

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.......4:00 PM Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Sept—May)

Daily

	Dany	
	Monday - Friday	7:30 AM
	Saturdays & Legal Holidays	8:30 AM
Holy Day		
	Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
	Holyday Masses7:30 A	AM & 7:00 PM

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent № March 6, 2016

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 the parish Deacon 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 and before surgery.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

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Monday - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 6, 2016

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00AM Chris Tasca—2nd Anniversary

10:30AM Joanna & Euoeniusz Krzemian—Memorial

5:00PM Deceased Members of Kane & Mellon Families

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday/Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

7:30 AM Special Intention

12:05PM Fr. Raymond J. Rafferty—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Lenten Weekday/St. John of God, Religious

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory 12:05PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Lenten Weekday/St. Frances of Rome, Religious 7:30AM Fr. Lionel A. Blain—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Susan E. (Dumont) Miner—8th Anniversary

12:05PM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

7:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial

12:05PM Special Intention

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Edward (1st Ann.) & Mary (27th Ann.) Mullaney

10:30AM Michael Vitucci—3rd Anniversary

5:00PM Queenie Colgan—18th Anniversary







PRAYER

TASTING

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

If you haven't been in the Church Sacristy in a while please stop and take a look around. Thanks to the hard work of our OLM Maintenance Team, Paul Anderson and Jeff Franzone, we've spruced up the room. Much needed new and efficient lighting was put in, the walls have been repainted, all the woodwork and cabinets refinished, and the bathroom modernized.

I am grateful to Paul and Jeff for their hard work in restoring the Sacristy. There are still some finishing touches that remain, but it looks great. The Sacristy, if you don't know, is where we keep the vestments, sacred vessels and altar linens and where the priests vest for Mass. It is now a much brighter place to prepare for Holy Mass.

We welcome Fr. Joe Upton to OLM. He is taking time from his very busy schedule as the Chaplain at both Prout High School and the University of RI to preach our Annual Parish Lenten Mission. Fr. Upton is a very busy young priest and I am truly grateful to him for leading us in our Mission.

Fr. Upton is preaching all the weekend Masses and also preaching a Mission Talk each night at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday night there is to be Exposition of the Eucharist and Benediction. Also, each night before the Mission Talk four priests are available for Confession beginning at 6:00pm until 6:45pm.

This is a great chance for our entire parish to make a Mission and take some much needed time in prayer and reflection. It is a time to deepen our faith. I hope you make every effort to attend the Mission as I know it is to be a spiritually beneficial time.

I first met Fr. Upton when he was a twelve year old Altar Sever at St. Paul's Church in Edgewood. He was serving at my First Mass in 1995, and the truth be told had the markings of a fine priest even then! Twenty years later he now is that fine young priest! Fr. Upton has a keen intellect and a tremendous priestly zeal. He is an excellent preacher and I am certain you will enjoy his message at the Mission.

The Annual Catholic Charity Appeal is now underway at OLM. I am grateful to Kevin McDevitt who serves as our Parish CCA Chairman for his leadership and also to Steve Zubiago who Chairs the Bishop's Partnership in Charity portion for our parish. Their leadership along with your generous financial and spiritual support continue to make the CCA successful here at OLM.

As said last weekend, OLM is second only to St. Luke's Church in Barrington when it comes to supporting the CCA. Last year just 518 OLM parishioners pledged their support in raising over \$240,000. In our parish of 2,200, it is clear that we need more parishioners to pledge their support and donate to the CCA.

A large portion of the

support the CCA annually receives at OLM is from the Bishop's Partners in Charity. This is a group who pledge \$1,000 or much more. We are blessed to have such generous benefactors who truly understand the Gospel passage: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more. "

know not every parishioner is able to give at such a level, and so I ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge. We ask each family to consider a \$300 pledge. No matter the size, please know every pledge truly matters. As you consider your level of support for the good works of our Church consider the words of St. Paul: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

On behalf of our CCA Chairmen I offer our gratitude to the OLM parishioners who have already pledged their generous support. In the name of the poor, the sick, the suffering and the needy who are directly impacted by such cheerful support, I say thank you. May God bless your charity and generosity.

It's Lent! Remember that Fridays are for fish and Stations! Pray. Fast. Give Alms. Make the Mission! Support the CCA! Be well. Do Good. God Bless.

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Dear Fr. Connors: Has the Church changed her teaching on contraception?

The short answer is No. Despite what you read in the newspaper Catholic belief about human sexuality is not subject to revision. It represents the truth about human love and thus cannot be changed.

In a word: love-making and life-making go together. Positively choosing one without the other—whether with in vitro fertilization or contraception—falls short of the full truth about human sexuality. Instead of a husband saying to his wife, "I love you completely and give you everything including my fertility" contraception represents a positive choice to sterilize an otherwise fertile freely chosen sexual act.

When asked recently about the proposed "solutions" to the spread of the Zika virus in Brazil, the Pope explained that abortion is always a grave evil. It can never be a solution to kill people.

He similarly praised Pope Paul VI, author of *Humanae Vitae*, the 1968 encyclical which reiterated Catholic belief regarding the immorality of contraception.

Just last year Francis explained that in *Humanae Vitae* Pope Paul's "genius proved prophetic: he had the courage to stand against the majority, to defend moral discipline, to exercise a cultural brake."

The Pope went on to explain that these matters can have some nuance. Most are aware that simply taking a birth control pill is not necessarily a choice for contraception. Some women receive medication to regularize their cycle. Very technically they are receiving medical treatment for a medical problem, not contracepting.

Avoiding pregnancy—for example through Natural Family Planning—is certainly not an intrinsic evil. Victims of rape are not guilty of the sin of contraception if they seek to avoid pregnancy through birth control. What is forbidden by the Church is sterilizing an otherwise fertile freely chosen sexual act. This alone is a choice to separate love-making from life-making. The other cases described do not.

Choosing contraception for the purpose of disease prevention—whether it be AIDS or Zika—is, however, still contraception and thus forbidden. The 10 commandments don't have a shelf-life. And truth doesn't change even in hard cases.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to: associatepastor@olmparish.org



February 28, 2016

Weekly	\$12,443.00
	\$2,158.50
	Total=\$14,601.50
Outreach	\$343.50

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 generous support!

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Catherine Slitt** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.



Confession Times During Lent at OLM

Mondays 6:00—6:45PM with 2 Priests during Lent Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 11:45am-12Noon Tuesdays & Thursdays 7:00am-7:20am Saturdays 3:00—3:45PM



- •ALL RE Classes meet this weekend.
- First Penance: First Confessions for RE Students is to be celebrated Saturday, March 12 at 1pm and for OLM School Students on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00PM. Please pray for our First Communion Class.



- •The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all donated food items in the box in the vestibule of the Church. *Thanks for your support*!
- •For more information contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



•OLM School Lenten Confessions, are scheduled to be heard on Monday, March 7 at 1pm.

Discover the OLM Advantage



Our Lady of Mercy Church 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal Parish Goal =\$193,864

Pledged to date:\$63,400 Number of pledges:149

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
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Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 9:30a.m. - 11:30a.m. OLM Church Cry Room

Materials and instructions are provided.

Our Lady of Mercy Church LENTEN MISSION 2016

Rediscovering the Power of the Gospel: The Good News According to Romans

For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith." -Romans 1:16



As believers, we are constantly invited to reflect on and rediscover the power of the Gospel in our daily lives. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans provides a succinct and powerful presentation of the faith of the Church and shows how the Gospel of Jesus can be lived and believed with transforming power. Please join us for our 2016 Parish Lenten Mission as we unpack and explore the most significant of Saint Paul's letters.

Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6, Weekend Masses: "The Gospel as Power"

Monday, March 7, 7PM: "The Gospel as Victory"

Tuesday, March 8, 7PM: "The Gospel as Reconciliation"

Wednesday, March 9, 7PM: "The Gospel as Way of Life"
Exposition & Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday

Confessions with four priest confessors to be heard each weeknight of the Mission beginning at 6PM.



The Reverend Joseph R. Upton grew up in the Edgewood section of Cranston, Rhode Island. After attending Cranston public schools, Fr. Upton began his studies for the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Seminary. After graduation from Providence College, he completed his formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD and at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He formerly served as Associate Pastor at Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Wakefield. He presently serves as Catholic Chaplain at the University of Rhode Island and Director of the Catholic Center at URI. He also serves as chaplain and teaches at The Prout School in Wakefield.

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ST. PATRICK

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Join us for Holy Mass at 12:05PM celebrated by Bishop Robert C. Evans,

Auxiliary Bishop of Providence.

Mass will include Irish hymns, music and readings in the Irish language.

Fr. Bernard M. O'Reilly,

Pastor Emeritus of St. Patrick Church, Harrisville, RI and native son of Ireland, Homilist

Reception to follow. All are invited to attend





ST. JOSEPH SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Join us for Holy Mass at 8:30AM celebrated in the Italian language by Bishop Robert C. Evans,

Auxiliary Bishop of Providence.

Mass will include hymns and readings in Italian.

Monsignor Albert A. Kenney, Vicar-General of the Diocese

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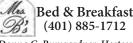
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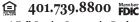
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