

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass			5:00	PM
Sunday Masses	7:30,	9:00 &	10:30	ΑM
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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ▼ September 7, 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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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The Mass of Anticipation for 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Joseph Gianardi—10th Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

The Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

9:00 AM Katherine & Armando DeAngelis—Memorial

10:30AM Jack Brady—Memorial

5:00PM Frank Longo—21st Anniversary

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM Sister Catherine O'Connell, OP—Memorial

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

7:30AM Gregory Corgan—Memorial

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Mary 7:30AM Christopher Tasca—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

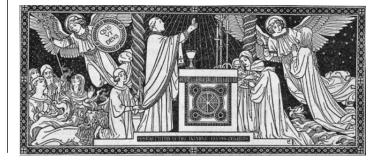
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:30AM Deborah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance Vigil Mass of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00PM Beatrice Basler—2nd Anniversary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 AM Catherine Cabral—Birthday Remembrance 9:00 AM Albert Burnside & Rose Farina—Memorial 10:30AM Vivian Ericson—Birthday Remembrance 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

The first day of autumn is not until September 23rd, but for all practical purposes summer ends on Labor Day! As summer ends we once again ask, where did it go? It went so quickly and seems to go quicker the older I get!

Speaking of getting older, next week Fr. Frank O'Hara, one of our senior priest, will be preaching at all the weekend Masses. Fr. O'Hara will be here to speak on behalf of the Senior Priest Retirement Collection. Last year Fr. Nick Smith so powerfully preached about Priest Retirement that the collection raised nearly \$17,000 here at OLM! Once again the Diocese has asked us to let a Senior Priest preach on the vital need of the collection which is scheduled for the weekend of September 20 and 21st.

The many senior priests of the Diocese of Providence are self -supporting. Diocesan priests live independently in retirement, no longer relying upon the support of a parish. Since they are paid a modest wage during their years in active ministry, priests receive a minimal Social Security benefit. In 1966, the Diocese established the Senior Priest Retirement Fund in an effort to help retired priests meet the basic needs of food, housing, transportation and medical care.

There are currently 95 senior priests in the diocese. Often retiring between ages 70-75, many continue to serve after more than forty years of active ministry. Still others require

assisted living, or nursing home care.

The Church of Providence faces an important challenge today in supporting this fund. As with other retirement benefit programs—such as Social Security— the fund is burdened increasing current projected costs that exceed its income. Priests are living longer, active lives. Α percentage of priests in the diocese are nearing retirement age. The rate of those drawing on the fund is projected to only increase in the foreseeable future: in fifteen years some 50 percent of our priests presently active in ministry will be eligible for retirement. Fewer active priests also impacts fund revenues since one revenue source is a premium (from parish assessments) that is based on current active priests.

Your generosity answers that challenge and says thanks to many faithful priests who have served our Church. The Annual Retirement Fund Collection is a major support for our retired priests. With a thoughtful, generous contribution you can help the Senior Priest Retirement Fund meet obligations to those who depend on it for today and tomorrow. It's also our way of thanking them for their many years of faithful service.

Fr. O'Hara has been retired for several years and still is active helping out parishes around the state. In fact, Fr. Connors will be out covering

Masses for Fr. O'Hara, while he is with us at OLM next Sunday, in Cranston and Warwick.

In full disclosure, both Fr. Connors and stand to benefit from the Priests' Retirement Fund in the future. For me it will be in the year 2035 when I am eligible to retire and Fr. Connors is eligible to collect his pension in the year 2053! So when I am about 88 years old, the young Fr. Connors can join me at the Senior Priest Residence on Mount Pleasant Avenue!! But we are only able to retire if we have a strong retirement fund for retired priests, so your generous support is deeply appreciated by all the priests of Providence, young and old!

I received a note from St. Patrick's this Parish week all of you for your thanking tremendous support of the Back-Pack Drive. Fr. James Ruggeri, Pastor of St. Patrick's in Providence, wrote that they were able to help over 50 families including one family of eight children and two with children. They gave out 100 back-packs full of school supplies. Your generosity in supporting the needy of Smith Hill is appreciated. Fr. James writes: "On behalf of all our volunteers, staff especially the happy children who walked through the door, thank vou!"

I know you will give Fr. O'Hara a warm welcome to OLM next weekend. Have a great week! God Bless! Go Pats!

Father Healey



Dear Father Connors:What is the difference between a feast and a memorial on the liturgical calendar?

Fully living the Christian life means living the liturgical calendar. Catholics don't simply acknowledge the secular calendar of national holidays and civic celebrations. Catholics live the liturgy—the daily worship of God according to the seasons of the year. Principally that means Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter but it also includes feasts and celebrations throughout the year.

We generally use the word feast to describe any special day on the liturgical calendar. This isn't the most precise use of the term, however, since a feast has a very specific meaning. However the word feast is often used as a general term, regardless of whether or not we are celebrating a solemnity, feast or memorial.

Solemnities are the highest liturgical celebration on the calendar. They include solemnities of precept—that is, holy days of obligations—like the Immaculate Conception or the Assumption. Solemnities also include the "feast day" of St. Joseph on March 19th or the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart after Pentecost. On a solemnity both the Gloria and the Creed are recited at Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours—the Divine Office prayed by priests and religious—is of greater solemnity.

Feasts of the liturgical calendar includes those of apostles or the archangels. The Gloria, but not the Creed, is said at Mass on those days.

Memorials are those of saints that are either obligatory, that is, the Mass for the day must be celebrated for that saint or optional memorials when it is the decision of the priest to celebrate the Mass for that saint, with prayers proper to that saint, on a particular day.

Knowing the different feast days and celebrations throughout the year helps to let our lives revolve more and more around the worship of God. Each day is not simply just like the next. Living the liturgical calendar inserts one more deeply into the life of the Church.

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



August 31, 2014

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Building & Grounds



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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners, **Joseph Dowd and Katherine McCloskey** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



SUNDAY NIGHT MASS AT 5:00PM

The 5:00PM Sunday Night Mass at OLM resumes this Sunday, September 7, 2014. Please tell your friends and neighbors!



RE Dates to Remember:

<u>Saturday, September 9th</u>: 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat (M-Z)

<u>Sunday, September 28th:</u> Catechetical Sunday, 9AM Mass Installation of all RE Teachers



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.

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



Join Fr. Connors for a faith-filled dav of pilgrimage and prayer to the Divine Mercy Shrine 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

sheilabroderick@me.com All reservations must be made by October 1, 2014.

or



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

<u>Friday, September 12th—Sunday, September 14th</u>: OLM School Annual Mum Sale

Limited Openings in Pre-K and other grades. Call today to register your child. Parish Tuition Assistance available.



CAL BASKETBALL AT OLM

The 2014-2015 OLM Parish and School Basketball registration opens on September 14-30, 2014. All boys and girls Grades K thru 8 are encouraged to register. Go to www.olmhoops.org to register.

ATTENTION ALL SINGERS, YOUNG AND NOT-SO YOUNG!!



2014-2015 Adult Choir

If you like to sing, then consider joining our OLM Adult Choir. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 7pm-8:30pm in the Church choir loft. All are welcome to join, no experience necessary. If interested please contact, Choir Director Henri St. Louis at 884-4968, via email at musicministry@olmparish.org, or just stop in the choir loft after any Mass!

2014-2015 OLM 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. We currently have 10 openings for new singers. Rehearsal: Wednesday afternoon 2:45-3:30 (starting Sept. 3rd) Supplemental rehearsal: Saturday after Mass, for members who cannot attend Wednesday rehearsals. (starting Sept. 6th) Contact Deirdre Donovan for more information or to register your child via email musicministry@olmparish.org or by phone 401-884-4968.

Join us as we celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Mercy





Sunday, September 21, 2014 1:00PM to 4:00PM

Annual Our Lady of Mercy Parish Picnic
On The Grounds of Our Lady of Mercy

Monday, September 22, 2014 7:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
"Thirsting for Mercy"

A talk by Father Christopher Maher
Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 7:00PM

A Concert of Marian Music
Our Lady of Mercy Adult & Children's Choirs
The Schola Cantorum Sanctae
Mrs. Deirdre Donovan, Soloist
Mr. Henri St. Louis, Organist
Light Reception to follow

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 7:30AM

Solemn Mass of the Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Coffee an' to follow

Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!



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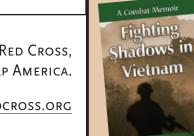
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