

† 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 Holidays	8:30	ΑM

Holy Day

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

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ★ September 29, 2013

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.

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

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The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 29, 2013

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Anticipated Mass for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Kenneth Purvis & Lorraine Erinakes—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Donald & Barbara Fogarty—Memorial

9:00 AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners

10:30 AM John Joseph Tripode, Jr.—19th Anniversary 5:00PM Gavin Lowe—Birthday Remembrance

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7:30 AM Marilyn Marie Haxton—Memorial

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church 7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30AM Father John Carty—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Weekday

7:30 AM In Thanksgiving

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM Theresa Lolio—Birthday Remembrance

9:00AM Sister Patricia Barry—Memorial

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Weekday/BVM

8:30 AM Thomas Gates—Memorial

Anticipated Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Gianardi—9th Anniversary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Dr. Walter Schubert—Memorial

9:00 AM Doris Clark—Memorial

10:30AM Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners

5:00PM Confirmation Mass



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

I awoke last Sunday morning at 4:00AM to thunder, lightening and a downpour of heavy rain! However, thanks to your prayers and the intercession of our parish patroness, Our Lady of Mercy, the storms and rains subsided by Noon and the sun was shining brightly! It was a beautiful day for our OLM Parish Picnic!

Over three hundred parishioners, friends and neighbors gathered for a great afternoon of good food, good fun, and good friends! I am grateful to our crack OLM Maintenance Team and a great group of volunteers from the parish and PTG who school ensured everything was ready to go and quickly cleaned then afterwards.

In your name, I thank the Galleshaw Family of Wright's Chicken Farm for donating their tent for the picnic, the Dunkin Donuts on Main Street for donating all the coffee, and the Knights of Columbus for manning the grill and cooking the burgers and dogs all afternoon. Without the help of so many great parishioners who volunteered, and benefactors who were so generous, we would not have had such a great day.

It was a great afternoon of pony rides and games for kids, good food and ice cream for all and a wonderful time celebrating our parish family. We are grateful to Fr. Connors for his truly talented display of juggling including the juggling of flaming

batons! It was one of the highlights of the day.

Also we congratulate Fr. Connors and his team of youth who were victorious over Team Healey in the tug-of-war! There will be a rematch next year! We give thanks to God for this wonderful parish and for providing our parish family such beautiful weather and good times!

On Tuesday of this past week we had а solemn celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mercy at the 7:30AM Mass. Our parish soloist Deirdre Donovan provided beautiful music for the special feast including a truly beautiful hymn dedicated to our patroness. May Our Lady of Mercy continue to intercede for our parish and guide and protect our parishioners.

It's hard to believe that the month of September is coming to a close and fall has arrived. Soon the leaves will be changing colors and falling down. October at OLM is full of events and special feast so please take a look in the bulletin. We will have October Devotions each Monday during the month at 7:00PM with spiritual reflections.

Also, we will offer all-day Eucharistic Adoration this Friday following the First Friday OLM School Mass. I hope you can spend some time on Friday in prayer and adoration of Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will conclude at 7:00PM on Friday night.

Beginning in October

there will be an extra hour of Confessions each week. Beginning on Monday, October 7th, Fr. Connors and I will hear Confessions on Monday nights at 6:00PM. For those who cannot make it to Confession on Saturday afternoon, you can now stop by on the way home from work on Monday evenings. Frequent Confession is good for the soul!

The congregation at our new Sunday 5:00PM Mass has continued to grow each week. We are in need of regular volunteers to help usher and take up the collection. So, if you are interested in helping out at one or two Sunday evening Masses a month, please let me know. Also, remind your friends, neighbors and family members that OLM now has the last Sunday Mass in the area!

On Sunday, October 6th at the 5:00PM Mass Bishop Evans is to confirm nearly 100 of the young adults of our parish. I ask that you please commend them to your prayers that as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit they will continue to grow in grace, faith and holiness and stay close to Christ and His Church.

Deacon John Dowd underwent double knee replacement surgery this past week and will be away from the parish for a few weeks to recover. Keep him in your prayers that the surgery is successful and that he returns soon to his ministry at OLM. God Bless. Have a great week. Go Sox! Go Pats!!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

October is traditionally kept as the Month of the Holy Rosary. It would be fitting then that before the month ends, we consider the great gift of the Rosary and why it is so important for our prayer life, for that matter, for

our life itself. Probably the greatest aspect of the Rosary is that while we pray these Our Father's, Hail Mary's, and Glory Be's we are uniting ourselves to the very <u>mysteries</u> of Christ's own life and those of His Blessed Mother. They are truly mys-



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teries, Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious, to be sure, but mysteries nonetheless which require our full attention and contemplation. Why was it that God Himself became man in the Mystery of the Annunciation?? How did Christ struggle in temptation in the Mystery of His Agony in the Garden?? What did Jesus accomplish in the Upper Room in the Mystery of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary?? All good questions--all good mysteries which take a lifetime to ponder. At the heart of the Rosary remains the basic belief that "Christ did not live his life for himself but for us, from his Incarnation 'for us men and our salvation' to his death 'for our sins' and Resurrection 'for our justification.'" By meditating on the mysteries of His Life we come to understand our own "mysteries" a little more profoundly. "In all of his life Jesus presents himself as our model...In humbling himself, he has given us an example to imitate, through his prayer he draws us to pray, and by his poverty he calls us to accept freely the privation and persecutions that may come our way." But the Rosary is much more than just remembering ancient events and recalling people from centuries long past. The Rosary is about the present! It is about the Mysteries of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary as they are continually lived out in the mysteries we live in. Why was it that God Himself created me in the womb of my mother in the Mystery of How do I struggle against the my conception?? temptations in the Mystery of my own suffering?? What does Jesus accomplish in my life in the Mystery of the gift of His Holy Spirit?? By knowing the mysteries of Christ's life and the mysteries of His Mother's life, our own mysteries don't appear all that imposing--all that mysterious. We are not afraid then to enter into our mysteries and figure them out. By the frequent praying of the Rosary, we have entered the mysteries of Christ and Mary so many times before that we cannot be afraid. "Christ enables us to live in him all that he himself lived, and he lives it in us." Before you check it out in the Rosary, check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #519-521.



September 22, 2013

Weekly	\$10,655.50
Weekly EFT	\$964.00
Annual (To date)	\$37,658.00
Outreach	\$120.00

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Next Week: Seminarian Education

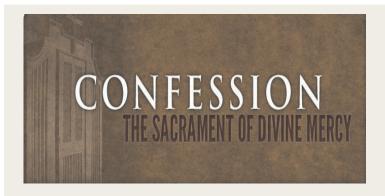
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM
Tuesday—Scouts in OLM Gym at 7:00PM
Thursday—Bereavement Group at 4:00PM
Thursday—Confirmation Rehearsal at 7:00PM

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



Beginning on Monday, October 7th a second opportunity for Confessions will be added to the OLM Schedule. Confessions will be heard each Monday night from 6:00PM until 6:45PM as well as on Saturdays from 4:00PM until 4:45PM.

" God's mercy has no limits." — Pope Francis



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 News

Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00PM for October 6th Confirmation Mass. Please arrive on time.

8th Graders in Catholic Schools receiving Confirmation next fall should check parish website for schedule of Confirmation Lectures they must attend and all other requirements.



OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food donations and also please continue to think of those in need. Thank you for your support. **OLM Bereavement Group** is Thursday, October 3 at 4:00PM.



Calling all High School OLM Parishioners, mark your calendars for our next meeting on Sunday, October 13th following the 5:00pm Sunday Mass. Join us for our Opening Meeting. Pizza to be served. For more information contact Fr. Connors at the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at associatepastor@olmparish.org

October Devotions



Mondays at 7:00PM

Join us each Monday night in the Month of October for Rosary with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Talk.

Monday, October 7th

Mary, Mother of The Eucharist—Fr Bernard Healey

Monday, October 14th

Our Lady of the Rosary—Fr Ryan Connors

Monday, October 21st

Why the Immaculate Conception Matters—Fr. Joseph Upton, Chaplain, The Prout School, Assistant Pastor of St Francis, Wakefield

Monday, October 28th

Devotion to Our Lady and the Assumption—Fr Michael O'Connor, OP Adjunct Professor at Providence College



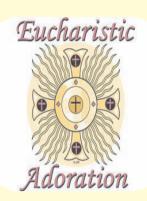
Catholic Scouting Awards

Any Boy Scout or Girl Scout wishing to learn more about their faith in working on the Catholic scouting awards for their age group, please contact Jane Burley at rhaja-jane@cox.net The following are the awards and age of the scout for the local medal: Boy Scouts: Light of Christ

age 6-7 years Cub Scout, *Parvuli Dei* age 8-10 years Cub Scout, Light of Christ age 12-13 years. Girl Scouts: Family of God grade 2-3 and I Live My Faith grade 4-5. National Award given at Cathedral on Scout Sunday: Boy Scouts: *Ad Altare Dei* age 13-14 years, Pope Pius XII age 15 years and older. Girl Scouts: Mary-the First Disciple- grade 7-10 and The Spirit Alive- grade 9-12

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All Day Adoration on Friday, October 4th



Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, October 4th. Following the OLM School First Friday Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for prayer and adoration and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM.

"What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation."—St. Francis of Assisi

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

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



<u>Join the Choir...</u> You'll Be Glad You Did! 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 experience necessary! We are also looking for High School and College Age Parishioners for a Youth Choir for the new 5PM Sunday evening Mass. Anyone interested is urged to contact

884-4968 Jeff Allard at or via email 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 contact Deirdre Donovan via email at information, 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 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.
- 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 884-1618. A great opportunity for retirees or grandparents!!
- Holiday Shopping Night: We are excited to announced Our Lady of Mercy School's 1stannual Holiday Shopping Night! Please join us for a fun and festive evening filled with beautiful handmade items and artwork from local crafters and artisans, as well as several independent consultants like Pampered Chef and SwissJust! Get your holiday shopping done early and celebrate the season in style! More details to follow... stayed tuned! If you or someone you know may be interested in having a display at this event, please contact Kathy Royce at royceri@verizon.net for more information



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 opportunities available. For more information contact, Craig Lombardi, Volunteer CAL Director at cdlom13@gmail.com or 401-330-8835

Blessing of Pets & Animals in Honor of St. Francis Saturday, October 5th at 9:00AM OLM School Parking Lot



Join us as we call forth God's blessing upon pets and animals in honor of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Bring your dogs, cats, geckos, snakes, oxen, chickens, mules and fish.

All animals welcome!

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