

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM
Sunday Masses7	: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 & 7:00	PM

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time № November 10, 2013

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 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 10, 2013

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Anticipated Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Tom & Betty Kelly—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Robert S. Leyden—6th Anniversary
10:30 AM Mildred Celender—Memorial
5:00PM Bernard Falchini—Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11—VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

St. Martin of Tours, bishop 8:30 AM Edmund Beland, Jr.—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
7:30 AM Betty Mulvey—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
7:30AM Sister Patricia Barry, RSM—Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

7:30 AM Special Intentions

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Weekday/St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin/BVM 8:30 AM Frank DiPrete—Memorial

Anticipated Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00 PM Kathleen Martin—5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Joan Montaquila—Memorial
10:30AM Ann-Miriam Gossmann—3rd Anniversary
5:00PM Donald Guilfoyle—2nd Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

The strong winds of All Saints Day were so powerful they blew down our parish sign! The posts snapped and the sign just toppled over last Friday during a period of high winds. The wood sign has deteriorated over the years since it was first donated and so we are looking to see if it can be properly repaired or has to be replaced. In any case it will have to be updated to reflect the new Mass times at OLM.

I've received lots of compliments about our newly renovated Church bathrooms. If you have not yet had a chance to see them, please take peek as I think you will be pleased. I am grateful to OLM Parishioner Peter Walsh of Professional Remodeling who did the work on this project and has provided us with two modern bathrooms.

These are just a few of the projects that we've undertaken in the last few months. We are tidying up the vestibule, cry room and hope to reorganize the sacristy in the coming weeks. Our maintenance staff have been working very hard to keep the Church clean and neat.

However, we all need to do our part to keep God's house clean. Every Sunday I walk through Church after each Mass and routinely have to pick up dirty tissues, bulletins, and other assorted trash people leave callously in the pews or on the floor. It boggles my mind that anyone would treat their Parish Church, God's House, in such a way.

I'm sure it is the result of bad habits left unchecked but it's time for all of us to do our part. Our maintenance staff strive to keep the pews clean, the floors neat, and the hymnals in order. So I ask you to please dispose of your dirty tissues and other trash in the trash can. Also, put the kneeler back up for the next person to use the pew and return the hymnals properly in their racks. The hymnals cost \$10,000 and we need them to last for some time!

I thank you for your consideration and concern in keeping the House of God as clean and neat as it should be. If you are not responsible for the trash, kneelers down or hymnals strewn about the pew, please clean it up anyway! If we all do our part, and more, then our beautiful Parish Church will continue to maintain her dignity and beauty!

Now that Daylight Saving Time has begun we are attempting to regulate the timing of our lights and also determine where we might need additional lighting. If you notice a light out or the need for extra lightening in or around the Church area please let us know. Our Church is beautiful and we can take pride in her. Let's keep her well lit so all of our neighbors can see her beauty too!

Speaking of beauty it has come to my attention that the flag has not been flying over our school! Sister Jeanne tells me this is due in large part because of the lack of trained students to raise

the flag each morning. We hope to remedy this by training some of our middle school students and soon Old Glory can fly high again! We hope to obtain some new flags but if you would like to donate a flag to the school in memory of a loved one, please let us know.

Veterans' Day is Monday and we remember all those men and women who have defended our flag through their service in the military. It is a day to pause, pray, and give thanks for the many veterans both living and deceased who fought to defend our freedom and liberty.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938 and would become known as Veterans Day. Let us pray for all veterans and for all those who serve in our military services.

I am away this weekend at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Annual Winter Meeting in Baltimore where I serve on the Defense of Marriage Committee. Please continue to pray for the beloved dead of this parish during this All Souls Month. Happy Veterans Day! God Bless. Go Pats!! Have a great week!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

Why is it that we need heroes?? What is it about them that makes us want to have them?? In all ages of mankind there have

been certain men and women that have been held up as examples of how to achieve greatness. In our own country, for example, we praise George Washington's honesty, Benja-



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min Franklin's diplomacy, and Samuel Adams' taste for good beer [that's a joke!] But the truth is that we all have heroes and they do, in fact, do something for us--they spur us on to victory--they remind us that we too can have the gifts that they had and, on some days, we really need to recall that!! Life is difficult and having heroes allows us to remember that others have made it through the same difficulties--if not worse! Because the Church always provides for our natural needs as well as our supernatural ones, enter the saints. They are our "holy heroes," aren't they?? Don't they stand before us and remind us that the Christian life <u>can</u> be lived in all of its fullness and beauty?? That is why the Church canonizes saints--to help us become saints! "By canonizing some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors." Pope John Paul II was acutely aware of our need for these "holy heroes." In his pontificate he canonized 280 saints! It is no wonder that he said that "The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history." Having all of these saints as our "holy heroes" AND, even more importantly, having these saints praying for us, makes us all the more aware of our need of personal holiness and the possibility for it in our lives! In other words, if the saints have "made it" then so can we! Check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #828.



November 3, 2013

Weekly	\$12,885.00
Weekly EFT	\$627.00
Building & Grounds	\$3,350.00
All Saints Day	\$2,733.00
Annual (To date)	\$57,038.50
Outreach	\$2,102.00

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.

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKLY EVENTS AT OLM

Monday—Mass at Greenwich Bay Manor at 9:00AM
Monday—Confessions at 6:00PM
Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Thursday—OLM Book Club at 7PM in School Library

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



Change of Mass Time

The 5:00PM Saturday Evening Mass has moved back to 4:00PM , from November 2, 2013 until April. Saturday Confessions will also begin an hour earlier, at 3:00PM. Please plan accordingly.



Monday, November 11, 2013 Veterans Day Holiday

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



The Altar Flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of the deceased members of the U.S. Army 88th Infantry Division, "The Blue Devils." .



You can find a complete RE Schedule and Registration Forms online at under Faith Formation tab at www.olmparish.org

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5
Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM
All Classes meet this week.
RE Grades 6—8
Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

NO RE CLASSES THIS WEEK DUE TO THE VETERANS DAY HOIDAY. ALL CLASSES RESUME NEXT WEEKEND.



The Sacrament of Confession Saturdays at 3:00PM & Mondays at 6:00PM

""The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness."—Pope Francis



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.

All donations in November and December to the Monthly Outreach Collection will be used to purchase food and gifts for the needy during the upcoming holiday season. If anyone is interested in adopting a needy family for Christmas (supplying gifts & needed items) please contact the Outreach Office.

Thank you for your generosity.



OLM School News

- Holiday Shopping Night, Thursday December 5th: We are excited to announced Our Lady of Mercy School's 1st annual Holiday Shopping Night! Please join us for a fun and festive evening filled with beautiful handmade items and artwork from local crafters and artisans, as well as several independent consultants like Pampered Chef and SwissJust! Get your holiday shopping done early and celebrate the season in style! More details to follow...stayed tuned! If you or someone you know may be interested in having a display at this event, please contact Kathy Royce at royceri@verizon.net for more information
- •Thanks for all who supported last weekend's Science Team bake sale. We are grateful for your support!



CELEBRATING A YOUTHFUL THANKSGIVING

The OLM Youth Group meets next on **Sunday, November 24** at **6:00PM**. We will begin our meeting in Church with a brief time of Eucharistic Adoration. Following our prayer, we will gather in the Parish Meeting Room in the Rectory basement for a

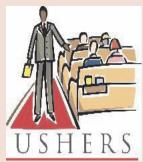
traditional Thanksgiving Day Dinner! We invite all our

OLM Parish Youth (Grades 9-12) to join us in celebrating a Youthful Thanksgiving! Please bring a canned good for the hungry and a side dish to share with the group at the meal.



Hope to see you there for some of Fr. Connor's Turkey and Fr. Healey's Pumpkin Pie!!! For more information please contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

Your Parish needs your help.



We are in need of adult men and women willing to serve as ushers on a regular basis at the Sunday 5:00PM Mass. If you are willing to help, can smile and welcome people to Mass, then you qualify. For more information

contact Fr. Healey at parish@olmparish.org or by calling the Parish Office at 401-884-4968. Thanks for your help!!



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629. If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!



The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men, who perform charitable work in support of Our Lady of Mercy church. If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com.

<u>Next Meeting</u>: Sunday, November 24th at 7:00PM in Church Cry Room. New Members are welcome to attend.

Tax-wise Support of Our Lady of Mercy



Giving appreciated securities is a tax-wise way to support Our Lady of Mercy. For securities held longer than one year, you can deduct their full fair market value, regardless of what you originally paid for them. You also avoid paying the capital gains tax. For instance, a stock gift valued at \$1,000 saves over \$500 in

taxes. To find out more about using securities for a gift to Our Lady of Mercy Church, please call Parish Business Manager Dave Cote at 884-4968.

Welcome To Parish Giving Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer

Our Lady of Mercy is proud to introduce "Enhanced Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer" What is EFT?

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.

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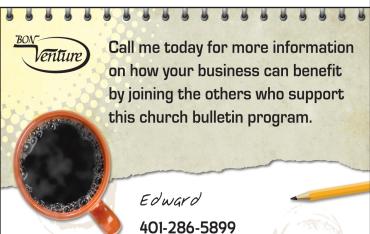
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