

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass	
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 Masses7:	30 AM & 7:00 PM

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 👁 September 28, 2014

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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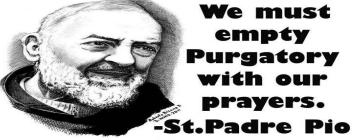
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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2014

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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The Mass of	^f Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM	Allice Kettelle — Birthday Remembrance
SUNDAY, SE	PTEMBER 28
Twenty-Sixtl	h Sunday In Ordinary Time
	Walter McKiernan, Jr. & Walter Mc Kiernan, III
9:00 AM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
10:30AM	Martha Eberhardt—Memorial
5:00PM	Celia Campopiano—1st Anniversary
MONDAY, S	EPTEMBER 29
	ael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels
7:30 AM	John Gardner—Memorial
TUESDAY, S	EPTEMBER 30
Saint Jerome	e, Priest & Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM	Anne D. Germeroth—Birthday Remembrance
	Y, OCTOBER 1
	of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM	Antonio Rosa—Memorial
THURSDAY,	OCTOBER 2
The Holy Gu	ardian Angels
	Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, OC	TOBER 3
Weekday	
7:30AM	Marguerite Gardiner—Memorial
9:00AM	Fr. John Carty—Birthday Remembrance
SATURDAY,	OCTOBER 4
Saint Francis	s of Assisi
8:30AM	Barbara McMahon—Birthday Remembrance
Mass of Ant	icipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM	
SUNDAY, O	,
	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
	Robert F. Ranney—1st Anniversary
	Grace Costa—Memorial
	Joanie B. Ferri—5th Anniversary



Mercy Musings

Dear Parishioners:

If you didn't make it to the Parish Picnic last Sunday, you missed a great afternoon of fun! Our own Father Connors not only rode a 4 foot high unicycle but also juggled while doing so! It was a great day for our young Associate Pastor as his team also won the "Tug-of-War" against my much older and weaker team!

There was a whole lot of fun for the couple of hundred parishioners who turned out for the festivities. We thank all those who worked so hard in preparing for the Picnic, working during the Picnic and cleaning up after the Picnic. In particular we thank our crack OLM Maintenance Staff led by Paul Anderson and Dave Belanger. We must also thank our Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the hamburgers and hot dogs (we served around 400!) and cooking all afternoon. Also, we thank the Galleshaw Family of Wright's Chicken Farm for lending us their tent for the day.

Many others cooked and brought food and we are grateful for all those who helped to make the Parish Picnic a great day for all! We must also thank God who provided good weather for almost the entire time of the Picnic. It didn't rain until almost 4:00PM and then only for a short amount of time. God is good and we thank Him for providing us a beautiful day of faith, family and friendship!

On Monday we had a good turnout for Father Chris Maher's talk on the meaning of Mercy. His talk was inspirational and provided much food for thought for us who worship at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Tuesday was a great night of music with our very talented

Adult and Children's Choirs singing some truly beautiful hymns, and songs, dedicated to Our Lady. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful choirs and also such talented musicians as our organist Henri St. Louis and our soloist Deirdre Donovan.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy, we had a solemn celebration at 7:30AM Mass and a festive gathering immediately We give thanks to afterwards. God for the blessings of our faith, our parish family, and we continue to turn to our patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, to intercede for us and our parish. May she continue to lay her mantle of love and protection upon us! Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

This weekend we take up our Annual Parish Collection at all Masses. This important collection helps us continue to provide for much needed capital improvements and maintenance projects. We are finalizing the installation of a new natural gas boiler for our Church. The cost of this project is nearly \$40,000. It includes the removal of the old oil burner that is on it's last legs and the installation of a new highly efficient natural gas burner. This change will bring us great savings on our heating bills as the cost of natural gas is far less than heating We spent over \$30,000 oil. heating the Church last winter!

We also are planning to

replace the old oil burner in the Rectory but it is much more involved as it requires removal of asbestos material. Of course this means it will be more costly too. We are still reviewing the bids for this project and unfortunately will not be able to begin it until the spring.

l've received many compliments the on new landscaping around the parish and school. Mercy Park certainly looks beautiful and more inviting! We are grateful to OLM Parishioner John Pontarelli and Proscape Landscaping for their generous work on the project. Also, we thank Kyle Alfred who provided the landscape design and oversaw the planting of the new flowers, bushes and trees.

Our new parish sign is up and hard to miss. It comes complete with an accurate Mass schedule and is quite well lit at night. We hope to put the old parish sign, now newly refurbished, up very soon in another location. The new sign and new trees around Mercy Park are available to be memorialized. If any parishioner cares to dedicate them in memory of loved one, please contact me at the Parish Office.

Once again I offer my sincere thanks for your generous response to the Annual Collection. Without your continued generosity OLM wouldn't be such a beautiful and lively parish. God Bless. Go Pats!

Father Healey



Dear Father Connors: When a person dies does he or she become an angel?

No, a human being is always a human being. It is funny how often I hear this

question. Both young and old are sometimes confused about the difference between humans and angels.

Human beings are made of bodies and souls. Giving humans bodies was not a mistake or an accident. It is part of human dignity. God Himself in fact took on a human body in the Incarnation. In death we do not escape the body. We believe, instead in the resurrection of the body. At the end of time, in Heaven or Hell we will have bodies.

The dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary teaches that Mary already enjoys what is promised to us; namely to enjoy the vision of God in Heaven—body and soul. At the end of her earthly life Mary was assumed—body and soul—into Heaven.

Angels, on the other hand, are pure spirits. Angels do not have bodies. They may take on a certain appearance to announce a message from God, as the angel Gabriel did to Mary. The essence, however, of being an angel is to be a pure spirit.

So, humans will always be humans and angels will always be angels. It is a metaphysical impossibility for a human being to become another thing entirely. What it means to be a human is to have a body and soul. Thus a human cannot become an angel or it wouldn't be a human being anymore. In a word, you would not be you if you were an angel.

The confusion surrounding this matter is part of a greater confusion in our culture. It is part of an effort to escape nature, to abandon the given-ness of the nature of things. We do not create or remake everything. Instead, we discover, receive, and accept what nature has given. In this case, it is the nature of what it means to be a human person or an angelic one.

If you have a question for Fr. Connors about the Catholic Faith or a matter of Church Teaching, please email him at associatepastor@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

September 21, 2014

Weekly	\$11,464.00
EFT	\$1,017.00
Priests' Retirement	\$12,209.00
Outreach	\$383.00

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: Annual Parish Collection

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



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

May he rest in peace.



Banns of Marriage

III—Ryan Patrick O'Sullivan & Elizabeth Ann CaronOur Lady of MercyOur Lady of Mercy

II—Matthew Carter White & Kristen Leigh Palmisciano Our Lady of Mercy Our Lady of Mercy

II—Joshua David Wesson & Abigail Leigh Ashley Our Lady of Mercy Our Lady of Mercy

II—Bethany Marie Croteau & Michael Andrew BessetteOur Lady of MercySt. Patrick, Providence



RE Dates to Remember:

No Registrations will be taken before or during classes

Sunday, October 5th: RE Grades 3—5 Classes meet after 9:00AM Mass. **RE Grades 1 & 2 ONLY NO Class.** RE Grades 6, 7 & 8 meet at 6:00PM.



The OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food especially during the summer months. Please leave all donated food items in the Food Bin in the Vestibule of Church. Thank you for your generous support.

The OLM Bereavement Group meets this Thursday, October 2nd at 4PM at Mercy House. For more information contact Doug Green at 884-4410. All those suffering with grief, loneliness, or isolation are most welcome.



Legion of Mary

Join us for the Legion of Mary! We meet every Tuesday at 7:00PM in the Church Cry Room.

Junior Legion of Mary

Every other Saturday morning immediately following the 8:30am Mass, children of all ages are invited to join the Junior Legion of Mary. The group meets in the cry room of the Church to pray the rosary, hear a brief spiritual talk by Fr. Connors followed by a visit to a local nursing home to visit with residents. In an enjoyable setting, children learn to join faith and works of mercy. For more Information, contact Angela Toljan at atoljan@msn.com.

Interested in learning more about

the Catholic faith?

RCIA

Do you know someone interested in joining the Catholic Church? Or maybe a Catholic who never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Or are you just interested in learning more about your Catholic faith.

Classes begin in late October and are held most Sunday mornings following the 10:30am Mass. For more information contact Fr. Connors at 884-4968 or at associatepastor@olmparish.org.



<u>OLM School First Friday Mass</u>: This Friday, October 3rd at 9:00AM. All parishioners are most welcome to attend!

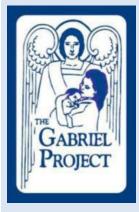


First Friday All Day Adoration October 3, 2014

Eucharistic Adoration begins immediately following the First Friday Mass and ends with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00PM. Adorers needed, sign-up in Church.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish is hosting a Gabriel Baby Shower NEXT WEEKEND!

The Diocese of Providence Pro-Life



outreach program for women and families during and beyond pregnancy is St. Gabriel's Call. There are 7 locations throughout the diocese. Our parish is hosting a baby shower on: October 4th and 5th to help provide material items for babies from infant to age 4. The suggested items are: diapers (size 1 to 6), basic baby clothing from infant to

size 5t, baby toiletries such as baby shampoo, baby wash, lotion, wipes, and power. Other items needed are socks, booties, onesie, sleepers/pajamas, baby bottles, blankets, crib sheets, and umbrella strollers. Gift cards in \$10.00 increments and baby food are helpful too!

For more information contact OLM Pro-Life Coordinator Nancy McDevitt, at nancymcdev@gmail.com A portion of the donations will be shared with Rhode Island Right to Life. Thank you for your support.



Last Call! CAL BASKETBALL AT OLM

The 2014-2015 OLM Parish and School Basketball <u>registration closes on September 30,</u> 2014. All boys and girls Grades K thru 8 are encouraged to register. Go to www.olmhoops.org to register.



Calling all young adults and young families!

Come join us on October 1st, 2014 to inaugurate a NEW Young Adult and Young Families Group starting

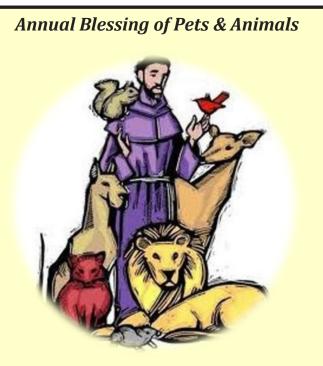
at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, 65 3rd Street in East Greenwich, RI 02818. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM, food will be provided. Please invite any young adult you may know in their 20's and 30's to come and join us for this special event. For more information, contact Fr. Connors at the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

OLM Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine Thursday, October 16, 2014 8:00am – 4:00pm



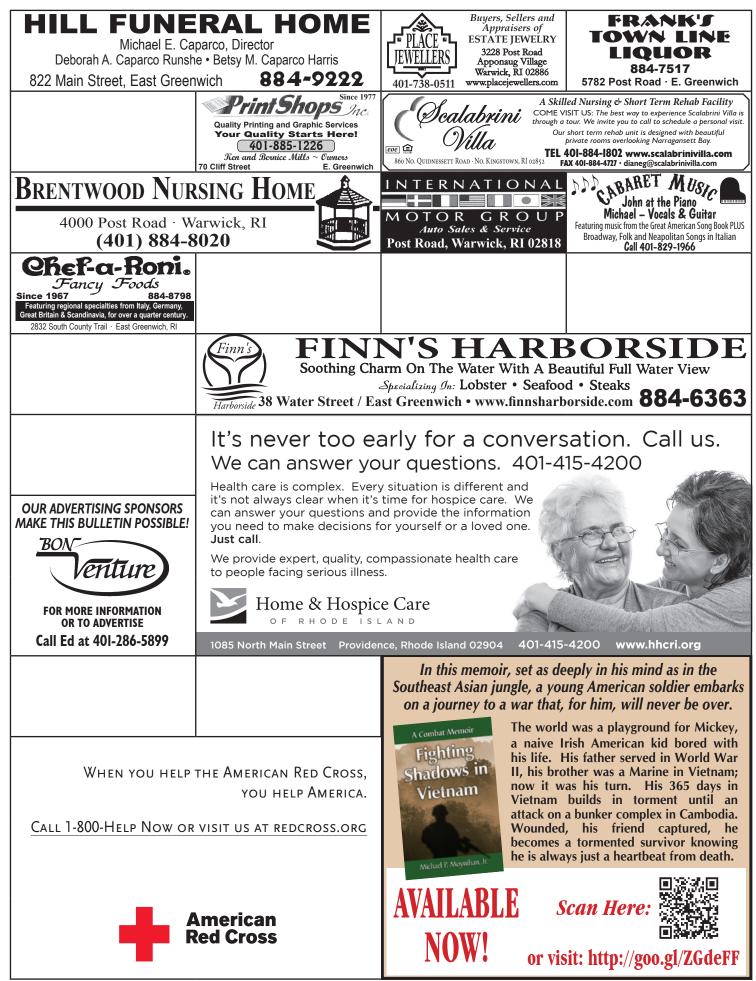
Join Fr. Connors for a faith-filled day of pilgrimage and prayer to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Come together for Holy Mass, the Stations of the Cross and a spiritual talk by renowned author and speaker. Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. Advance Sign-up required to reserve seat on bus. Please Contact Pilgrimage Coordinator Shelia Broderick at 884-

4968 or by email at <u>sheilabroderick@me.com</u> All reservations must be made by October 1, 2014.



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Saturday, October 4th Immediately Following 8:30AM Mass in the OLM School Parking Lot

Please bring your pets, animals and livestock to receive a special blessing.





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