deborah Anderson—Memorial
12:05PM Albert Catanio—Birthday Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Lenten Weekday/St. Casimir

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Deborah Anderson—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Murray & Mary Catherine Finley—Memorial 12:05PM William McKenna—Memorial

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Dorothy Kehoe—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

Lenten Weekday/Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Lent 4:00PM Albert Catanio—Birthday Remembrance

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Joyce M. Richard—Memorial

10:30AM Deceased Members of Mellon & Kane Families-Mem.

5:00PM Frank Reddington—Memorial







PRAYER

FASTING

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# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Yes another Sunday and another snowstorm! Enough already! Last Sunday's storm was messy but didn't produce too much snow. Just lots of slush and puddles with no place for all the water to go! We sprung a few leaks in Church due to the weather, but Paul Anderson and our crack maintenance crew were on top of it.

I wish to thank them again for their hard work in cleaning up after all these storms. It requires lots of hours of work late at night and early in the morning. They are dedicated to cleaning up all the mess from the storms so the path to Church and School is clear and safe. We are grateful for their hard work, dedication and service to the entire parish.

How is your Lent going? Have you kept your fast? Have you persevered in prayer? Don't give up! If you've fallen from the sacred fast of Lent, start all over again. A wise priest once told me the forty days of Lent can be made up lots of mini-Lents for those who forget to fast, abstain from meat, or neglect their prayers. Like our Lord we can get up when we fall and begin the Lenten journey anew!

This weekend we kickoff the annual Catholic Charity Appeal at Our Lady of Mercy. Our parish goal this year is \$193,864. It is a familiar goal for us as it was the same last year. Of course, last year thanks to your generous support we surpassed the parish goal raising just over \$248,000! The second highest amount

raised by any parish in the Diocese of Providence. Only Saint Luke's Church in Barrington raised more for the CCA.

The funds raised by the Catholic Charity Appeal support a variety of agencies and programs that meet the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our sisters and brothers in Rhode The CCA Island. supports numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence which provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands of Rhode Islanders each year regardless of race, creed or background. ministries supported by the Fund range from social service ministries providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, to immigration and refugee services.

The Catholic Church is the second largest social service agency in the nation, second only to the government. In Rhode Island no other Church group offers the vast network of charitable support, educational support and social service support does the Diocese Providence. As Catholics we can take pride that our Church continues to preach the Good News of Christ to the poor, the needy, the imprisoned, refugee, and the outcast. We do so guite effectively and efficiently but more importantly we do so willingly and lovingly.

It is the great untold story of our Church. You can help keep this story alive with your generous support of the Catholic Charity Appeal. Any gift you can make is appreciated and truly needed. We are asking each parish family to consider a pledge of \$250, payable over 10 months. We also ask those who have been greatly blessed to consider becoming a Bishop's Partner in Charity with a gift of \$1,000 or more.

The CCA has remained steady in raising it's goal, but in recent years has seen a steep decline in the number of donors supporting the goal. This is due in part to the number of Catholics no longer participating in the life of the Church and supporting the mission of the Church financially, as have previous generations. Last year 620 families from OLM donated to the CCA raising \$248,000! We are grateful but what of the other 1,900 families at Our Lady of Mercy Parish?

In his message for Lent, Pope Francis spoke of making our hearts more like the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He says: "In this way we will receive a heart which is firm merciful, attentive generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent." We must remember that as committed Catholics we can never remain indifferent to the plight of the I urge you to please poor. support the CCA. It not only can make a difference, it does, and it will, make a difference. Thank you! It's Lent so Fridays are for fish and Stations of the Cross! God Bless.

Father Healey



### Dear Fr. Connors: Why don't Catholics eat meat on Fridays in Lent?

The short answer is because Catholics believe in penance. While

this is not widely understood today, Catholics believe freely chosen sacrifices offered to Christ have value for our sanctification.

The universal law of the Church requires abstinence from meat on all Fridays throughout the year. In 1966 the bishops of the United States were granted permission for Catholics in the United States to substitute some other act of piety or charity for abstinence from meat on non-Lenten Fridays. That is to say, every Friday throughout the year remains a day of penance. Catholics should do something on Fridays—extra prayers or small sacrifices—to recall our Lord's death on the Cross.

In Lent, however, the traditional obligation of abstinence was retained even in the United States. Abstinence from meat is an ancient and common form of self-denial and sacrifice. For many centuries this has been the communal form of mortification.

While an extravagant fish dinner would not violate the letter of law, the Catholic faithful have always understood that the idea is for the meal to be sacrificial. The beneficial thing about Friday abstinence from meat is that it is identifiable and communal. All Catholics together make this common sacrifice.

Fasting and acts of self-denial like abstinence aid our prayer by freeing the mind for contemplation. They satisfy for sins as they are acts of penance properly so-called. They also lead to growth in virtue by increasing self-restraint.

The real question is: do we value self-denial? Do we understand the importance of fasting and penance as our Lord spoke of them in the Gospel? He was always pointing us to the deepest meaning of these practices, that is, union with Him and growth in charity. It so doing it benefits others too.

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





#### February 22, 2015

Weekly	\$21,141.50
EFT	\$ <u>1,418.00</u>
	Total=\$22,559.50
Ash Wednesday	\$3,838.00
Outreach	\$344.00

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.

### Thank you for your generosity!



#### **SECOND COLLECTIONS**

This Week: Building and Grounds Collection



### Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Charity Appeal

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
Parish Chairs of CCA

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Zubiago
Parish Chairs of Bishop Partnership in Charity

2015 Parish Goal=\$193,864.00

#### 2014 CCA Results at OLM

2014 Goal=\$193,864.00 2014 Total Raised=\$248,342.50 2014 Number of Donors=620 2014 Average Gift=\$400.00

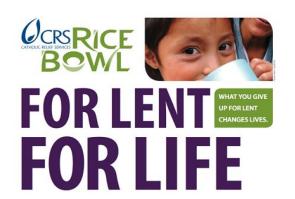


#### RE Classes resume this weekend. Welcome back!

- •Confirmation: All **Grade 8** Confirmation Candidates, Public, Parochial and Home Study are reminded that there is a **mandatory lecture** on <u>Sunday, March 8th from 6:00pm-7:00pm</u>. Our guest will lecture on the topic of Vocations.
- •First Communion: All First Communion families, public and parochial, are reminded that there is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00pm in the OLM School cafeteria.



On the weekend of March 7/8 we will be having a **BLANKET DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS** to benefit Emmanuel House. Due to the harsh winter all of the shelters have been strained. We are collecting donations of **new** blankets for donation to the Emmanuel House shelter. Mrs. Grace Murphy is the coordinator of this event. Please drop off your donations at any mass the weekend of March 7 and 8. Thank you for your generosity! For questions call the Outreach Office at 884-4410





- Mother/Son Event at PC Friars, Sunday March 1st!
- •Father/Daughter Dance, Saturday, March 7th!
- •OLM Students will be attending 12:05PM Mass during Lent.

Now accepting applications for entrance.

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### **OLM Young Families Group**

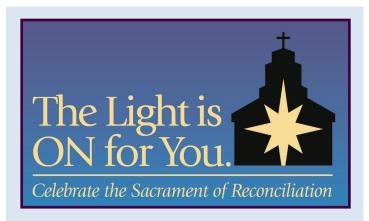
The OLM Young Families Group meets in the OLM School Gym. Baby-sitting for children is available, pizza and drinks served. For more information contact Kate Jelinek at kate jelinek@hotmail.com

Meeting on **Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30PM.** Join us for discussion on "Catholic Parenting" with Joe and Carol Cavanagh.

RSVP to Kate Jelinek at kate jelinek@hotmail.com



At the Catholic Youth Ministry & Scout Awards Celebration at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul on Sunday, March 8 at 1:00PM, Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner, Thomas Desmarais, is to be honored and presented the St. Timothy Award. The award is the highest national youth ministry award a Catholic Youth can receive for integrity, leadership and service. We are proud that Thomas is part our parish and lives his Catholic Faith with conviction. Congratulations Thomas!



#### Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy During Lent

Monday thru Friday from 11:45AM until 12 Noon

Mondays from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with two priests (one guest priest)

Saturdays from 3:00PM until 3:45PM

#### **Confessions During Parish Mission**

Monday, March 23 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

Tuesday, March 24 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00PM until 6:45PM with four priests (two guest priests)

"Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things — even shame — but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy. The sacrament of reconciliation is a sacrament of healing." —Pope Francis

#### **The Stations of the Cross**

**Every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM** 



#### Please join us!

"We Adore You, O Christ, and we praise You. Because by Your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world."

#### **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

This Friday, March 6th



Exposition following the 12:05PM Mass

Adoration All Afternoon

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at Stations of the Cross

Adorers are needed, please sign up in vestibule.

"Could you not watch one hour with me?"

—Mark 14:37

# MAKE LENT COUNT

PRAY - ACT - GIVE

#### **BOOK RACK**

There are many spiritual and informative books and pamphlets available for Lent. Stop by and take a look!

#### **LENTEN TABLE**

All during Lent a table with religious articles, some new and some used, are placed on a table in the vestibule. They are available to you without any cost. All items have been donated by the parishioners and friends of OLM. Take a few moments and browse!



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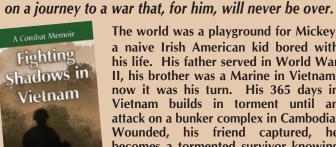
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