

† 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	ΑM
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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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 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

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

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The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time March 2, 2014

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Mass of Anticipation for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time 4:00 PM William M. Pearson, Sr.—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

The Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

9:00 AM Nancy Appleton—6th Anniversary

10:30AM Eugeniusz & Joanna Krzemien—Memorial

5:00PM Armand J. Maddalena—Memorial

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Weekday/St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:30 AM Murray & Mary Catherine Finley—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Weekday

7:30 AM Ned Shuman—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Ash Wednesday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

9:00AM Rosemary Gothier—Memorial

12:05PM Charles E. Kelley, Jr. —2nd Anniversary

7:00PM $\,\,$ The Deceased Members of the Eberhardt &

Ferris Families

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 AM James Potter—3rd Anniversary

12:05PM John H. Duffy—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:30AM John McNulty—Memorial

12:05PM James J. Hanlon—Month's Mind

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Saturday after Ash Wednesday/ST. John of God, religious

8:30 AM Harriet Drake—15th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation of the First Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM Helena Majewski—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

The First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Nancy Appleton—6th Anniversary

10:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Birthday Remembrance

5:00PM Dorothy Mullen—Memorial

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This week the Church across the globe once again enters into the solemn forty day fast of Lent. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

At OLM we have four Masses for Ash Wednesday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:05PM and 7:00PM. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a time for us to truly: "Repent and believe in the Gospel!"

How do we repent for the forty days of Lent? There are many ways to take up the cross of Lent and truly repent. "The Three Ps" of Lent: prayer, penance and the poor are the truest path to a good Lent.

Prayer is essential for the life of any Christian. The best prayer for the Catholic Christian is the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. At Our Lady of Mercy we have an extra Daily Mass during Lent at 12:05PM. So I invite you to consider coming to Mass daily during Lent, at 7:30AM before work or school or at 12:05PM as you sacrifice some of your lunch hour for God.

There are also other opportunities for prayer and devotion during Lent. We can take up the cross and walk with Christ to Calvary as we pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00PM. Could you possibly give up a half-hour once a week to join us for the Stations? Are

you willing to sacrifice even one Friday night during Lent for our Lord who sacrificed His life for you?

On March 22nd we begin our Annual Parish Mission as we enter into a "retreat" as a community of faith. This year our Mission Preacher is Father Mark Spalding from Louisville, Kentucky. So mark your calendar now and plan on attending this important spiritual event in the life of our parish.

What about penance? Well, first and foremost Lent is a time for us to return to the Sacrament of Confession most especially if we haven't been in awhile. Confessions at OLM are Monday nights at 6:00PM and Saturday afternoons at 3:00PM. Additionally, during the Parish Mission guest priests will be available to hear confessions each night of the Mission. So, get to Confession this Lent, it's good for the soul!

What other sacrifice can we make during Lent? Can we give up some personal pleasure or luxury in our lives for forty days? What could it be? Cigars, alcohol, candy, dessert, the internet, television, video games or texting? This kind of traditional penance, fasting from something, is not meant to make us merely physically healthier (although it might help) but more importantly spiritually healthier. Giving up something in Lent should help us to deepen our relationship with the Lord who fasted forty days in the desert.

Perhaps we might also

take on something extra during Lent, more time spent in prayer at home or at Church, reciting the Rosary daily, or even reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures daily. Perhaps we might try to break some bad "spiritual" habits and try arrive to Sunday Mass early to pray or even on time if we are often late. All of these are wonderful ways to strengthen our commitment to Christ during Lent.

Almsgiving is also central to Lent. Helping the poor with our charity is an important part of our lives as Catholic Christians. We help the poor by giving not just from our surplus but by truly offering financial and spiritual that entails support some sacrifice. We can practically help the poor during Lent with financial donations to Operation Rice Bowl, the Catholic Charity Appeal, or the OLM Outreach. Volunteering at the OLM Outreach Office, McAuley House or Emmanuel House are other ways to help the poor.

In his first Lenten Message to the Church, Pope Francis reminds us: "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt." Prayer, Penance and the Poor! Lent is coming, are you ready? God Bless.

Father Healey

Dear Fr. Connors: Why is the Church opposed to homosexual marriage?

Fr. Connors Q&A

In a word, because love-making and life-making go together. Marriage is the friendship of a man and woman bonded together for life. It is uniquely the kind of union that brings new life into the

world. Based in the natural complementarity of husband and wife, marriage—of its nature—is ordered to new life.

Opposing a redefinition of marriage does not pit one against anybody. No one should be reduced to—or identified by—sexual desire. To those who fall short of the teaching of Christ the Church offers mercy. The confusion of the culture on this matter is enormous.

The Church teaches that everybody has a dignity beyond imagining. For that very reason, Catholics believe the union that brings new life into the world deserves a special name and special status. That view is not a "No" to anybody but a "Yes" to the truth about life and family.

What—truth to tell—must be classified as misguided compassion does not justify redefining marriage. Defining marriage as the union of a man and woman bonded together for life does not discriminate against anyone; it describes what marriage is. The friendship of siblings or between two or three friends is just not the same as the life-long and life-giving bond of husband and wife. Claiming that anyone who loves each other can enter a marriage demonstrates that one has simply failed to understand what marriage is.

The claim that the possibility of creating new life is an accidental quality of marital relations—and not constitutive of what marriage is—reveals a culture blind to the miracle of life. A culture that values life will only flourish when the relationship from which life springs is also esteemed. As the unique friendship which alone creates new life, marriage is no small thing indeed. Come what may, it is worth fighting for.

If you have a question on the Church and Her teachings for Fr. Connors send it to associatepastor@olmparish.org



February 23, 2014

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EFT	\$693.00
Outreach	\$145.00

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds

Annual 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

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CCA In-Pew Solicitation March 15/16, 2014



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, Edward H. Torgen and William A. Reilly, Jr. whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.

May they rest in peace.



Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts. Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an Following the authentic sense of penance. implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).

Book Rack & Lenten Table



There are many books and pamphlets available on our parish book rack located in the Church vestibule. These items are a great source of spiritual reading during

the Lenten Season. Also, all during the Lenten Season, a table with religious articles, both old and new, is available in the Church vestibule. All these items have been donated by parishioners and friends of OLM and are available to you without cost. Stop by and browse before or after Mass!



Lenten Schedule at Our Lady of Mercy

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, March 5, 2014

7:30AM Mass
9:00AM OLM School Mass
9:30AM Prayer Service at Harbor Hill
10:00AM Prayer Service at Seasons
12:05PM Mass
3:30PM Prayer Service at Greenwich Bay Manor
7:00PM Mass

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

Annual Parish Mission

March 22-26, 2014

The Very Rev. J. Mark Spalding
Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY &
Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Louisville, KY
Mission Preacher

Special Lenten Events

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 Reception 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
Italian Reception to Follow Mass



OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

RE Grades 6-8

Sundays 6:00PM-7:00PM

All RE Classes resume on March 2nd

Upcoming RE Events:

First Communion Parent Meeting

Monday, March 3 at 7:00PM

RE First Reconciliation Service

Saturday, March 15 at 1PM

OLM School First Reconciliation Service

Saturday, March 22 at 1PM

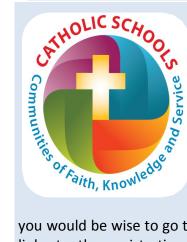
RE Teachers Training SessionMonday, March 10 at 7PM

utreach Update

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.

Thank you for your generosity.





REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWALS

Renewals and new registrations are coming in for next year. Several new Pre K and Kindergarten registrations have already come in. If you are considering either program

you would be wise to go to www.olmschool.org for the links to the registration forms as soon as possible. There is limited availability in other grades. If you have any questions please call the School at 884-1618. Thank you.



Eucharistic Adoration in Lent



Friday, March 7th & Friday, April 4th

Join us for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 12:05PM Mass with Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. Benediction will take place at the Stations of the Cross.

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