

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	5:00 PM
Sunday Masses	7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM
September—June	5:00 PM

Daily

Monday - Friday	7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holida	ys8:30 AM

Holy Day

Vigil Mass	5:00	PM
Holyday Masses	.7:30 AM & 7:00	PM

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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

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

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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2013

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Anticipated Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Raymond Ericson—Memorial &
Vivian Ericson—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Beatrice Basler—1st Anniversary
9:00 AM Josephine Lanna—1st Anniversary
10:30 AM Maria San Martino—Memorial
5:00PM John P. Ponte, Mary Barletta & Marie Perrotti—
Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
7:30 AM Deceased Members of Pundys & DiKinis Families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Weekday/St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Eleanor Reilly—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Weekday

7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Weekday/St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr 7:30 AM Joseph Zaino—4th Anniversary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM William Sullivan—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 8:30 AM Dennis Levesque—Memorial

Anticipated Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Theresa & Ray Sylvia—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners
9:00 AM Laurea & Leo Hackett—Memorial
10:30AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

5:00PM Mary & Bernard Falchini—Birthday Rembrn.



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday we joined millions across the globe who took up Pope Francis' call to pray and fast for peace. Over a hundred thousand people joined the Pope in St. Peter's Square as he led them in prayer and called upon world leaders to choose a path toward peace not war.

I write this column on Tuesday morning in expectation of President Obama's Address to the Nation later tonight. He is to speak directly to the American people about the situation in Syria and the response by our government to the evil attacks with chemical weapons upon the Syrian People.

lt appears that the President will have to make a very compelling argument to both the U.S. public and the U.S. Congress that military strikes in Syria are just and necessary. Most Americans and increasingly many members of Congress opposed to any type of military action in Syria.

I hope you continue to pray for the President and Congress as they weigh what decision to make in this situation. Any decision they make and any course of action taken is to have serious diplomatic ramifications as well very serious implications for the young men and women who make up our military and possibly even the safety and security of our nation.

We must also pray for all of our troops that they might be protected from all harm. And please continue to pray for peace

in our world. May Our Lady, the Queen of Peace intercede and guide our world into the way of peace not war!

In his homily for the Vigil for Peace, Pope Francis called upon Catholics and all people of good will to work and pray for peace and reconciliation in our world. Here is an excerpt from his powerful and prophetic homily:

"Is it possible to change direction? Can we get out of this spiral of sorrow and death? Can we learn once again to walk and live in the ways of peace? Invoking the help of God, under the maternal gaze of the Salus Populi Romani, Queen of Peace, I say: Yes, it is possible for everyone! From every corner of the world tonight, I would like to hear us cry out: Yes, it is possible for everyone! Or even better, I would like for each one of us, from the least to the greatest, including those called to govern nations, to respond: Yes, we want it!

My Christian faith urges me to look to the Cross. How I wish that all men and women of good will would look to the Cross if only for a moment! There, we can see God's reply: violence is not answered with violence, death is not answered with the language of death. In the silence of the Cross, the uproar of weapons ceases and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue, and peace is spoken."

Yesterday, September 14th, was the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. It is a feast in which we acknowledge

the centrality of Christ's cross. The crucifix is the definitive revelation of the fact that we are loved totally by the one person, God, who knows us through and through, and that's what we most need to know. May the Cross of Christ lead our world to overcome war and violence and follow His way of peace and reconciliation.

In your name, I thank Fr. Nick Smith for his presence here at OLM last week. His homily was excellent and he was very pleased with the warm reception given him by so many parishioners. I also thank you for your generosity to this week's second collection, the Priests Retirement Fund Collection. Your support of this important fund has always been very generous and it is greatly appreciated.

I hope you are as excited as Father Connors and me about next Sunday's Parish Picnic. We are looking forward to spending a great afternoon gathered as a parish family. So please join us from 1PM until 4PM as we celebrate our faith with a great spirit of fun and fellowship. Of course, Fr. Connors great juggling skills will be on display!

The Patronal Feast of our Parish is September 24th and so in anticipation of it we start to celebrate next Sunday with the picnic. May Our Lady of Mercy guide our parish to continue to grow in faith, hope and charity. Pray for Peace! God Bless! Go Sox! Go Pats!!!!!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

Divorced people can date, can't they?? After all, they're not getting married necessarily to that person and when they do consider marriage then

they can petition the Church for an annulment, right?? Wrong. The marriage bond, which is forged on the day of the wedding, remains valid (and binding) until the Church says otherwise. Since the Church



declares a couple to be married, it YEAR OF FAITH 2012 is only the Church who can claim that they are no longer married (and, in fact, never were). Divorced people are not free to date and just return to the "single state." It is true that they are not free to marry because of the previous marriage bond but they are also not free to date or to be romantically involved. To have such involvement (even a kiss!) would be immoral and sinful. Do we allow married men and women to date during their marriages?? Divorced spouses must still be faithful to each other because that is the vow they made to each other when they got married. A civil divorce only means that legally they are not married. In reality (and in the eyes of the Church) they are still married and, therefore, must live their lives accordingly. The only way one would be free to date or marry after a divorce is if the Church grants an annulment of the previous marriage. "The Church, after an examination of the situation by the competent ecclesiastical tribunal, can declare the nullity of a marriage, i.e., that the marriage never existed." This does not mean that the children are illegitimate or that either of the spouses acted in bad faith. An annulment just means that something necessary for the validity of the marriage was seriously lacking from its very beginning. "The Church holds the exchange of consent between the spouses to be the indispensable element that 'makes the marriage.' If consent is lacking there is no marriage. The consent must be an act of the will of each of the contracting parties, free of coercion or grave external No human power can substitute for this consent. If this freedom is lacking the married is invalid." All of us, even if we are happily (and validly) married have the responsibility of reminding others of this truth. Of course, the situation should always be handled with the greatest care and prudence but the obligation is serious. If a married friend were dating someone other than his or her spouse, we would certainly tell them that it is wrong. We need to have that same courage in this case. Check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1625-1629.



September 8, 2013

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EFT	\$867.00
Outreach	\$598.00

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: Priests Retirement Collection
Next Week: Annual Collection

Thanks for your support!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Thursday—Bereavement Group at 4:00PM
Saturday—Confirmation Retreat 12:00-4:00PM

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



Congratulations to our newly baptized:

Isabella Arya Mukus, and her parents, Bartosz and Hazel.

Harper Felice McCarthy, and her parents, Kevin and Marissa.

"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."—The Rite of Baptism



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

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-2014

RE Grades 1-5

Sundays 10:00AM-11:00AM

RE Grades 6-8

Sundays 6:00PM-7:00PM

CONFIRMATION REATREAT

Saturday, September 21, 12PM –4PM Students whose last name begin with M to Z

CATECHETICAL Sunday & RE OPEN HOUSE

On Sunday, September 15, 2013 we join the US Church in celebrating Catechetical Sunday. All Catechist should attend 10:30AM Mass. An Open House in School will follow Mass. RE Teachers will be available to meet with student families.

RE Classes

Orientation Class for Grades 1 & 2 only on September 22nd at 10:00AM. A parent should accompany their child. RE Class for Grades 3-5 only at 10:00AM on Sunday, September 29th. No Class on 9/29 for Grades 1 & 2. RE Grade 6-8 begin class on Sunday, September 29th at 6:00PM.



OLM Food Pantry is still in need of food donations and also please continue to think of those in need. Thank you for your support.

The **OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, September 19th at 4PM at Mercy House.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic Sunday, September 22nd 1:00PM — 4:00PM On the Parish Grounds



Mark Your Calendar! Save the Date!

Pack your own Picnic Lunch & Preferred Beverage, Bring Your Blankets, Chairs & Tables and join us for another fun-filled Parish Picnic.

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Games for Kids!

Tug of War! Team Healey vs. Team Connors
Pony Rides for Children!

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Bring a Dessert for the Dessert Table!

Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy as a Parish Family! Fun and faith for all ages!



Are you a non-Catholic interested in exploring the Catholic Faith? Are you a Catholic in need of the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? A Catholic looking to renew your faith?

Then join our OLM RCIA Class! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in October. Non-Catholic and Catholic Adults are invited to join our RCIA program in exploring the Catholic Faith and preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. interested or simply want to learn more about the RCIA, then contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

Attention all those who like to sing! The OLM Adult Choir and Children's Choir are looking for you...



The Our Lady of Mercy Parish Adult Choir rehearses each Wednesday evening from 7 -8pm in the church, and sings each Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. All are welcome, no Join the Choir... experience necessary! We are also looking High School and College Age Parishioners for a Youth Choir for the new 5PM Sunday evening Mass. Anyone

interested is urged to contact Jeff Allard at 884-4968 or via email at musicministry@olmparish.org, or simply visit the choir loft after any weekend Mass. OLM Choristers (children's choir) is open to students grades 3 - 8. They sing every other Sunday at the 9am Mass. Rehearsals are Wednesday 2:45 - 3:30 in the choir loft. If there are students who are interested, but cannot attend Wednesday rehearsal, other rehearsals will be added. For more information, contact Dierdre Donovan via email at musicministry@olmparish.org or 884-4968



Looking for New Altar Servers!

Would you like to join the few, the proud, the OLM Altar Servers?

If you are a OLM young parishioner in Grade 4 or above and would like to serve God and Church at Holy Mass, please contact the

Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email parish@olmparish.org for more information or to sign-up. Altar Server Training begins Monday, October 7th at 4:00PM. Please sign up before October 1st.



OLM School News

- OLM School is looking for a Part-Time Registered Nurse to work one or two days a week.
- OLM School "Mum Sale" this weekend following all Masses.
- We are in need of Lunch Monitors for OLM School. If you are available at lunch time during the week and willing to volunteer to help contact the school at 884great opportunity for retirees or 1618. grandparents!!



Catholic Athletic League BASKETBALL AT OLM

OLM Parish and School Basketball registration is now open for grades Pre-K thru 8th grade. Instructional, School and Parish teams forming. Please register online at olmhoops.org Volunteer opavailable. For more

portunities information contact, Craig Lombardi, Volunteer CAL Director at cdlom13@gmail.com or 401-330-8835



OLM Knights of Columbus, Council 58

There will be a council meeting at 6PM, Sunday, September 15 at the church. This meeting is to make assignments for the church picnic on September 22. If you are interested in the

Knights of Columbus, please contact Tom Mahoney at tom@tommymahoney.com

Announcing the OLM Book Club

Join Fr. Ryan Connors for a book club discussion of



The Difference God Makes: A Catholic Vision of Faith. Communion, & Culture by Cardinal Francis George, OMI Archbishop of Chicago

The OLM Book Club will meet Thursdays beginning on October 10th in the OLM School Library. For more information or to obtain the book for the OLM Book Club, please contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

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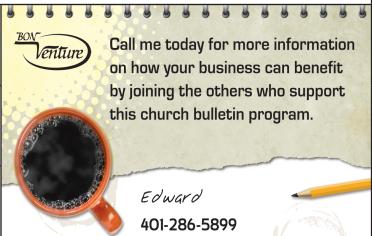
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