
$\dagger$ 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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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time * September 13, 2015

## 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

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

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor
The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

The Mass of Anticipation for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Sean T. Healey-1st Anniversary

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Beatrice Basler-3rd Anniversary
9:00AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM Vivian \& Raymond Ericson-Birthday Remembrance
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
7:30 AM Catherine Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
7:30 AM Special Intention of MMP Cencale

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope \& Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 7:30AM Deceased Members of the Pundys \& Dikinis Fam.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday/St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop \& Doctor of the Church 7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday
7:30AM Paul Nielsen-Memorial

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday; St. Januarius, Bishop \& Martyr; BVM 8:30AM Francis Santos-Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Alfred Sisson-Birthday Rememebrance

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Josephine Minopoli-Memorial 10:30AM Josephine Lanna-3rd Anniversary 5:00PM Ernest Miller, Sr. -Memorial


## Cherce Chusings

Dear Parishioners:
We had a wonderful celebration last week as we opened the School Year with the Mass. As you know every day at our parish school the children begin and end their day with prayer. The greatest prayer we can offer is the Eucharist and at OLM School we always open the School Year with a special Mass.

We also have Mass the First Friday of every month throughout the school year. This year are offering a simple Mass for the School once a week. It is on a rotating schedule and yet another great opportunity for our school children to gather and give praise and worship to God. Our first "simple Mass" was last Tuesday on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was an excellent start to another fine tradition at Our Lady of Mercy Parish School.

The first two weeks of school despite some of the hot and humid weather have been just great. The children are happy to be back in the classroom, and our excellent faculty have jumped right into the rigors of teaching them. With the additions of some fine new faculty members and the renovation of a few classrooms there is a great spirit of excitement at OLM School.

Our parish school is a great blessing for our church. It provides an opportunity for parish families to educate their children in a safe, secure and faith filled environment. There is a great learning environment that
includes high academic standards, deep Catholic values, and strong discipline. Of course, all this is offered in a very friendly and nurturing environment that daily espouses faith, joy, and mercy. The vitality and esprit de corps at OLM School is a great sign for the future of our parish and Church.

Next Sunday we invite all parishioners to celebrate together as a parish family at the Annual OLM Parish Picnic. Once again we begin at 1 pm and end at 4 pm (just in time for folks to get to the 5pm Sunday Mass!) as we celebrate faith and family, parish and church. There are games for the kids, hot dogs and hamburgers, ice cream, pony rides for kids, and the Annual Tug-a-War!

We don't often get together as a whole parish in such a way and this is a great opportunity to celebrate and recreate together! I urge you to come along to the picnic and bring a chair and blanket, a picnic lunch, a cold beverage of your choice, a homemade desert for the communal desert table and a smiling face! Invite the whole family and ask a neighbor to come along too! It promises to be a fun filled day for everyone.

Fr. Connors continues to reassure me that through his many connections in Rome there is very good chance Pope Francis might stop by the picnic to meet and greet us and pose for a few family shots. I think Fr. Connors may also juggle and ride his unicycle for the Holy Father too! Be sure not to miss it!

I am happy to announce that we are to get a couple of new additions to our parish family. Sister Lourdes DeLeon, FAS and Sister Emma Salvador, FAS are coming to live and work at OLM! The good sisters are members of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, a religious women's community established in the Philippines in 1953.

Both Sisters are natives of the Philippines and have served in the Diocese of Providence for many years. More recently they have lived and worked at Precious Blood Parish in Woonsocket. Some of the Sisters of their community presently live and work at Scalabrini Villa.

Over the summer their Mother General inquired if OLM might be willing to have the Sisters come live and work here at OLM as their time at Precious Blood was coming to an end. After meeting them, Fr. Connors and I offered a warm invitation to them to join the OLM Family.

They are to live in the former Filippini Convent across from the Rectory, now to be known as the Franciscan Convent and they officially arrive on Sunday, October 4th, the Feast of their patron, St. Francis of Assisi! Sr. Lourdes and Sr. Emma are very excited to be coming to live and work here at OLM.

See you at the Parish Picnic! Pray for fine weather for next Sunday! Be well. Do Good. Go Pats! God Bless.


Dear Fr. Connors: I read in the paper that the Pope said priests may now forgive the sin of abortion. Couldn't they always do that?

It is a good question. Questions about the Church can be quite complicated and so we shouldn't blame the news media for only understanding half of the story.

Serious sins are forgiven in Confession. Established by Christ, the Sacrament of Penance is the place where God forgives serious sins committed after Baptism.

Some sins are considered so serious that the Church attaches a penalty in Canon Law-the laws which govern the universal Church. Some of these sins to which a penalty is attached include a personal attack on the Holy Father, desecrating the Eucharist, or for a priest to reveal the contents on one's Confession.

If a priest were to hear one of these sins in Confession, he would need to make recourse to the Holy See-that is, the Pope and those who assist Him in governing the Church-in order to propose an appropriate penance. Concretely, it would mean asking the penitent to return in a couple of weeks to receive a penance and absolution. The reason for these penalties is to emphasize the gravity of the offence.

The sin of abortion, because of its gravity, carries with it a canonical penalty, reserved in this case to the local bishop, not the Holy See. However, nearly every bishop (including in the Diocese of Providence) permits priests simply to remove the penalty in Confession. Practically speaking, when abortion is confessed the priest simply ensures that the penitent knows the gravity of the offence and absolves them removing the canonical penalty.

The Pope granted this faculty to all priests for the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy. Basically he standardized the practice already in place in much of the world. Even in places where bishops insisted on removing the penalty themselves, no one was left without recourse to the Sacrament of Penance. Instead, simply this second step of receiving the penance from the proper authority-in this case the local bishop-was observed.

God's mercy to all comes through the Sacrament of Penance. It comes, however, through the Church which Christ established to bring His mercy into the world.

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

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SECOND COLLECTIONS<br>Next Week: Priests Retirement Collection

Please Note: Sunday Mass at 5:00PM has resumed. Please plan accordingly. Thank you.

## Our Lady of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage National Shrine of Divine Mercy Stockbridge MA



Thursday, October 22, 2015<br>The Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II

Join us for a Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine let by Fr. Connors. Buses depart OLM at 8:00am and return by 6:00pm. The cost is $\$ 35$ per person. For more information or to register by October 1, 2015 please contact Mrs. Sheila Broderick via email at sheilabroderick@me.com

# Religious education <br> NEWS 

- Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates whose last names begin MZ have Retreat on Saturday, September 26th in the school cafeteria. Please arrive promptly at 11:45am. It ends with attending the 5:00pm Mass.
- Classes begin on October 4th for Grades 3-8: Grades $3-5$ only have orientation from $10-11$. A parent should accompany their child. Grades 6-8 have class from 5:45-6:45. Please note the time change. No registrations will be accepted on the first day.
- Grades 1 and 2 only have orientation on Sunday, October 18th from 10-11. A parent should accompany their child. There will be no morning class for Grades 3-5 that day.
- Thank those who helped make sandwiches for our OLM Outreach at Cathedral Square ministries. •OLM Bereavement Support Group meets on Thursday, September 17th at 4pm at Mercy House. Please contact Doug Green at 884-4410/ outreach@olmparish.org for more information.


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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

-Wednesday, September 16: 8:15am School Mass
-Wednesday, September 16: 5:30pm -Back to School Night

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ABOUT THE
SECOND COLLECTION


Senior Priest Retirement Fund
Collection September 19/20, 2015

The Priest Retirement Fund is the primary means by which those Catholic Priests who have served for decades in the Diocese of Providence are cared for in their later years - years that are spent in active ministry. For years after parish and other assignments, priests in the Diocese of Providence continue to serve Christ and the faithful through many selfless efforts.

Many may not realize that our diocesan priests live independently in retirement. After active ministry, they no longer rely upon their parishes for support. In other words, with retirement the room and board stops. And since they were paid a very modest wage, they receive a minimal Social Security benefit. So, to help retired priests meet every day needs like food, housing, transportation, and health care, our diocese established the Senior Priest Retirement Fund in the mid-nineteen-sixties.

But as with other retirement benefit programs-such as Social Security-the Fund is challenged by increasing current and projected costs that exceed its income. That's because, like the general population, priests are living longer, more active lives, placing a greater demand on retirement resources. One does not enter the priesthood for the financial benefits, that's for sure. Like other vocations that are lived in service to otherssuch as marriage and parenthood - priesthood is about giving, not taking. In fact, even in retirement many of our senior priests continue to serve in various ministries throughout the diocese.

Often retiring between ages 70 and 75 , they still serve where they're needed. And of course there are those who require assisted living, or nursing home care. The Senior Priest Retirement Fund receives revenue from five sources: the Catholic Charity Appeal; the Diocesan General Fund; gifts and bequests; the annual Our Lady Queen of the Clergy parish/ agency assessment based on each active priest; and the upcoming annual diocesan collection. This fund's strength is important not just for those who depend on it today, but also for those who will rely upon it in the years ahead. There are increasing challenges that this fund will need to meet in the near future.

## All donations to the Senior Priest Retirement Fund remain in the Diocese of Providence to serve diocesan priests in retirement. Thank you for your generous support.



OLM CAL Basketball Registration 2015-2016 Season
Website registration opens on 9/1/2015. Teams are to be formed for both parish and school, girls and boys grades 3-8. We will also have an Instructional league for all players K thru 2nd grade. For more information, and to register, please visit: www.olmhoops.org

Interested in learning more about
the Catholic faith?

## Interested in becoming a Catholic? Looking to learn more about the Catholic Faith? Are you an Adult in need of the Sacraments of Initiation?

Consider the RCIA Program-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Classes are held Sundays after the 10:30am Mass, and begin in late September. Contact Fr. Connors for more information at 884-4968 or via email: associatepastor@olmparish.org


## OLM Adult Choir

 All adult singers are invited to join us for OLM Choir rehearsals Wednesday, at 7:00PM. New members are always welcome! Training provided! A great way to serve your parish and give praise to God! Contact Henri St. Louis at musicministry@olmparish.org
## OLM Children's Choir

There are currently 10 openings in the children's choir. The Children's Choir is open to students in grades 4-8 ( 30 member maximum). This choir regularly sings at the 9am Mass on Sundays throughout the school year. They also sing for some feast days and holidays. Choir members in the parish school sing for First Friday and other School Masses. Rehearsal: Tuesday afternoons 2:30-3:30 ; Supplemental rehearsal: Saturday after Mass, for members who cannot attend Tuesday rehearsals. Contact Deirdre Donovan for more information or to register your child via email at musicministry@olmparish.org


OLM Rosary Makers Workshop
Tuesday, September 15, 2015
9:30am-11:30am
All adults and children are invited to join us in learning how to make Rosaries for the Missions. Materials and instruction are provided. For more information, contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org


Our Lady of Mercy Parish Patronal Feast

A Week of Mercy

## Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 1pm-4pm

## A Gathering of Mercy

OLM Parish Picnic: Join us as we celebrate the OLM Parish Family with Games for Adults \& Kids; Music; Hot Dogs \& Hamburgers; Ice Cream; Pony Rides. BYO Chair and blanket, Food and Favorite Beverage and a Homemade Dessert for the Communal Dessert Table

## Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7PM <br> A Prayer for Mercy

Holy Hour of Mercy: Honoring marriage and celebrating the family in anticipation of Pope Francis' Apostolic Visit to the USA for the World Meeting of Families, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with special prayers for marriage and family life in our parish. A light reception follows.

## Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7PM A Performance of Mercy

Concert of Mercy: OLM Adult and Children's Choirs, OLM Soloist Deirdre Donovan, and OLM Organist Henri St. Louis perform musical selections celebrating Our Lady of Mercy. A light reception follows.

## Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 6pm-8pm <br> A Work of Mercy

OLM Outreach Sandwiches and Socks for the Homeless: All parish families are invited to join us in the OLM School Gym as we assemble sandwiches for the homeless. Please bring a new pair of adult socks to be distributed with the lunch.

## Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 9AM <br> A Celebration of Mercy

Feast Day Mass: Join us for the Mass in honor of the Parish Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy. A light reception follows.


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