

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass.	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
September—June	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 8	7:00	PM

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Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2014

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

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The Second Sunday of Lent March 16, 2014

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Lent 4:00 PM Joseph Basler—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

9:00 AM Michael Vitucci—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Mary Gianardi—1st Anniversary

5:00PM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick, Bishop

7:30 AM Timothy Lyons—19th Anniversary

12:05PM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday/St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial 12:05PM Susan Delaney de LIniere—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

7:30 AM Innocenzo Zaino—Memorial

12:05PM Alfred Beaulieu—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Harold L. Maddalena—Memorial 12:05PM John Weiland, Sr.—Memorial

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Col. Howard F. Brown—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation of the Third Sunday of Lent 4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Del Tufo Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Ida Dellena—4th Anniversary10:30AM Bethany Briggs—Memorial5:00PM Raymond Levesque—Memorial

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We officially kick off the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal at Our Lady of Mercy this weekend. I am grateful to Mr. Kevin McDevitt for his leadership of this part of the Appeal. Many of you may have already received a mailing with a pledge card, if you have already made your pledge it will be credited to OLM.

Our Charity Appeal goal this year is \$193,684, one of the highest in the Diocese. Last year we raised \$227,860 with 632 parish families pledging their support. It is notable that there 100 first were over time contributors last year. I am confident that we can again surpass our goal and hopeful that more of our 2,200 parish families might support the good works of the Church.

The Catholic Charity Appeal funds the works of the Catholic Church here in Rhode Island and many social service agencies that provide assistance to the poor, the needy, the sick, the elderly, immigrants, refugees. Your donations help feed and house the homeless at Emmanuel House, provide assistance for the elderly and poor at the St. Martin de Porres Center. provide the sacraments prisoners at the ACI, aid the poor in affording heat in the cold winter months, and help refugee families find a place of freedom and welcome here in Rhode Island.

We are asking every parish family to prayerfully consider a pledge of \$250 this year. Also, if

you have never contributed to the Catholic Charity Drive, we encourage you to please to do so this year.

The Catholic Charity Appeal is the main source of support for our diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year. It is our responsibility to ensure that these agencies and programs have the resources available to help our brothers and sisters in Thank you for your need. generosity in supporting the good works of our Church.

It's hard to believe but this week we celebrate the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. On Monday we mark St. Patrick's Feast at the 12:05PM Mass. There will be Irish hymns, readings in Irish and Irish soda bread and coffee following the Mass. Our guest homilist is Fr. Nick Smith, one of our great Senior Priests and a native of Ireland. Please join us!

On Wednesday we mark the Solemnity of St. Joseph at the 12:05PM Mass. The Mass is to be celebrated by Bishop Evans in Italian. We will have Italian hymns, students from the Italian Club at Prout joining us and of course, those delicious zeppoles following Mass. (Since it's a solemnity it doesn't technically count as Lent!) Our guest homilist this year is Fr. Joseph "Giuseppe" Upton, the Prout Chaplain. So please join us for this celebration!

Soon the NCAA begins the "March Madness" as its basketball tournament is called.

We had a little of that "madness" last weekend as our OLM Basketball teams played in the CAL Tournament. Two of our teams, sixth grade boys and girls, were crowned State Champions and several others were runners up. Congratulations to them all on a great season!

These celebrations in Lent might be a distraction for some. But not to worry, next weekend we begin our Annual Parish Mission with Fr. Mark Spalding serving as our Mission Preacher. This is our annual "retreat" as a parish where we can refocus, renew and refresh our faith. So mark your calendars now for the Mission. All the details are in this week's bulletin.

On Saturday afternoon we celebrated Confession for the RE Frist Communion Class and next Saturday we do the same for the OLM School Class. I ask your prayers for these children as they receive God's merciful forgiveness and grace for the first time in Confession. When did you last make a good Confession?

Last Sunday Pope Francis reminded us: "Lent is a favorable opportunity for all of us to make a journey of conversion, renew the promises of our Baptism, and renounce Satan and all his works and seductions in order to walk the paths of God and 'to arrive at Easter in the joy of the Holy Spirit." So pray, fast and give alms! Remember Fridays are for fish and the Stations of the Cross!

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: Why does the Apostles' Creed say that after Jesus died, "He descended into hell"...... Why did He go there? Why isn't it



mention in the Nicene Creed?

This is a great question especially as we prepare to celebrate the Holy Triduum at the end of Lent. This

question is basically asking what exactly happened on Holy Saturday. Where did Jesus go before He rose from the dead?

The first thing is that He really died. There was some controversy in the early Church about whether in fact Jesus died. The fact that He "suffered death and was buried" as the Nicene Creed says shows that in fact He died. The Apostles Creed makes even more explicit, "He descended into Hell."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "In his human soul united to his divine person, the dead Christ went down to the realm of the dead. He opened heaven's gates for the just who had gone before him" (CCC 627). The First Letter of Peter says, "For this is why the gospel was preached even to the dead (1 Peter 4:6).

On Holy Saturday, after His death on the Cross, Jesus preached the Gospel to the righteous who were awaiting His coming. He freed the souls of the just who died awaiting a Savior. This is distinct from the Hell of the damned, those who died outside of God's friendship.

Our Lord's descent into Hell has traditionally been understood not so much as the experience of Hell—the separation from God the Father, which Jesus never had since He possessed the beatific vision—but as completing His messianic mission, preaching the Gospel even to those righteous who awaited His coming.

Benedict XVI beautifully explained: "The Lord's descent into Hell means that Jesus reaches even the past, that the effectiveness of the Redemption does not begin in the year 0 or 30, but also embraces the past, all men and women of all time."



March 9, 2014

Weekly	\$11,984.50
EFT	\$729.00
Ash Wednesday	\$4,505.00
Outreach	

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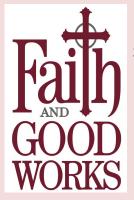
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Catholic Charity Appeal

2014 CCA Parish Goal for OLM: \$193,684 2014 OLM Donor Goal: 600



CCA 2013 OLM Goal: \$195,000 2013 Total Raised at OLM: \$227,860 2013 OLM Donor Goal: 550 Total 2013 Donors: 632

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
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We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Harold Maddalena** and **Howard Brown** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.

May they rest in peace.

Monday, March 17th



St. Patrick's Day Celebration
12:05PM Mass with Readings in Irish
Fr. Nicholas Smith,
Senior Priest & Native of Ireland,
Guest Preacher
Irish Soda Bread & Coffee to Follow Mass



Wednesday, March 19th



St. Joseph's Day Celebration
12:05PM Mass in Italian
Bishop Roberto Evans, Celebrant
Father Giuseppe Upton,
Chaplain at Prout HS, Guest Homilist
Zeppoles and Coffee to Follow Mass





THE VERY REV. J. MARK SPALDING Mission Preacher

Join us for our Annual Parish Lenten Mission beginning the weekend of March 22/23. Father Spalding will commence the Mission by preaching at all weekend Masses.

The Mission continues each of the next three nights as Father Spalding presents a Mission Talk on the theme:

The Mission of the 3 M's!

Monday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. Mercy: Being the Agent's of God's Mercy!

Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. Mammon: Living Gratitude and Generosity!

Wednesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. Mary: Following Her Example of Faith, Hope and Love!

Multiple priests will be available for Confession each night beginning at 6:00 p.m. Additionally, Father Spalding will preach at the 12:05 p.m. daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information, contact the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Office by phone at 401-884-4968 or by email at parish@olmparish.org.



Ordained in 1991, Father Mark Spalding serves as a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky. He has served in various ministries including as a High School Chaplain, Associate Pastor, and Diocesan Judicial Vicar. He presently serves as the Vicar-General of the Archdiocese and as Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Louisville. He received his B.A. in History from St. Meinrad Seminary College in Indiana. He also holds advanced degrees in Theology and Canon Law from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. Well known as a Mission Preacher in the tri-state region of Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana, Father Spalding is also a die-hard fan of the University of Kentucky Wildcats Basketball team.

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OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5
Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM
RE Grades 6—8
Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

Upcoming RE Events:

OLM School First Reconciliation Service Saturday, March 22 at 1PM



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food. Please leave your food donations in the box in the vestibule of Church. Please place all food donations in the large Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. If you would like to volunteer to assist with our Food Pantry, please contact Doug Green at 884-4410. OLM Bereavement Group meets this Thursday, March 20th at 4:00PM in Mercy House.

Thank you for your generosity.



Movie Night! All OLM High School students are invited to join us on Friday, March 21st as we watch the new movie, "Son of God." We gather at the East Greenwich Showcase Cinema at 6:45PM. For more information contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or associatepastor@olmparish.org



Congratulations to all of our OLM CAL Basketball Teams on a great season!



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CAL Tournament March 28-30



Lenten Schedule at Our Lady of Mercy

Daily Masses During Lent

7:30AM & 12:05PM

Confessions During Lent

Mondays at 6:00PM & Saturdays at 3:00PM

The Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00PM

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