

#### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass..........4:00 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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#### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time № November 8, 2015

#### 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 8, 2015

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

The Mass of Anticipation for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Steven Simms—2nd Anniversary

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00AM Robert S. Leyden—8th Anniversary
10:30AM Joann Vito—6th Anniversary

5:00PM Miriam Gossmann—5th Anniversary

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 7:30 AM Arthur Bert—1st Anniversary

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11—VETERANS' DAY HOLIDAY

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop 8:30AM All Deceased OLM Veterans

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
7:30AM Amico Truppa—26th Anniversary

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
7:30AM Special Intention of MMP Rosary Group

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Weekday/BVM

8:30AM John Stetkiewicz—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Anna Nardone—Memorial

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Deborah Anderson—1st Anniversary 10:30AM Eleanor Gallogly—2nd Anniversary 5:00PM Vincent Lanna—7th Anniversary



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

What a weekend we had last week! It started with the Pat's big win over the hapless Miami Dolphins on Thursday night! On Friday the OLM School community gathered for the "Trunk or Treat" celebration of Halloween. It was a great time for our school families, decorated cars trunks, lots of candy, hot chocolate, hot dogs, and hay rides for the whole family!

Kids from every grade were in great costumes and happily collecting all kinds of goodies. The car trunks were all very creatively decorated. It was a really fun and safe night for all. My thanks to the OLM PTG for organizing such a family fun event! Fun family events is what makes our parish school such a great place.

On Sunday Bishop Tobin celebrated Confirmation at the 5:00pm Mass for 101 of our OLM young adults. It was truly a joyful and faith-filled event for our parish. Each candidate was sealed with the Holy Spirit and took on a Saint's name as their role model in faith. It was a prayerful and wonderful way to mark the great Solemnity of All Saints.

I offer my thanks to the newly Confirmed and their families for staying the course in their faith. They are a true and joyful blessing to our community. We also thank Bishop Tobin for conferring the Sacrament upon our young adults. The music for the Mass was excellent, and

Henri St. Louis, Deirdre Donovan, the OLM Choir and the musicians for sharing their talents with us!

I must also thank Doug who directs Green Confirmation Program for his hard work and commitment to the Confirmation Class. He is ably aided bv Mickey St. Maryanne Weaver, Kathy Hall and also an excellent Reception Committee. We thank them for ensuring that Confirmation is a truly memorable and meaningful event in the life of our parish.

All Souls Day was Monday and this is the one day of the liturgical year that priests are given the great privilege to celebrate three Masses in one day. These three Masses are offered for the faithful departed especially those souls in Purgatory. We continue to remember all our beloved dead throughout November.

We also prayed for the OLM parishioners who have died since last All Souls Day. At OLM there were 53 souls who went on to their eternal reward during that time. We commend them to the mercy of God and keep their grieving families in our payers. May they rest in eternal peace.

I received two interesting letters from the Chancery Office this week. One was a request to update my funeral plans! Yes, every priest is asked to plan their own Funeral Mass in advance and send it to be put on file in the Chancery until the time of death.

our young We must select the present the Mass readings, the music, and even so I thank name who the homilist is to be

for our own Funeral Mass. We must also provide the details about the cemetery and graves, and any pre-arrangements we have made with a funeral director.

Now I know that some people view planning for their own funeral a rather unpleasant thought. However, after twenty of priesthood years and hundreds of funerals I think prior planning is not such a bad idea. It is often very difficult for family members to make decisions about funeral details during a time of grief. I know this myself from helping with the funerals in my own family.

I also received a letter from the Catholic Foundation of RI asking me to include my parish in my funeral planning! Not sure if the timing of these two letters was planned or just coincidence.

I've already made OLM the designated charity for my memorial gifts at the time of my death. My plans have always included the parish where I serve as the recipient of any memorial gifts at the time of my death. This was a very common practice among faithful Catholics in the past, but in recent times seems to have fallen off.

Perhaps the best way to prepare for our own death is to lead a faithful and moral Catholic life! As for planning the funeral details in advance, that's not such a bad idea either. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!!!

Father Healey



## Dear Fr. Connors: Do animals go to Heaven?

This is a common question which does not admit of an easy answer. It really depends what we mean when we say "go to Heaven."

Animals are not judged. They do not participate in virtue or vice. They do not sin. It is not as though an animal who was constantly fetching the newspaper would fare better than one caught chewing on slippers.

Animals cannot receive the Sacraments nor can they, strictly speaking, be saved. Animals lack free will or a rational soul. While they may demonstrate many human-like qualities, loyalty, affection, etc. they do not have faith or supernatural charity.

Thus, animals do not go to Heaven in the way that one redeemed by the blood of Christ, baptized into His Church, and fed with the Holy Eucharist can hope for Heaven through perseverance in faith and charity by grace. There can be considered no equivalent to human salvation from sin by Christ for members of the animal kingdom.

At the very same time, Heaven is not simply a spiritual world detached from goods of the material order. Catholics believe that the final consummation of history will include the experience of "a new Heavens and a new earth" (Rev. 21:1).

The resurrection of the body at the final judgment means that in Heaven man will possess his body. The goods of the materials world—and certainly the legitimate affection one has for a pet—are not canceled out in Heaven. Instead, everything that is good and of God is brought to fulfillment in Heaven.

One will not be in Heaven, enjoying the beatific vision, wishing for some absent good of the material world. Instead, everything that is of God finds it fulfilment in the Heavenly kingdom.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to associatepastor@olmparish.org



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



#### CHANGE OF SATURDAY MASS TIME!

Beginning **Saturday, November 7, 2015,** the Saturday, 5:00PM Mass moves back to Saturdays at **4:00PM** and Saturday Confessions move to 3:00PM. Please plan accordingly.



### Veterans Day Holiday Wednesday November 11, 2015

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Joseph R. Pelosi** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.



#### •ALL RE Classes meet this weekend.

•The Religious Education calendar can be found on the Parish website: <a href="www.olmparish.org">www.olmparish.org</a>. Go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children.



•The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please place all non-perishable food in the Food Box located in the vestibule of the Church. *Thanks for your support!* ●For more information please contact Doug Green at 884-4410 or via an email at outreach@olmparish.org



- •School Mass, Monday, November 9th at 8:15AM
- •NO SCHOOL on Wednesday, November 11th as we celebrate the Veterans' Day Holiday.
- ●Thursday, November 12th, Catholic Youth Congress

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## NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, 5:30-7PM

All young families of OLM are invited to join us for conversation and fellowship. The topic this month is "The Church: Mother and Teacher" with Fr. Connors as our presenter. Pizza and cold drinks provided. Babysitting for children available. For more information or to RSVP contact the OLM Young Families Group Moderator, Kate Jelinek at Kate\_Jelinek@hotmail.com



# When a loved dies, you can keep their memory alive.

Make arrangements now to direct future memorial gifts to Our Lady of Mercy Church and School. Return your blessings by including your parish in your funeral planning. For more information contact Andrea Krupp, Director of the Catholic Foundation of RI, 401-277-2121 or call the Parish Office for more information.



#### Catholic Christmas Cards On Sale at OLM

Beginning the weekend of November 21 and 22, the Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas cards after all Weekend Masses. All proceeds support the good works of the OLM Outreach program.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 58, is a fraternal order of men, who perform charitable missionary 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. The Knights of Columbus is actively engaged in the Pro-Life movement and in support of activities of Our Lady of Mercy Parish.

### Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed OLM Class of 2015

Cameron Gregory Allen John Patrick Anderson Isabella Rose Bernard Emily *Verena* Bisordi Lauren Catherine Brady Lindsey *Florian* Brady Christian Jerome Briody David Anthony Broccoli Charlotte Agnes Brockmann Leah Elizabeth Browning Shannon Patricia Bucci William John Burke Matthew Peter Campellone Patrick Patrick Carley Kathleen *Joan* Casey Kristen Rose Choiniere Althea Elizabeth Clark Owen Francis Cobleigh Madison Catherine Couto Katherine Teresa Cretella Megan Catherine Cronin Aidan Sebastian Cuy Jeremy Joseph D'Amico John *Paul* Deady Mara Flora DeCesare Katherine *Grace* DelGiudice Allison Cecilia DiCecco Ryan *Christopher* Dobrzynski Elizabeth Catherine Duffy Jack Michael Eustis Patrick *Peter* Faherty Andrew Christopher Ferguson Anna-Marie Joan Ferris Sabrina Ann Fiore John John Foster Jack Blaise Fox Brigid Rose Gill Connor Patrick Godin



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