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Our Rady of Mercy

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation......4:00 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

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

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The Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time November 3, 2019

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 3:00 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Second Sunday of the month. Preparation Class is required. Please contact the parish 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.

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THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 3, 2019

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Mass of Anticipation for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00PM Alfred, Julia, & Alfred Joseph Mastracchio—Mem SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM Janet Forcier—Memorial

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM James Riley—4th Anniversary10:30AM Deceased Parishioners of OLM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

7:30AM Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Weekday

7:30AM Bernard Falchini—Memorial

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Weekday

7:30AM Joann Vito—10th Anniversary

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:30AM Fred & Evelyn Buoro—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Miriam Gossmann—Memorial

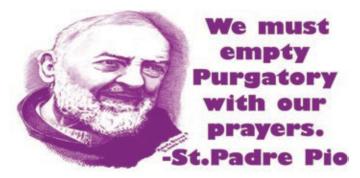
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Hope Silva—Birthday Remembrance 9:00 AM Joan Montaquila—19th Anniversary

10:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

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



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

It was St. Augustine who said: "If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them." This Sunday in a very special way we pray for the fifty-six souls from OLM who have died this past year. During this All Souls Month we remember all our beloved deceased and all the dead who have no one to pray for them

The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Masses for the souls of the faithful departed and the poor souls in Purgatory. At the time of their death, these souls are perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for past transgressions, and thereby are deprived of the Beatific Vision. We, the faithful on earth, can assist these souls in Purgatory in attaining the Beatific Vision through our prayers, good works and the offering of Masses.

In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. Each Sunday we pray for all the living and deceased parishioners of OLM. This Sunday at the 10:30am Mass we pray in particular for the dead whose names are posted in the bulletin. May they rest in peace.

There is also an ancient and venerable tradition of visiting the graves of the dead especially in November. This tradition finds its roots in the scriptures. Our Lord Jesus Christ visited the tomb of his friend Lazarus, only to call him out and raise him from the dead.

On the morning of the Resurrection, Mary Magdalene was on her way to the tomb of Jesus to pay her respects, when she discovered the empty tomb. As we visit the graves of our loved ones, we do so in anticipation of that day when God will call forth the dead from their graves into the fullness of resurrected life.

As we mark this All Souls Month of November as a parish family I encourage every family to visit the grave of a deceased loved one, to remember them in daily prayer and to have Holy Mass offered for the repose of their souls. Also when visiting a cemetery consider finding a grave of someone who has not had any visitors in some time and most likely also has no one to pray for them and add them to list of vour daily prayer intentions.

St. Gertrude, a 13th century nun and mystic, received visits from Jesus. Tradition suggests that Our Lord taught her a prayer and told her that when prayed it would release 1,000 souls in Purgatory. It's a short, beautiful, and powerful prayer:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen."

The most common prayer for the faithful departed is the Eternal Rest prayer. It is my practice, and I highly recommend to all people, that during every visit to the

cemetery to conclude your time with it. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. And may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

This week all the Bishops of New England including Bishop Tobin and Bishop Evans are in Rome on what is traditionally called "ad limina apostolorum." This means "to the thresholds of the apostles" Saints Peter and Paul, who were martyred in Rome.

On their ad liminia visit Bishops meet personally with the Holy Father and also visit various Vatican Offices to report on the condition of their individual diocese. Bishops also offer Masses for their local Churches at the Basilicas of Rome and at the Tomb of St. Peter. Please pray for them this week.

Fr. Barrow is on his annual retreat this week at Arnold Hall Retreat House in Pembroke, Massachusetts. Each year a priest is required to make a retreat of five days. Father departs on Monday and is to return late on Friday. Please pray for him and the other priests on retreat this week that it may be a fruitful time of prayer and renewal.

It's November remember the dead and pray for All Souls! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! *Oremus pro invicem!*

Father Healey



Does the Holiness of the Priest affect the Sacraments?

Kathleen Kennedy wrote a book several years ago titled, Being Catholic Now. In it she wrote that if her mother didn't like the sermon of the priest (too long, or politically not where she was) she would get up and lead her children out of the church. Kathleen Kennedy said that this taught her to distinguish between the faith and the institution. Today, in the wake of the crisis the Church is experiencing, there is the tendency to separate the faith from the institution or hierarchy. Yet, the Church which Christ founded includes the hierarchy or more precisely the office or institution. In the Creed we believe in One God, but we also believe in One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church is not simply a human institution; the Church is an ingredient in our faith. We cannot separate the faith from the institution.

As we have seen the members of the hierarchy/institution may be corrupt, may be liars, scoundrels, and so on, but the hierarchy itself, the office of the priesthood, and the office of the episcopacy, are themselves part and parcel of the Catholic Church. Both the episcopacy and the priesthood (and the diaconate) can be found right from the beginning of Church. A person is united to Christ, made a friend of Christ in and through the sacraments, and these sacraments come to us in and through the priesthood and episcopacy. Hence, the office of the priesthood and episcopacy are essential.

In any age of scandal in the Church, particularly among the members it is important to remember that the sanctity or holiness of the priest does not affect the transmission of the sacraments. While this may seem like a timely column, it is in fact a very old question that was settled in the early Church, around the time of St. Augustine. During Augustine's time there occurred the Donatist Heresy. This heresy said that only those priests who are ethically upright, lived their lives purely, can administer (distribute) the sacraments validly. Christ instituted each of the sacraments to transmit grace through outward signs. So long as the priest uses the proper formula with the right intention, the state of his soul has no bearing on the validity of the sacrament. The power of the sacraments derives from Christ rather than the minister. So we have definite channels of grace, sanctification, and friendship with God. This does not excuse those men who commit terrible crimes; evil acts must be condemned by ecclesiastical authority. Perpetrators need to be removed and punished according to the law. Yet, even a priest with whom you disagree politically, even one who could be the worst sinner, the Mass is still the Mass, and that priest is still a conduit of grace.

God chose to use weak, fallible, and corruptible human instruments to transmit salvation. In so doing he left open the risk for the misuse of human freedom. This misuse of freedom can happen anywhere, whether in government, education or even family. Yet, at the same time, he invites us to freely participate and become contributors to the wonderful work of salvation and to build the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

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October 27, 2019

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This Week: Building & Grounds
Next Week: Military Services Archdiocese

SATURDAY EVENING MASS TIME CHANGE



The 5:00PM Saturday Evening Mass moves back to 4:00PM start time beginning on Saturday, November 2nd. Saturday Confessions move from 4:00PM back to 3:00PM start time on Saturday, November 2nd. This continues until April 2020.



We offer our prayerful condolences to the family of Louis W. Forys, Jr. whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



- All RE Classes meet this weekend (November 3rd). No classes next weekend due Veterans Day Holiday.
- First Communion Class Mandatory Parent Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 7pm in OLM School Gym. If your child is planning to receive First Penance & First Communion in Spring of 2020 please attend. Meeting is for parents only.
- Confirmation Class: All candidates (public, private, parochial) must attend on Sunday, November 24. Guest Speaker: Social Justice & Poverty. Students should bring donations of gently used backpacks and/or new socks for the homeless.





- 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, November 7th 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, November 4</u>: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am; Connected Generation Presentation, grades 5-8, 1:15-2pm all parents welcome for evening presentation at 6:30-8pmt
- <u>Friday, November 8</u> Middle School attending Catholic Middle School Youth Conference

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Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email directly at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

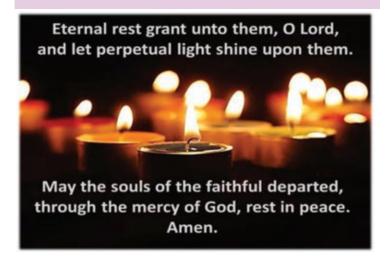
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Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners Laid to Rest November 2019 — November 2020 Pray for them.

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Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed



he Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, more commonly known as All Souls Day, expresses our faith in the unity of all members of the church including those who are no longer among the living.

This day of remembering and praying for the dead began in monastic communities in the early Middle Ages. By the eleventh century, it had a fixed date of November 2; and by the fourteenth century, it was a celebration of the entire church.

The liturgy for All Souls Day resembles the funeral liturgy in vesture, music, readings, and prayers.



All Souls' Day

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