

#### **† MASS SCHEDULE †**

#### Weekend

## Saturday Vigil Mass......5:00 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

# Our Rady of Mercy School

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#### Pentecost Sunday 🕸 May 24, 2015

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. 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.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday......8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr. William K. Wray Parish Trustees

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# PARISH DIRECTORY

## **PARISH OFFICE**

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# **OFFICE OF OUTREACH**

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#### SATURDAY, MAY 23

The Vigil of P	entecost
5:00PM	Venice Hayes—5th Anniversary

#### SUNDAY, MAY 24

#### Pentecost

7:30 AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM	Laurea & Leo Hackett—Memorial
10:30AM	Edward V. Healey, Jr.—4th Anniversary
5:00PM	Special Intention

#### MONDAY, MAY 25-MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday/St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor of the Church 8:30 AM Emily & Frederick Miller—Memorial

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 26**

St. Philip Ne	ri, Priest
7:30 AM	John Gardner Jr.—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Weekday/St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop 7:30AM—Robert Moscatelli—7th Anniversary

## THURSDAY, MAY 28

Weekday 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

#### FRIDAY, MAY 29

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

#### SATURDAY, MAY 30

Weekday/BVM 8:30AM Souls in Purgatory The Mass of Anticipation for the Most Holy Trinity 5:00PM Anne Matricciano—Birthday Remembrance

#### SUNDAY, MAY 31

The Most Hol	y Trinity
7:30 AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM .	Joseph D'Amato—Memorial
10:30AM	Paul Roy—Memorial
5:00PM	Harold Maddelena & Vincent Mulhearn—Mem.



Mercy Musings

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**Dear Parishioners:** 

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" This Psalm for Pentecost has been our prayer since the Ascension when we celebrated Jesus returning to His Father in heaven forty days after His Resurrection from the dead.

What did the bewildered, scared, confused Apostles do upon Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven? They took our Blessed Mother Mary, locked themselves into a room, and prayed! That prayer demanded perseverance, because it took nine days for Jesus to reply. The response He gave to that patient prayer of His Mother and the Apostles was beyond their most exalted hopes.

For on Pentecost Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and His mother, giving them the courage, wisdom, and zeal to carry out the last command He had given them nine days earlier when He had ascended into heaven, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28: 19) Thus the work of the Church began.

Pentecost is truly the birthday of the Church and so we celebrate this Sunday with particular joy and solemnity. We Catholics must passionately love our Church. Like our family, we are "born into it" at baptism; like a mother, our Church strengthens us in Confirmation, forgives us in Reconciliation, feeds us in the Eucharist, consoles us with the

Anointing of the Sick, and gives us away in Matrimony or Holy Orders.

Like our family, our Church is there at birth, sickness, and death. Like a family, we might quarrel at times and complain about one another, but, like a family, we rarely leave, can always return, and carry our family name, traits, and pride forever. The Church is our spiritual family!

I am often reminded of the words of Saint Pope John Paul II, spoken at World Youth Day. He said: "I should like to ask you, dear young people, a favor: be patient with the Church! The Church is always a community of weak and imperfect individuals. God has placed His work of salvation, His plans and His desires, in human hands. This is a great risk, but there is no other Church than the one founded by Christ. He wants us to be His collaborators in the world and in the Church, with all our deficiencies and shortcomings."

Let us celebrate our Church today. A Church that is human and divine, a Church that continues to grow in faith, hope and love. Pentecost is here and we recall how that small band of fearful and frightened disciples gained the gifts of the Holy Spirit and boldly went into the world to preach the Kingdom of God. Let us go and do likewise!

While the Church marks Pentecost this weekend, our nation marks Memorial Day. It is a holiday begun as a somber day of remembrance; a day when Americans went to cemeteries and placed flags or flowers on the graves of our war dead. It was a day to remember ancestors, family members, and loved ones who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The late President Ronald Reagan wrote of Memorial Day: "Over one hundred years ago, Memorial Day was established to commemorate those who died in the defense of our national ideals. Our ideals of freedom, justice, and equal rights for all have been challenged many times since then, and thousands of Americans have given their lives in many parts of the world to secure those same ideals and insure for their children a lasting peace. Their sacrifice demands that we, the living, continue to promote the cause of peace and the ideals for which valiantly gave thev so of themselves."

This Memorial Day let us stop and reflect on the liberties and prosperity we enjoy as a nation. Let us remember with gratitude and prayer those men and women who gave their lives so we can continue to enjoy such freedom. Let us thank those who defend our nation and let us pray for peace.

Join us on Memorial Day for Mass at 8:30AM and then at 7:00PM for May Devotions as we offer our prayers for peace and for all those who died in service to our nation. Happy Pentecost Day! Happy Memorial Day! God Bless you. God Bless America!

Father Healey



#### Dear Fr. Connors: What does the stone seal above the door of Our Lady of Mercy School mean? The engraved stone seal

above the door of Our Lady of Mercy School is the coat-of-arms of Bishop Russell J. McVinney. He was the

Bishop of Providence from 1948 until 1971. The same coat-of-arms is on the front of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

A Bishop's coat-of-arms provides some indication of the bishop's upbringing and religious devotion. It always contains a motto—or several words of the bishop's choosing. Bishop McVinney's episcopal motto was *Maria Mater Spei* which is Latin for *Mary, Mother of Hope*.

Both the parish and school at Our Lady of Mercy contain this seal and motto because both were constructed during the episcopacy ministry of Bishop McVinney. If something was constructed now, for example, it would contain the coat-of-arms of Bishop Tobin with his motto, *Strong, Loving, and Wise*.

A diocesan church or school that dates from the 1930s or early 1940s would contain the seal of Bishop Francis Keough whose motto was *Maria Spes Nostra*, which is Latin for *Mary Our Hope*.

In addition to recalling at what time the buildings were constructed the advertisement of the bishop's coat-of-arms and motto demonstrates our loyalty to the local bishop. There is no Catholic life apart from unity with the bishop. He connects us to the apostles and keeps us faithful to their teaching.

As the Second Vatican Council reminded us: "Bishops, teaching in communion with the Roman Pontiff, are to be respected by all as witnesses to divine and Catholic truth. In matters of faith and morals, the bishops speak in the name of Christ and the faithful are to accept their teaching and adhere to it with a religious assent" (LG 25).

And in another place the same Second Vatican Council explained: "The bishops themselves, however, having been appointed by the Holy Spirit, are successors of the Apostles as pastors of souls" (CD 2).

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



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Weekly Collection

# May 17, 2015

Weekly	\$13,122.00
EFT.	\$2,175.50
	Total=\$15,297.50
Ascension Holy Day	\$3,025.50
Outreach	\$523.00

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!

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# SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: St. Patrick's Cemetery Fund



CCA 2015 Total (to date): \$218,102.00 112% of Goal



Memorial Day Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



Many thanks to our RE teachers, volunteers, students and families for a great year!

**RE REGISTRATION: Please register now for next** year. Late registration fees apply.

Thank you for cooperation.



**THE OLM FOOD PANTRY** is always in need of donated food items. Please place all donated non-perishable food in the box in the vestibule.





# OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL



•Field Day: Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please contact Brenda Verdi at jandbverdi@hotmail.com

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# **MAY DEVOTIONS**

Join us on the Mondays of May at 7:00PM for May Devotions. Each Monday exposition of the Eucharist, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.





We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **John T. Walsh, Jr.** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

# May he rest in peace.



#### Sunday Night 5:00PM Mass

There is no 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass during the months of June, July and August, **The 5:00PM Mass on Sundays ends on Sunday, May 31, 2015 and is to begin again on Sunday, September 6, 2015.** Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

# A Day of Hiking & Prayer for Young Men



The Office of Vocations is sponsoring a day of prayer and hiking for High School and College men on Saturday, June 6, 2015. Assistant Vocation Director, Father Chris Murphy, will lead a hike up Mount Monadnock in Jeffrey, NH. The group will depart from OLP Seminary (485 Mt. Pleasant Ave, Providence) at 7:00AM, car pool to Mt. Monadnock and return to Providence around 4PM. If interested or

need more information, contact Fr. Murphy at 401-331-1316 or via email at FatherCJM@gmail.com

#### Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

#### Junior Legion of Mary

Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages

are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at <u>atoljan@msn.com</u>





We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners. It's simple, just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (www.olmparish.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. It's secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available. It's Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed. • Tax benefits: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. • Parish benefits: Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs. To get started log on to: http://www.olmparish.org and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

ENSURE YOUR WEEKLY SUPPORT OF OLM PARISH WHILE AWAY ON VACATION or AT THE SUMMER HOME!



# Monthly OLM Breakfast Group



Please join us this Wednesday, May 27th for Breakfast at the Cracker Barrell Restaurant in Coventry (just over the EG immediately line) following 7:30AM Mass. Good food, good times, good conversation and good fun! Hope to see you all there, are most welcome!





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