

† 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

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All Souls' Day & November 2, 2014

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

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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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
4:00PM Susan Haven Davis, RN—1st Anniversary
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
7:30 AM Frank & Isabella Almonte & Deceased Family
Members—Memorial
9:00 AM Christopher Angelo—11th Anniversary
10:30AM Deceased Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
Weekday/St. Martin de Porres, Religious
7:30 AM Intentions of MMP Rosary Cenacle
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
7:30 AM Eileen Ranallo—1st Anniversary
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
7:30AM Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
7:30AM Terrance & Lucy McGlynn—Memorial
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
Weekday
7:30AM Intentions of the Lee Family
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
Weekday/BVM
8:30AM Helen Burzyk—15th Anniversary
The Vigil of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
4:00PM Steven Simms—1st Anniversary
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Robert S. Leyden—7th Anniversary
10:30AM Miriam Gossman—4th Anniversary
5:00PM Joann Vito—5th Anniversary
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Mercy Musings

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Dear Parishioners:

What a wonderful celebration of Confirmation we had last Sunday. Ninety-three young adults were confirmed in their Catholic Faith and received the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We hope and pray these young people stay close to Christ and His Church.

Pope Francis at а Confirmation Mass last spring invited the newly confirmed to: "Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide. Pay attention, my young friends: to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage! There are no difficulties, trials or misunderstandings to fear, provided we remain united to God as branches to the vine, provided we do not lose our friendship with him, provided we make ever more room for him in our lives."

We are grateful to Bishop John Noonan for celebrating the Confirmation Mass and for his great homily. We also thank our Parish Music Director, Henri St. Louis, our Parish Soloist Deirdre Donovan and the Parish Choir for the tremendous music they provided for the celebration. The Sacristans, Ushers and Altar Servers provided exemplary service for the celebration and we are grateful. Also, I wish to thank all those who helped make the Confirmation Reception а spectacular affair.

We thank Doug Green and Mickey St. Jean for leading our RE Program and the RE Teachers who helped to prepare these young people for this special occasion in their lives of faith. I am grateful to the parents and sponsors of our newly confirmed for being part of our Parish and for their commitment to ensuring their children grow in the Catholic Faith.

This weekend we celebrate All Souls Day, a day on which we commemorate all the faithful departed. We do so by praying for the dead and most especially by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the dead. The Church teaches us that the souls of the faithful departed if upon departing from the body are not perfectly cleansed from venial sins, or have not fully atoned for past transgressions must enter a time of cleansing, or purgation, before appearing before the Beatific Vision of the Godhead. So we the faithful on earth help them by prayers, almsgiving and having Masses offered. We remember all the souls in purgatory and in charity pray for all the dead on All Souls Day.

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV (1914-22), when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the faithful departed; one for the priest's intentions; and one for the intentions of the Holy Father. Only on a handful of other very important feast days are priests allowed to celebrate more than two Masses.

This Tuesday is election day and I encourage everyone to go out and vote. It is our civic duty and a moral obligation to be good citizens and vote. There are many important elections this year for federal, state and local offices. As Catholics we must prepare our vote by praying for guidance from God and prepare conscience our by properly understanding the Church's teaching on the issues especially foundational issues that concern the right to life. We must also learn where candidates stand on these most important issues and what policies they might enact or support once in office. When we done have this kind of preparation we can then go into the voting booth and cast a vote as a conscientious and informed Catholic citizen.

Remember that the right to life is not merely one among many urgent issues, but rather the *foundational* one. It provides the cornerstone for a whole architecture of human dignity found in such issues such as poverty, immigration, education and economics. So vote on Tuesday but do so as a Catholic, with an informed conscience, not a party member, union member, family member and not out of self-interest but rather vote for the common good especially for the unborn, the poor and the marginalized. God Bless! Go Pats!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Is the Bible Protestants read different than the Bible Catholics read?

This is an interesting question and raises an important point about how Catholics understand the Bible. A so-called

Catholic Bible contains 73 books, 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Protestants maintain the same 27 books of the New Testament but reject 7 books of the Old Testament. These are referred to as the Apocrypha or Deuterocanonical books.

The Old Testament Apocrypha are the books of *Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, 1 & 2 Maccabees* as well as some sections to *Esther* and *Daniel*. As defined by the Council of Trent, Catholics believe these books to be part of the inspired Word of God.

There are a variety of historical reasons why these books were not included in the first Protestant editions of the Bible, especially those of Martin Luther. At least part of the reason was certainly theological, as the books of Maccabees, for example, speak about praying for the dead. The concept of praying for the dead only makes sense with a Catholic understanding of Purgatory which most Protestants reject.

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in the 1940s gives strong evidence for antiquity of the deuterocanonical books. In addition to the rest of the Hebrew Scriptures, these so-called apocryphal books were found among the Dead Sea Scrolls, indicating that they were considered canonical, inspired texts by the Jewish people in the pre-Christian era.

The Eastern Orthodox maintain the same Bible as Catholics. Interestingly, they also have guarded the validity of the seven Sacraments. The very fact that there exist different versions of the Bible, in my view, is strong evidence for the Catholic claim that we need the Church. The Protestant mantra *sola scriptura*—only Scripture is untenable. Who says what actually constitutes the Sacred Scripture? It makes sense that the Lord would leave a Church to speak for Him, as the custodian and guardian of the written Word of God.

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

Weekly Collection

October 26, 2014

Weekly	\$12,325.00
EFT	\$1,299.50
Annual (to date)	\$69,032.00
Outreach	\$287.00

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!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds

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

> All Souls Day November 2nd



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



ALL RE Classes RESUME this weekend.

Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed!! Thanks to all who helped to make our Confirmation Celebration so wonderful.

First Communion Class Parents

Mandatory meeting of all parents RE and OLM School First Communion Classes. Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:00PM in OLM School Gym. Please ensure that one parent attends.



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food please leave all donated food items in the Food Bin in the Vestibule of Church.

•OLM Outreach volunteers are now serving "Lunch on the Hill", St. Luke's Church, every 1st Wednesday of each month beginning on November 5, 2014. The November 5th Lunch is generously sponsored by "Wild Harvest Restaurant" of East Greenwich. Any OLM parishioner interested in volunteering to help please contact Doug Green at the Outreach Office.

•OLM Food Co-op delivers "day old" breads and pastries to the Assumption Parish and St. Charles Parish in Providence. Volunteers are needed for deliveries. Please contact Doug Green at the Outreach Office.

•Holiday Dinner items needed: Traditional items of cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, potatoes, yams, soups, vegetables, puddings, Jello, pie filling, pie crust, etc. are needed as we prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for the needy. For more information, contact Doug Green at the Outreach Office.

Thank you for your generous support. Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director Phone: 884-4410 or via email: outreach@olmparish.org



Grill the Priests- November 19th 7 p.m.

•OLM School Parents if you have a question about the journey of Faith, the Catholic Church, spiritual life or the meaning of life? Here's your chance to Grill the Priests! This social event is geared towards the **parents** of school-aged children and adolescents. You will have the chance to grill a panel of five priests about any aspect of the Catholic Faith— and their personal faith journey. Fr. Healey and Fr. Connors of Our Lady of Mercy Church; Fr. Chris Murphy of Bishop Hendricken will answer questions while Monsignor Albert Kenney moderates the event. Wine and cheese will be served! Laughs, refreshments, a night out for adults, and spiritual education are just a few of the benefits of attending this new event!

•The first Open PTG Board Meeting the year will precede this event- 6:30 p.m.

OLM Young Family Monthly Gathering

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30pm – 6:30pm OLM School Gym.

We invite all young families to join us for a time to



socialize, share a meal and learn more about our Catholic Faith. Baby-sitting provided onsite. Join us this month as Fr. Healey joins us to discuss

"Catholics in Politics." for more information please contact Kate Jelinek kate_jelinek@hotmail.com

CHANGE OF MASS TIME

This Saturday, November 1, 2014 the 5:00PM Mass moves to 4:00PM. Confessions move from 4:00PM to 3:00PM.

Please plan accordingly.



We remember the beloved dead of Our Lady of Mercy Parish 2013-14

Steven J. Simms Marsha Dupree Theodore Lichtenfels Dorothy F. Mulllen Alice Kettelle **Brigitta Bliss** John McNulty Stephen Moore Alfred T. Sisson Adriana C. Schaller **Georgette Denning** Bruce A. Hart Geraldine Abderton Deborah O'Connell **Edward Torgen** James A. Reilly, Jr. Harold L. Maddalena Howard F. Brown Arlene Brosco Yvonne Shustarti Ida T. Oliva Maria Abadier Jane A. Watson Francesco Gallo Simone Gertrude Carter Karen Bradshaw Barbara McMahon

Albert Catanio Mary G. Cooper Shirley Uhrin Florence Metcalfe Marguerite Gardiner Eda Pascarella Annamae Sceery **Gloria Torres** Mary Marden Helen Clarke Katherine McCloskey Joseph F. Dowd Joseph Simeone Concetta "Tina" Silvestro Lawrence Paolilli Francis J."Pete" Mellon Eileen Crawley Sean T. Healey Daniel C. Murphy Virginia C. DePetro Gladys Fay Nancy Walsh



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Join the few, the proud... the Our Lady of Mercy Altar Servers

Serve Your God and Your Parish at Holy Mass

Training Provided, Great Spiritual Benefits!

All Children of the Parish, Grade 4 and up, are invited to join the ranks of OLM Altar Servers.

If interested please contact Fr. Connors <u>by Monday, November 10</u> at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

Training begins Monday, November 17th



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 on Sunday morning or stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the contributions recurring to be processed. • Tax benefits: You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year. • Parish benefits: Stable contributions and significant reduction of parish monthly 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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