

### THE CHURCH OF

# Our Rady of Mercy

### † MASS SCHEDULE †

### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation......5:00 PM Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Sept—May)

#### Daily

Monday - Friday......7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM
Holy Day

Except on Christmas & New Years

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

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### The Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time № October 6, 2019

### **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 the parish Deacon 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 and before surgery.

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS**

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com.

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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## THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 6, 2019

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Theresa Kennedy & William Ruggiero—Memorial SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church 9:00 AM Dorothy & Samuel Ianacone—Memorial

10:30AM Daniel Murphy—5th Anniversary

5:00PM Confirmation

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30AM Deceased Members of OLM Rosary Makers

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

Weekday

7:30AM James Bene—1st Anniversary

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Weekday; St. Denis, Bishop & Comp. Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Weekday

7:30AM Andrew Rockett—1st Anniversary

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Weekday; St. John XXIII, Pope

7:30AM Bobby Anderson—Memorial

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Hak-Jin Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

Mass of Anticipation for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Richard A. Bernard—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Rebecca Bailey—Memorial 9:00 AM Jean-Luc Dayde—Memorial 10:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church



# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at OLM for 100 of our young adults. We welcome Bishop John Noonan of Orlando who has traveled to be with us and celebrate the Confirmation Mass on Sunday at 5:00PM. We also offer our prayers and congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates, their chosen Sponsors and their families.

It is a great occasion of joy, faith and hope for the newly confirmed, our parish and our Church as we celebrate Confirmation. These young adults from our parish receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they confirm their Catholic Faith first given to them at Baptism.

At the Confirmation Mass, Bishop Noonan will lead them in a re-affirmation of their baptismal promises. These promises were made when they were infants, but now they will have the responsibility of making them in their own name while they stand on their own two feet.

Just as Baptism gives new life, Eucharist nourishes life, and Reconciliation restores life when it is broken, Confirmation strengthens that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not the Catholic equivalent to the Jewish bar mitzvah. Confirmation is not a "coming of age" celebration. True, most young people are just beginning to pass into early adulthood when they receive the

sacrament. But Confirmation is not about coming of age. Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation does not mark the end of seeking faith and understanding. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class, nor a ratification of a personal faith choice. Rather, it's all about what God is doing for his beloved daughters and sons.

In Confirmation, God is strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance. God does this so that we might better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit. And there are—and will be—many situations where we and these newly Confirmed are called upon to defend and witness to our faith.

The Sacrament Confirmation helps us remain faithful our baptismal to commitment to bear witness to Christ and to serve others in love and with charity. The gifts of the Holy Spirit received Confirmation are virtuous strengths required to live as a Christian. They help a Catholic disciple lead a life of faith that is both fruitful and complete. Thus wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord, are the divine aids to living a joyful and faithful Catholic life.

So please pray for our newly Confirmed that they might continue to bear witness to

Christ, remain faithful to Sunday Mass, and continue to grow in the love and knowledge of God and His Church.

I wish to thank all the many parishioners who made our Annual OLM Feast Week a successful week of faith and fun for our parish family. We began with a great day of golf at the Annual Saints and Scholars Golf Tournament. Neither Fr. Barrow or myself came close to winning it! It was a beautiful day for the 128 golfers who came out in support of our parish.

Our Feast Day Mass was solemn and joyful, and Fr. Eric Silva gave an inspiring homily on mercy. The Holy Hour of Mercy with our OLM Adult and Children's Choirs singing sacred music in honor of Mary was truly beautiful. We thank Fr. Brendan Rowley for his outstanding reflection on living a life a mercy.

The Act of Mercy saw a great group of parishioners both young and old make hundreds of sandwiches and provide new socks for the homeless. It was a great work of mercy and many benefited from it.

And our Octoberfest saw a couple hundred parishioners enjoying a night of fun as a parish family. Truly a great evening of fun and food as we welcome the month dedicated to our patroness, Mother Mary! Join us for October Devotions on Monday at 7:00PM. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!* 

Father Healey



### What are the Charisms?

This week we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for our ninth grade students. Confirmation seals us with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit acts in our lives in many ways. In Catholic Theology we distinguish between the infused virtues (faith, hope, charity, and the infused cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude), the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Charisms. We do not speak often about the charisms these days. Traditionally there are nine Charisms based on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians chapter 12. Some of these include "a discourse of wisdom" (an ability to speak articulately), Charisms of healing, effective deeds of power, prophecy (an ability to speak God's word in the present), the discernment of spirits, speaking in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.

Importantly, all who are in sanctifying grace have the infused virtues and all seven gifts. But not all who are in sanctifying grace have the Charisms. Some may have one Charism for a time, then another, and then no Charism, etc. In other words, they are not stable gifts or permanent dispositions. The Charisms, unlike the gifts and infused virtues, are simply acts induced by the Spirit whenever He wants. Charisms may occur in saints or sinners. Hence, displaying a charism does not necessarily indicate the holiness of the individual. Balaam in the Book of Numbers is a classic example of a wicked man, who nonetheless had the Charism of Prophecy. Rather, the Spirit induces a Charism for the upbuilding of the Church, the good of men, and for the needs of the world. Many of the baptized receive a Charism at some point in their life.

While Charisms build up the Church, all Charisms need to be confirmed as authentic by the Church. A person can claim to have the gift of tongues, but the authenticity of the claim depends on the Church's acknowledgement and authority. Likewise, we need to be careful to distinguish the authentic activity of the Holy Spirit from emotional or psychological episodes. The Holy Spirit is sovereign and we do not control when He acts. Further, in the spiritual life, more attention should be paid to the infused virtues and the gifts, rather than on the Charisms. Remember that Charisms are directly ordered to the Church's mission and not to the sanctification of the person. A fixation on the Charisms can become an obstacle to one's growth in the spiritual life (particularly regarding one's ego and pride). As St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13, "If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love [i.e. the Supernatural Virtue of Charity], I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing."

## Weekly Collection

### **September 29, 2019**

Weekly	\$11,957.00
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	Total=\$14,449.00
Outreach	\$410.00
Annual (to date)	\$65,233.00

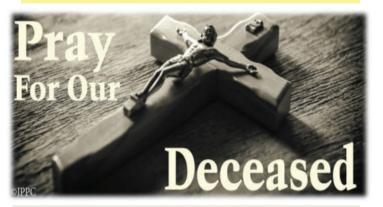
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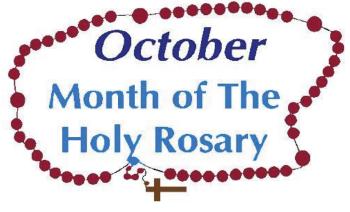
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### **Second Collections**

This Week: Building & Grounds Next Week: Seminary Education Fund



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of **Patricia Hagerty** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.





## **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

Confirmation Mass
Sunday, October 6 at 5:00PM
The Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando, Florida, Confirming Prelate
All candidates & sponsors must arrive at
4:20pm to OLM School to line up for
procession. Procession begins at 4:55PM
sharp.

NO RE Classes this weekend (October 6) due to Confirmation and next weekend (October 13) due to Columbus Day.

Congratulations to our OLM 2019 Confirmation Class!



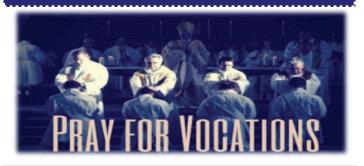
- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, October 17th at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- For more information about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- <u>Tuesday, October 8:</u> Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- Wednesday, October 9: Cross Country Meet at Goddard Park at 4:00pm
- Thursday, October 10: OLM School Colorthon (For registration or to make a dontion: https://olmschool.dojiggy.com)
- Monday, October 14: No School due to the Columbus Day Holiday

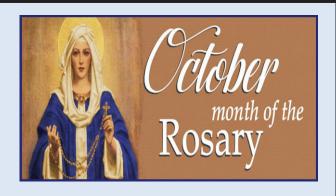
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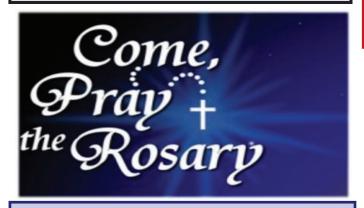
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Join the OLM RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and become a member of the Catholic Church! For more information contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or via email at associate@olmparish.org



October Devotions Every Monday in October at 7pm Rosary, Adoration, & Benediction

Monday, October 7
"The Rosary: Weapon of Victory"
A Reflection by Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, O.P
Associate Pastor of St. Pius V Church
Fr. Briscoe will be hearing Confessions at 6pm



## St. Raphael Academy Open House

Saint Raphael Academy invites prospective students and their families to an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 6, from noon to 3 p.m. Registration will be in Alumni Hall, located at 194 Walcott St. Families of students who are interested in entering as freshmen in the fall 2020 and current high school students who are interested in transferring will take a student-led tour of the campus, meet with faculty and discover the variety of sports and extra-curricular activities the Academy has to offer. Students may also register for the free Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Class that will be held at Saint Raphael Academy on Saturday, Nov. 16. Seating for this class is limited. Registration for the class begins on Oct. 6 at the Open House. For more information, visit www.saintrays.org/admissions/visiting-sra, or call the Admissions office at 401-723-8100.



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Training begins Monday, October 21st



### OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop

Tuesday, Tuesday, October 8th 9:30 - 11:30 AM OLM Cryroom

Materials and instructions provided. Join us in making rosaries for the missions.

## Bishop Hendricken Open House October 20th from Noon-3:00PM



Information on admission and financial aid as well as academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 9th or 10th Graders will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30am. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162

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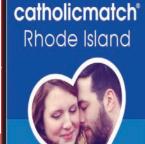
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