

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe & November 23, 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

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Christ the King

November 23, 2014

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 4:00PM Antoinette Mulchay—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 AM Edward V. Healey, Jr. —Birthday Remembrance 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

10:30AM Geoff Naylor—1st Anniversary
5:00PM Kathleen Martin —7th Anniversary
& Donald Martin —13th Anniversary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs 7:30 AM Special Intention

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Weekday/St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr 7:30 AM Paulette Arnold—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 THANKSGIVING DAY

Weekday/Thanksgiving

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Weekday

7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—15th Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Weekday/BVM

8:30AM Tom & Betty Kelly—Memorial

The Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4:00PM Arthur Bert—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

The First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Jennie Longo—9th Anniversary 10:30AM Mary E. Healey—35th Anniversary 5:00PM James Sheridan—2nd Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We know the story of Thanksgiving very well. In fact, we learn it in school at an early age. But sometimes we need to remind ourselves of importance. This is especially true as its significance is lessened in our culture and the day itself is cheapened with the crass commercialism of holiday sales and Black Friday bargains. Sadly it seems Thanksgiving Day has become merely another day to shop rather than give thanks to God!

But, we must remember that in the autumn of 1621 after a rich harvest, the men, women and children who had survived that first year in the New World gathered for a feast to offer thanks. One of those pilgrims wrote at the time: "By the goodness of God, we are so far from want."

What was that First Thanksgiving Day like? Well it was not necessarily about turkey and pumpkin pie. Historians think the pilgrims and their guests probably ate fowl and venison not turkey. And the food was probably a lot fattier than we are used to as cholesterol was unheard of. They were more worried about plague and the pox than about heart attacks!

They didn't have much sugar, so sweets and deserts were probably not on the menu. So, forget the pumpkin pie! The First Thanksgiving Meal left us with an enduring and venerable tradition: a gathering around a table with family,

friends and guests, giving thanks to God for surviving in an uncertain and difficult new place.

Maybe, it has been suggested, the pilgrims weren't thankful because they had survived. But, maybe they had survived precisely because they were thankful and grateful to God.

After all, the pilgrims were a people who lived their lives in faith and hope. They were grateful for everything: the hard winds and deep snows, the frightening evenings and hopeful mornings, the long journey that had taken them to a new place. They certainly knew how to express their gratitude to God.

But, we know that gratitude doesn't always come so easily. We know that generosity the giving of a gift - means thinking more about others than about ourselves. It represents an act of love. But so does being thankful and grateful. To give thanks is to extend ourselves and to truly remember where the gift came from.

This may be what helped the pilgrims to thrive and prosper: a humble appreciation for whatever God gave them and trusting that God would give them what they would need to survive. Theirs was an optimistic spirit with a grateful message.

Maybe this kind of spirit can teach us something today as we endure our own hard winds, deep snows, and attempt to survive the storms of our own lives. Maybe we can understand

that to survive we need to be thankful!

On Thanksgiving Day wherever we find ourselves let us to offer Grace and gratitude. The grace of thanking God for whatever gift He gives us. Thanks for what we have, and thanks for what we have been given. On Thanksgiving Day may we show our deep love for the God who so generously gives it. Because like the pilgrims of old, no matter how fierce the winds. or how unforgiving the storm, we need to remember that God is always near.

I invite you to join us for Mass at 9:00AM on Thanksgiving Day as we gather to give thanks and praise to Almighty God. Bishop Evans is to celebrate the Mass and we are to be joined by a small delegation of young Pilgrims and Indians. There is no better way to prayerfully offer thanks to God than celebrating Mass together as a Parish Family!

I wish to thank the parishioners who spoke at Masses last weekend. They are taking the lead in our Increased Giving Campaign. As I have said, this is a very low-key mail campaign. We are simply asking every parishioner to consider their level of support for the parish. Thank you for your support!

I wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving. May God Bless and protect you and may your travels be safe. Enjoy the holiday! God Bless. Go Pats, Go Gray!!

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Incense symbolizes our prayers rising up to Heaven. It can be used at Mass and other liturgical prayers, such as Vespers or Benediction, in order to

increase the solemnity of the celebration.

In Psalm 141 we hear: "Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice." From ancient times, people have used incense in liturgical prayer.

The use of incense helps us understand that we pray with our whole person, body and soul. Hearing beautiful music, experiencing the sweet smell of incense, hearing the bells at the consecration, all add to our experience of the sacred liturgy. The worship of God is not just up in the mind or a purely spiritual experience. The human being—body and soul—is called to worship God. The so-called "smells and bells" help us to do that.

According to the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which governs how the Mass is celebrated, incense may be used at several different times. It may be used at the beginning of Mass to incense the altar, at the proclamation of the Gospel, at the offertory in which the gifts, crucifix, altar, priest and people may be incensed, and at the elevation of the sacred host and precious blood at the consecration. It also may be used in the entrance procession and the recessional at the conclusion of Mass.

Incense is also often used at a funeral Mass to incense the body of the deceased, symbolizing our prayers for the person that has died that he or she will rise body and soul to Heaven.

Precisely when incense is used is at the discretion of the priest celebrant. Use of incense adds to the solemnity of the Mass providing a dignified and beautiful celebration of the sacred liturgy. While incense could be used at every Mass, it makes sense to have degrees of solemnity, i.e. Sundays more than Mass during the week, great solemnities more than simple feasts, etc.

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



November 16, 2014

Weekly	\$11,633.50
EFT	\$2,326.50
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Outreach	\$837.00

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 COLLECTION

This Week: Catholic Campaign for Human Development



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

The Sacrament of Confession at Our Lady of Mercy



Mondays at 6:00PM Saturdays at 3:00PM



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Theresa M. Grenier and Deborah Anderson** whose Masses of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



All RE Classes meet this week.

RE Class Schedule

RE Grades 1-5: Sunday, 10:00AM—11:00AM RE Grades 6-8: Sunday, 6:00PM—7:00PM

If you are not receiving emails from the RE Office please send an email request to reled@olmparish.org and/or confirmation@olmparish.org

No RE Classes next weekend due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. *Happy Thanksgiving to all our RE teachers, students and families.*



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 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, Jell-O, 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



- •Group Piano Class for Pre-K to 2^{nd} grade: An after school piano class will commence January 8, 2015. There will be three one hour sessions from 2:45 3:45.
- •Spotlight on Kindergarten: Thanks to everyone that contributed to our October animal shelter drive in honor of St. Francis. The staff and volunteers at the Exeter Animal Shelter were thrilled to receive our bags of blankets, towels, toys, dishes and treats.
- •Robotics Club: Registration for the November/December sessions of Robotics is on the webpage http://olmschool.org/robotics.html. First and Second grade will meet on Monday, Third grade and up who have not programmed an autonomous robot will be on Wednesday, and those with programming knowledge 4thgrade and up will be on Thursdays.
- •Thanksgiving Day Recess: No School on Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28. School resumes on Monday, December 1.

Happy Thanksgiving to our OLM School teachers, staff, students and families!

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27, 2014



Mass at 9:00AM Bishop Robert C. Evans Celebrant

Join us for Mass and our procession of Pilgrims and Indians.

Please bring the Bread for Your Thanksgiving Day Meal to be blessed by the Bishop at Mass.

The Parish Office is closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday and reopens on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 8:00AM.

Tax Savings & Gift Giving



Many people enjoy using Christmas time as a time to make special gifts to charities. Why not consider including Our Lady of Mercy Church in your Christmas giving plans? Not only will your

gift accomplish much good here at the parish, but a year-end gift may also provide you with additional tax savings. Appreciated stock may prove the best option for making a year-end gift to the parish. With a donation of qualifying appreciated stock, you can: 1) receive a charitable tax deduction based on the fair market value of the stock on the date of the donation, 2) avoid paying any capital gains tax on the stock, and 3) make a significant donation without affecting your checking or savings accounts. Stock must be transferred before the end of December to qualify for a 2014 tax benefit. For more information, speak with your broker or OLM Parish Business Manager Dave Cote at 401-884-4968.

Keep Christ in Christmas



The Knights of Columbus are selling religious themed Christmas cards again this year after Sunday Masses. The card sale begins the first weekend of Advent (11/29-30) and ends the third weekend of Advent (12/13-14). All proceeds from the sales go to support

OLM Outreach.

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.





Pawtuxet Valley Community Chorus presents 'The Season of Joy'



On Saturday, December 6 at 7 p.m. and Sunday December 7 at 2 p.m., Pawtuxet Valley Community Chorus will present "The Season of Joy" at West Warwick High School, 1 Webster

Knight Drive. Featured guests include **Our Lady of Mercy Children's Choir**, as well as the Immaculate Conception Bell Choir. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. For more information, call 862-3105, email PVChorus@gmail.com, or visit ww.pvchorus.com

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