

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass.			5:00 PN	1
Sunday Masses	.7:30,	9:00 &	10:30 AM	1
September—June			5:00 PN	1

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 8, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2013

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Anticipated Mass for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 PM Frank Longo—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Sally Carey—Memorial

9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Skowronski & Sherrer

Families

5:00PM Nicholas Butera—Memorial

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

7:30 AM Special Intention of the OLM Cenacle

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Weekday

7:30 AM William Sullivan—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Weekday

7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 AM Rose Zaino, Antonio & Angela Mattiace—Mem.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Catherine Boudreau—Memorial

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Exaltation of the Cross

8:30 AM Catherine Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

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



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

We had a pretty good crowd last Sunday night for our new 5:00PM Mass. Given that it was a rainy night and also Labor Day Weekend it was great to see so many turn out for it. I think we might see more as the word gets out and folks return from summer homes and vacations. In the please meantime tell your neighbors, friends and family members that they now have a fifth chance to get to Mass on Sunday!

Next Sunday is National Catechetical Sunday in the US. It is a day that we celebrate the religious education and formation of our parish children. I invite you to join us at the 10:30AM Mass next Sunday as we recognize the men and women who have volunteered to teach the Catholic Faith in our Religious Education Program.

This year we begin with changes in our Religious Education Program including moving all our classes to Sunday. All children in Grades 1-5 will attend classes following the 9:00AM Family Mass (10:00AM-11:00AM) and our students in Grades 6-8 will attend following the 5:00PM Sunday Mass from 6:00PM until 7:00PM.

I thank the volunteer teachers for coming forth to share the faith and teach the children about Jesus and His Church. Pray for them as they begin this good work of faith formation and evangelization. Also pray for the many children and their families of our RE Program, may it be a

great year of faith and wisdom for them all!

I ask also for your prayers for our 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates. They are on Retreat this weekend and on September 22nd. They are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 6th at the 5:00PM Mass. As they continue to prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, may they also continue to grow in their faith.

On Friday we invoked the Holy Spirit upon the faculty, staff and students of our OLM School. The Mass for Holy Spirit for the Opening of the School year is traditionally celebrated this time of year. In fact this coming week Father Connors and I will concelebrate Masses at the Prout School and Bishop Hendricken with the school chaplains and other local clergy. May it be a year of growing and learning for all students.

I ask you to mark your calendars for the OLM Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 22nd from 1:00PM until 4:00PM. Once again we look forward to gathering and celebrating as a Parish Family in anticipation of the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy on September 24th. We are hoping for a beautiful day of weather (say some prayers!) and a great turnout once again this year.

You are welcome to join us and bring your own picnic food, a chair and a beverage of your choice. We will provide the tent, condiments, paper-goods, music, cold water, grills for grilling, games for children and

adults, pony rides for kids, and Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream for all! We are always in need of volunteers to help with set-up, running things the day of the picnic and clean-up. If you can help in anyway just contact the Parish Office at 884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org Hope to see you there!

Following on Pope Francis's call to pray for peace this weekend, I ask you to please pray for peace and for a resolution to the conflicts in the Middle East especially in Syria. Pope Francis stated: "All men and women of good will are bound by the task of pursuing peace. I make a forceful and urgent call to the entire Catholic Church, and also to every Christian of other well confessions. as as to followers of every religion and to those brothers and sisters who do not believe: peace is a good which overcomes every barrier, because it belongs to all of humanity!" May the Queen of Peace, the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose birth we celebrate today, truly guide our world into the ways of peace.

We thank Senior Priest, Fr. Nick Smith for preaching to us this weekend about the Priests Retirement Fund Collection. This important collection is to be taken up next weekend. Your generosity is always appreciated as is your prayers for our Senior Priests. Have a great week! God Bless! Go Sox! Go Pats!

Father Healey

The Catechism Corner

When someone hears the term "excommunication" no doubt they think of many negative things: "the cruelty of the Church," "medieval practices in the

modern age," or even "getting back at those who deserve it." Not one of these phrases though captures the true essence of the purpose of an excommunication. The Church does not excommunicate someone in order to punish them. They are



does not excommunicate someone in order to punish them. They are YEAR OF FAITH 2012 already punished by their action. As strange as it may sound, the Church excommunicates someone in order to *help* them--in order to *help* them recognize the gravity of certain actions. These are actions which are so harmful that they sever one's relationship with the Church and make one unable to receive the Sacraments (with the one exception of This past week our Penance, of course). attention has been focused on the tragedy of abortion, an action which in and of itself brings excommunication upon the one who performs it, the one who has it done to them, and anyone who helps in getting it done. Harsh words for a merciful Church?? Well, they are merciful words if we think that the Church wants us to avoid the taking of innocent human life at all costs. "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception...Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense. The Church attaches the canonical penalty of excommunication to this crime against human life...The Church does not thereby intend to restrict the scope of mercy. Rather, she makes clear the gravity of the sin committed, the irreparable harm done to the innocent who is put to death, as well as to the parents and the whole of society." The only way to heal a wound is to have a truthful and realistic explanation of it. If a doctor were to treat pneumonia as if it were a common cold, he would soon be out of business and the same thing for a garage mechanic who treated axle problems with more windshield wiper fluid. The Church cannot truly heal the sin of abortion if she does not faithfully explain to the world and to the individual the seriousness of its damage. This week, let us continue to pray for an end to abortion and in a special way for the conversion and true healing of those who have suffered abortion and may have suffered excommunication at the same time. Check it out in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2270-2272.



September 1, 2013

Weekly	\$11,091.50
Building & Grounds	\$2,696.00
EFT	\$797.00
Outreach	\$1,251.00

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.

Second Collections

Next Week: Priests Retirement Collection

Thank you for your generosity!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday—Legion of Mary at 7:00PM

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

ABOUT THE SECOND COLLECTION



<u>Fund Collection</u> <u>September 14/15, 2013</u>

Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our senior priests. Next weekend's second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant

source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous support of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served the faithful for decades. For more information about the senior priest retirement fund, or to make a donation online, please visit www.srpriestri.org



Registrations for 2013-2014 RE Year are now PAST DUE. Religious Education for Grades 1-5 will be held on Sundays, from 10-11. We are looking for high school students to help as TEACHER'S AIDES in the classrooms especially with those preparing for First Communion, Second Grade. This is an exciting opportunity to help your church and work with the children! If you are a Confirmed high school student and would like to volunteer, please e-mail Mrs. St. Jean at reled@olmparish.org or call 884-1061.

OLM Religious Education Schedule 2013-2014

RE Grades 1—5

Sundays 10:00AM—11:00AM

<u>RE Grades 6—8</u>

Sundays 6:00PM—7:00PM

CONFIRMATION REATREAT

Saturday, September 7
Students whose last name begin with A to L
Saturday, September 21
Students whose last name begin with M to Z

The Retreat is <u>MANDATORY</u> for all candidates expecting to be confirmed on October 6, 2013. Please arrive in OLM School Cafeteria promptly at 11:45AM. The Fee is \$30.00 made payable to OLM. The day ends with all Confirmation Candidates attending 5:00PM Mass. Parents are encouraged to attend this Mass in support of their children.

RE TEACHERS MEETING

An orientation meeting is scheduled for all RE Teachers and substitutes of Grades 1 thru 8 on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00PM in the OLM School.

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.

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.



Games for Kids!

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

Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream! Cold Water!

Grills Available for Your Grilling!

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. If you are 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

You're Invited to Monthly Breakfast



The Friends of Daily Mass invite you to join them for a Monthly Breakfast at Cracker Barrel following 7:30AM Mass on the last Wednesday of every month. For more information contact Shirley

Berlanga at 203-9747

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



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**" will be held Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15th following all Masses.

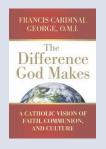
Our Lady of Mercy Parish Now Has Weekly Sunday Evening Mass at 5:00PM



Please Join Us for Mass each week!

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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