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Christ the King № November 24, 2013

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Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

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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.

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

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

† 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 24, 2013

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Anticipated Mass for Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 4:00 PM Jennie Longo—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 AM Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Katherine & Armando De Angelis & Concetta &

Antonio Tribelli—Memorial

10:30 AM Edward V. Healey, Jr.—Birthday Remembrance

5:00PM Louise Godin—Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Weekday/St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr 7:30 AM Sister Patricia Barry, RSM—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Weekday

7:30 AM John Gardner—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Weekday

7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM R.G. Peter-Memorial

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ST. Andrew, Apostle

8:30 AM Mary E. Healey—34th Anniversary

Mass of Anticipation for First Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM David DiSano—Memorial

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Kate Bedard—4th Anniversary

9:00 AM James Sheridan—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Dr. James Hagarty—Memorial

5:00PM Mary Catherine Leddy—13th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This week we look forward to the national celebration of Thanksgiving Day. A day of family gatherings and good food but most importantly a day to stop and give thanks to Almighty God for the many blessings in our lives and in our nation.

I invite you to start your day this coming Thursday with the best possible way to give thanks to God, praying at Mass. Bishop Evans is our celebrant and Father Connors and I join him for the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00AM on Thursday. Our Choir is singing and we are to be joined by some little Pilgrims and Indians from our Parish School and RE Program. What a great way to celebrate the day of thanks!

President George Washington his first in Thanksgiving Day proclamation "It is the duty of all stated: nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor."

Giving thanks to God is the purpose of Thanksgiving Day. In a world in which many live in poverty and want, we give thanks for abundance. In a world where many live in fear and terror, we give thanks for security and safety. In a world where people still live on the edge of starvation, we give thanks that we will not only have enough to eat but most likely overindulge. Recall the words of a pilgrim writing in his iournal about the First Thanksgiving: "By the goodness of God, we are so far from want."

Yes, Thanksgiving Day truly calls us to be thankful and grateful for all we have and calls us to be humble before the richness of God's love manifested in the bounty of our lives and for the gift of our nation. God is good and we give thanks for His goodness!

As we give thanks for the abundant blessings in our lives, we continue to remember those in need. I am happy to report that Bishop Tobin has initiated a special second collection to assist in the relief and rebuilding efforts in the Philippines. Millions continue to suffer due to the devastation and destruction of the typhoon.

Bishop Tobin stated: "that he is aware of the many requests that are directed at our generous parishioners over the next six to seven weeks for both local and national causes. However, those affected by the typhoon in the Philippines are also our sisters and brothers who no longer have the basic necessities. I ask all to be as generous their as circumstances allow."

We will take up this special second collection on the weekend of December 7/8 at all Masses. If you wish to donate in advance of the collection, please write a check payable to OLM and write Typhoon Relief on the memo line. All proceeds from this collection are to be sent to the Diocesan Fiscal Office and then sent directly to the relief

agencies.

Any support you can give to these relief efforts is greatly appreciated. The effects of the typhoon are staggering and the relief efforts will undoubtedly continue for many years to come. If you are unable to contribute financially, please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

As we celebrate the great solemnity of Christ the King this weekend, we mark the end of the Church's liturgical year. The green vestments of Ordinary Time are to be put away as we soon don the solemn purple of Advent. It's hard to believe but next week we begin the holy season of Advent as we joyfully prepare the way for Christ's coming.

In the bulletin this week there is a complete schedule of Advent Activities. These include an educational series on the Gospels of the season, Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession with guest priests. It is a great way for us to truly prepare a place for Christ in our own lives during Advent.

If you are traveling for the holiday, we offer you our prayers for safe travel and arrival. I too hit the trail after Thanksgiving Day Mass to make the annual trek to my sister's home in Saratoga, New York for Thanksgiving Dinner. Father Connors and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving Day, may God continue to bless our parish and your families.

Father Healey

Celebrating Christ the King

This week we celebrate the great feast of Christ the King. It is the final week of the Church's year and



an important conclusion to the year that was. Before we begin the season of Advent next week, this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe offers a few points for reflection. Jesus is truly King of the Universe. There is no aspect of life of which He is not sovereign. There is a real temptation to think Jesus and the Church only belong in one area of life. How strong is the temptation nowadays to bracket faith from other areas of life? We let Jesus be King on Sundays but we mount the throne of ruling our lives the

rest of the week. Instead, Jesus has to be Lord and King in every corner of life, all the time. His truth and love should penetrate all aspects of family life, economic life, political life and every nook and cranny of our lives. This feast offers a chance to once again let Jesus be King everywhere, all the time. The Kingdom of Christ is not immediately of this world. That is to say, in His Kingdom, to serve is to reign. Christ does not promise a Kingdom with accolades and prestige. His is a Kingdom of love and truth. The feast of Christ the King suggests we might reconsider our own view of what it means to reign. What is the highest honor we seek? How often do we remember that that in Christ's Kingdom, the poor and suffering have the highest place? Remember: the poor and suffering are God's neighbors. They live close by Him. Finally, the feast of Christ the King asks us to reflect how well we are doing in bringing Christ's Kingdom into this world. Jesus is sovereign King and so His truth about the dignity of every life and sanctity of the family should reign in our world. The Church proposes Christ's vision of human dignity and human destiny and this feast offers an occasion to ask how well we are doing in implementing it in our world.

Congratulations to our newly baptized:



Olivia Hui Xin Bisordi, and her parents, David and Jean.

"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. She is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is."—
The Rite of Baptism



November 17, 2013

Weekly	\$12,877.50
Weekly EFT	\$1,956.00
Annual (To date)	\$61,473.50
Outreach	\$384.00

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: Catholic Campaign for Human Development Next Week: Building & Grounds

THIS WEEK AT OLM

Monday—Mass at St. Elizabeth's Home at 2:30PM Monday—Confessions at 6:00PM

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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Veronica Tarbox**, **Steven J. Simms, and Marsha DuPree** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



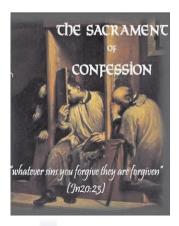


You can find a complete RE Schedule and Registration Forms online at under Faith Formation tab at www.olmparish.org

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-14

RE Grades 1—5 Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM RE Grades 6—8 Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

NO RE CLASSES NEXT WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING.



Confessions at OLM

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

"Confession is an act of honesty and courage - an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God."—Blessed Pope John Paul II



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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2012 9:00AM



The Parish Office is closed for the holiday and reopens on Monday, December 2nd at 8:00AM.



The OLM Monthly Breakfast Group will not meet in November and December. Join us for our next breakfast on Wednesday, January 29, 2014!!



<u>CELEBRATING A</u> YOUTHFUL THANKSGIVING

The OLM Youth Group meets this **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. Connors' Turkey and Fr. Healey's Pumpkin Pie!!! For more information please contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or via email at associatepasor@olmparish.org



OLM CHORISTERS

Rehearsals for new members will be held after Saturday Mass (5:00 - 5:30) The children's choir is open to parishioners grades 3 - 8. All new members must attend rehearsals in order to sing with the Choristers at Mass. For more information and a Choristers permission slip contact Deirdre Donovan at

musicministry@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!!



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

Upcoming Events:

Mingle with your fellow parishioners

On **Sunday, December 1,** join us for coffee and doughnuts after the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses in OLM School Cafeteria. Please come and join your parishioners as we start the Advent Season.

Keeping Christ in Christmas

The Knights of Columbus are selling religious themed Christmas cards this year after Sunday Masses. We start the first weekend of Advent (11/30 -12/1) and end the third weekend of Advent (12/14-15). All proceeds from the sale go to support various parish activities.



Reading the Scriptures of Advent Mondays of Advent at 7:00PM Adoration & Benediction of Blessed Sacrament with Advent Lecture in Church

Monday, December 2nd
The Birth of Christ in the Gospel of Matthew
Fr. Michael O'Connor, OP
Adjunct Professor of Theology, Providence College

Monday, December 9th
Infancy Narrative in the Gospel of Luke
Fr. Ryan Connors

Monday, December 16th
The Incarnation in the Gospel of John
Fr. George Nixon
Associate Pastor, St. Philip Church in Greenville





Confessions During Advent Season

Mondays 6:00PM—6:45PM with Guest Priests
Saturdays 3:00PM—3:45PM

Monday, December 23rd 6:00PM —8:00PM

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