

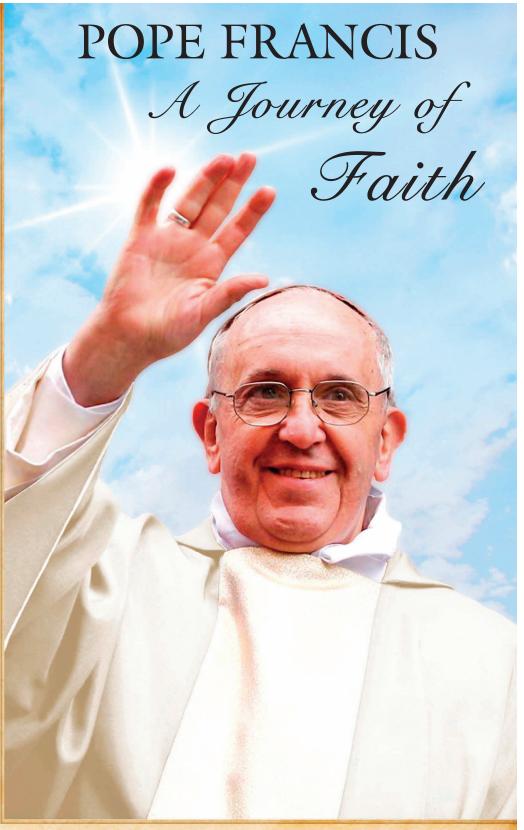








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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2015

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

The Mass of Anticipation for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Alfred Sisson—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00AM Josephine Minopoli—Memorial 10:30AM Josephine Lanna—3rd Anniversary

5:00PM Ernest Miller, Sr. —Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:30 AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday

7:30 AM Antoinette Mulcahy—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Parish
7:30AM Joseph Zaino—6th Anniversary

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday

7:30AM Jane Daly—3rd Anniversary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday; Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs; BVM

8:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

The Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy 9:00 AM Gertraud Toljan—5th Anniversary 10:30AM Mildred & George Finan—Memorial

5:00PM Martha L. Cavanagh—Memorial



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

What a week we have ahead of us! We look forward to the Parish Feast Day on Thursday, September 24th with a Week of Mercy. Each day leading up to the Feast Day there is a special event planned. Also, this week our Holy Father, Pope Francis, makes his first Apostolic Visit to the United States.

Today we gather for the Annual OLM Parish Picnic and I hope you will stop by. Please join the good fun and enjoy some good food. We have pony rides for kids, games for kids and adults, hamburgers and hot dogs, ice cream and cold water, music for all ages, and the Annual Tug-A-War between Team Healey and Team Connors!

As you know by now, Fr. Connors has promised to get Pope Francis to the picnic. Once he has arrived, he has promised to pose for photographs with OLM parishioners. Fr. Connors might even perform his juggling and unicycle act for the Holy Father! So stop by and celebrate the OLM Family at the Parish Picnic.

Of course the Picnic is just the lead off event for the Week of Mercy. On Monday night at 7pm you are invited join a celebration in honor of marriage and family life. Pope Francis is coming to the US to attend the World Meeting of Families which is an international gathering in support of the Church's rich teaching about marriage and family life. In anticipation of this great event we offer prayers and blessings in

honor of marriage and family life here at OLM. One of our newly ordained priests, Fr. Ryan Simas, is to serve as our homilist.

On Tuesday at 7pm our superb parish musicians Henri. St. Louis and Deirdre Donovan along with the wonderful OLM Adult and Children's Choirs offer music in honor of Our Lady of Mercy. It is always a beautiful time of prayerful and joyful music, so please join us.

On Wednesday everyone is welcome to join our Work of Mercy night, "Sandwiches and Socks for the Homeless." We gather to make sandwiches and ask everyone to bring a pair or two of new adult socks to distributed to the homeless at Emmanuel House in Providence.

On Thursday, September 24th we celebrate with a solemn Mass in honor of our parish patroness. Monsignor Jay Darcy, the Pastor of St. Margaret Church, who served here at OLM, is to be our homilist. The children from OLM School are to join us for this great celebration of our Church and Parish. If you cannot join us for the Feast Day Mass, please offer a prayer for our parish on Thursday and ask Our Lady to intercede for us.

I hope you join us for all, or any, of the Week of Mercy events. They are a great way to celebrate as a parish family as we dedicate ourselves and our parish to Our Lady of Mercy. This week we gather, pray, perform, work and celebrate Mercy!!

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celebrate as one family as we welcome Pope Francis. We are mindful of the words of St. Ambrose: "Ubi Petrus, ibi Ecclesia" (Where there is Peter, there is the Church).

The Holy Father's visit to our nation is a great opportunity for us to meet him and for him to meet us! Fr. Connors leads nearly 500 pilgrims from RΙ to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. We pray for him and for all those on pilgrimage this week.

I myself was lucky enough to be invited to attend the Welcoming Ceremony for Pope Francis at the White House on Wednesday morning. The Holy Father is also to address Congress, eat lunch with the homeless, visit with inmates in a prison, canonize Blessed Junipero Serra a saint, visit a parish school in New York and celebrate a few large Masses!

As I mentioned earlier, what a week we have ahead of us! A week of faith, joy and mercy! Let us pray for our parish as we celebrate our patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, and also for Pope Francis and his Apostolic Visit to the United States. May it truly be a time of faith, joy and hope for all of us at OLM and for all throughout our nation. May it renew and rekindle our faith, our parish and our Church! Welcome Holy Father! See you at the Picnic! Be well. Do Good. Go Pats. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors: I read in the news that the Church has made it easier to get an annulment now? Is that true?

An annulment, or a declaration of nullity, is a judgment of the Church, that what appeared to be a valid marriage was not in fact a valid marriage from the beginning. Some element necessary for a marriage, free consent, the intention of permanence, an openness to have children, etc. was not present at the time of the celebration of the marriage.

Last week Pope Francis issued new guidelines for how the process for declaring nullity would take place. Strictly speaking it is not going to be easier for nullity to be granted as much as the process should be quicker and more efficient.

A declaration of nullity is still a question of truth: did God really join these two people together? An annulment is not something one simply obtains. It is a question of the truth of the matter: were these two people ever actually validly married? If they were in fact married only death ends that bond.

The new procedures announced last week simplify the process for declaring nullity. For example, instead of two separate diocesan Tribunals agreeing on a declaration of nullity the judgment of one court is sufficient. Also, those cases that are especially obvious, for example, those contracting marriage simply to gain immigration status, can move through a simpler process entrusted directly to bishops.

As the Pope has pointed out this is not so much to make more annulments be granted as much as to make the process more efficient. The Pope has said many times people deserve an answer. They cannot have their lives on hold.

The new procedures for examining the possible nullity of marriages should lead to a more efficient judgment, not necessarily more judgments in favor of nullity. All of this is intended to be faithful to the Lord's words who speaks so strongly about the value of marriage.

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

Weekly Collection

September 13, 2015

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	Total=\$15,485.50
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This Week: Priests Retirement Collection
Next Week: The Annual Collection



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

May she rest in peace.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Pilgrimage National Shrine of Divine Mercy

Stockbridge MA Thursday, October 22, 2015 The Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II



Join us for a Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine led 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 at 884-4968 or via email at sheilabroderick@me.com



- Grade 9 Confirmation Candidates whose last names begin M-Z 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.
- •RE Calendar is now posted online, please download your copy today. www.olmparish.org



● 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.



●Back-to-school Confessions for Grades 3—8, Monday, September 21 at 1pm .

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OLM Adult Choir

All adult singers are invited to join us for OLM Choir rehearsals Wednesday, at 7:00PM. New members are alwayswelcome! 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 can not attend Tuesday rehearsals. Contact Deirdre Donovan for more information or to register your child via email at musicministry@olmparish.org



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



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, at 7pm

A Prayer of Mercy

Fr. Ryan Simas, Homilist, Associate Pastor of St. Philip Church, Greenville, RI **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, with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and special prayers for the strengthening of marriage and family life in our parish. A reception follows.

Tuesday, September 22, 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. A reception follows.

Wednesday, September 23, from 6pm – 8pm 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, at 9am

A Celebration of Mercy

Msgr. John Darcy, Homilist

Pastor of St. Margaret Church, Rumford (Former Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church) Feast Day Mass: Join us for the Solemn Mass in honor of the Parish Patroness, Our Lady of Mercy. A reception follows.

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