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† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

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

Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM

Daily

Monday - Friday.....7:30 AM
& during Lent at 12:05PM

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 Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ✧ January 24, 2021

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Monday thru Friday during Lent at 11:45AM.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JANUARY 24, 2021**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Michael Alix—4th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Fay Masterson—3rd Anniversary
 9:00AM Margaret M. Healey—33rd Anniversary
 10:30AM Antonio DeCardenas—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
 7:30AM Kathy Hardiman—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

St Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
 7:30AM Timothy Franzone—3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday; St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Foundress
 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Richard Willette—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

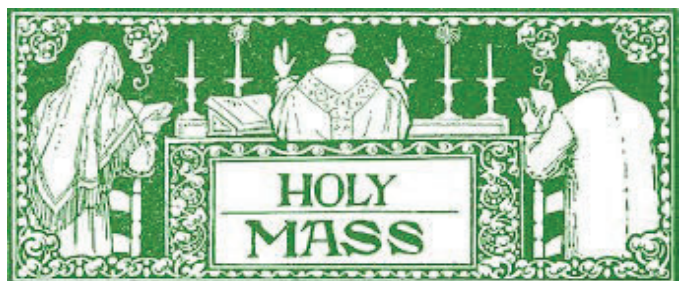
Weekday
 7:30AM Msgr. Edward F. Egan—17th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Birthday Remembrance
Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Peter P. Fornal—Month's Mind

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Hon. Edward P. Beard—Memorial
 9:00AM Teresa Romano—Memorial
 10:30AM Cheryl J. Zola—3rd Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

The Rectory Boiler Project was completed this past week. The entire project included an asbestos study by engineers, asbestos abatement, the destruction and removal of the old boiler, a second air quality study by the engineers, and the new boiler and hot water heater installation. It took just about a month. We also managed to paint the boiler room that hasn't seen a coat of paint since the 1960s.

The new boiler cost \$40,000 and we are grateful to Steve Rossi of New England Boiler Works for expediting the process. The old boiler died on December 22nd, and due to the Christmas holiday and vacation, a new one wasn't easy to obtain quickly. New England Boiler Works made the trip to New York to pick up the new boiler to expedite its installation.

We also thank OLM Parishioner Val Tirocchi, who owns and operates AA Asbestos Abatement, for his quick response to this emergency. His crew spent considerable time removing asbestos and then destroying the old boiler for removal. The old boiler was about 53 years old and very large, so it was quite a job!

The total costs for the project is close to \$60,000. The environmental engineering studies mandated by law cost about \$2,000. The asbestos abatement and removal of old boiler cost about \$12,000. We are waiting for the costs of installing the boiler, the plumbing, and electric work.

The old boiler was oil burning, while the new boiler is gas. Gas heat should make for

more efficient heating in the rectory.

Again I offer my thanks to those parishioners who supported the Grateful for God's Providence Capital Campaign. The campaign funds this project. We've now installed three much needed boilers in the rectory and convents, thanks to the capital campaign.

We've also installed new security cameras across the Church property and updated our school's security cameras. This security system, too, was funded by the capital campaign. Sadly such a system is needed in the times we live in today.

We will soon post the required signs indicating that video camera surveillance is in operation at OLM. The security system allows us to monitor the property for theft or vandalism, and keep the Church open for private prayer throughout the day without too much worry.

The cost of this project was \$10,000, and BCI Computers did the work. It also was financed as a result of the capital campaign. We are grateful for your financial support of these projects.

BCI Computers came to our rescue back in March when the government imposed lockdown occurred, and we had to close the Church and stop the public celebration of Mass. We asked for assistance from the Vice-President of BCI, Andrew R. Calore, an OLM Parishioner (soon to be married here!).

He quickly responded to our request for a Livestream system at OLM when they were in high demand. BCI worked closely with Fr. Barrow, our tech wizard, to ensure the timely

installation.

The Livestream system allows us to offer Sunday Mass, funerals, baptisms, weddings, and other essential events online. It has been a great benefit to many during this pandemic. Many of our elderly and infirm can participate, albeit remotely, in the parish's liturgical life. Also, families who cannot attend funerals and other events can join from across the country. It cost \$7,500, and an anonymous parishioner generously donated the entire cost.

We hope to begin moving forward on the significant capital campaign project of replacing the over 50-year-old doors to the Church. They are showing their age, do not work well, and many of them are beginning to rot.

We've had the architects and door design companies working on the project and hope to start in the spring. We plan to have one of the doors open electronically for those who are disabled or infirm. We await the estimate for this project's cost, and it is to be funded directly by the capital campaign.

We kick off Catholic Schools Week next Sunday. OLM Students are speaking at all Masses about their experience at our outstanding parish school. Keep the students and faculty in your prayers. May they strive to be the saints and scholars God calls them to be.

Stay safe. Be well. Do good. God Bless.



What is Catholic Schools Week?

Catholic Schools Week was first introduced by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) in 1974. It is an annual event which typically takes place on the last Sunday in January. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

Here at Our Lady of Mercy we have a week filled with events starting with an Virtual Open House Sunday, January 31st. The purpose of this week is to emphasize the value and necessity of Catholic education to families and young people, as well as how it contributes to the Church, the community and to our nation. It is a time to showcase Our Lady of Mercy School and the many benefits of an education rooted in the Catholic faith.

Education has always been an essential part of the mission of the Church. After the Fall of the Roman Empire it was the monasteries which preserved and handed on the knowledge of Rome, Greece and other ancient cultures. It was the Church who invented the first universities in the Western world in Paris, Bologna, Oxford, Padua, and so on. Members of the Church have been behind advancements in all major areas of study and the Church herself funds the progress of science and the arts. Education is listed as one of the spiritual works of mercy.

What sets Catholic schools apart from other types of schools? Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI stated: "It is in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of our lives becomes clear." Essentially what Benedict is pointing out is that Catholic education provides its students with a vantage point; a way of looking at the world that takes in all aspects of the mystery of life. Very often students are presented with only half the picture.

The essential reality that we are bodily and spiritual beings formed to be in communion with God who has taken on our nature is left out. They seek to teach truth to students and omit Truth itself. At Our Lady of Mercy our children pray, learn about their faith, the dignity of every human life, the value of sacrifice and selflessness, and the virtues (most importantly the virtues of faith, hope and love).

I invite everyone to support Catholic Schools Week and particularly Our Lady of Mercy School. Regardless if you have children or not pay a visit to the school during virtual open house and see the good work that is being done; the school is an integral part of our parish.

Weekly Collection

January 17, 2021

Weekly.....\$5,751.00
EFT.....\$4,982.00

Total=\$10,733.00

Outreach.....\$663.00
Annual Collection (to date).....\$128,778.00

January 19, 2020

Weekly.....\$17,159.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!



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

Budget Envelope Delay



If you have not yet received your monthly budget envelopes, **it is the result of delays within the U.S. Postal System.** If you would like a temporary set of envelopes,

please contact the Parish Office. The budget envelopes are printed and mailed out a month in advance by the envelope company, therefore duplicate sets cannot be sent out but only "temporary" sets.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and your continued generous support of Our Lady of Mercy Church.

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Outreach Update

• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated **non-perishable foods only** and paper goods in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House.

• **We are always in need of Stop & Shop & Walmart Gift Cards** (small denominations only: \$5, \$10, \$20 & \$25). Please drop them in the safe located in the vestibule or mail to the parish office.

Thank you for your support!

• For information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Striving to be Saints & Scholars!

• **Tuesday, January 26:** OLM School Mass at 9:00am for Grade Six. (no livestream)

• **Sunday, January 31:** Virtual Open House from 10am-12pm (visit olmschool.org to register!)

Good luck to our 8th graders this week at the Science Fair!

Save the Date!!

January 31-February 5

Catholic Schools Week

Student Speakers at Weekend Mases

Virtual Open House & Tour of OLM School

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First Communion & Confirmation Program
Family Mass & Class

Sunday, January 24th: First Communion Class Mass at 5:00PM followed by Class: *“Sin and Confession”*. Mass & Class is open only to the members of the First Communion Class & their families.

Sunday, February 21st: Confirmation Class Mass at 5:00PM followed by Class: *“Vice, Virtue & Conscience”*. Mass & Class is open only to the members of the OLM Confirmation Class & their families.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

PLEASE

**WEAR A MASK AND
SANITIZE YOUR HANDS**

**UPON ENTERING
AND EXITING
THE CHURCH**



Ordinary Time



Before there were any feasts or seasons in the church, there was Sunday, the original holy day.

Sunday was the day the community came together to celebrate the wholeness of the paschal mystery.

Eventually, more focused feasts and seasons developed out of Sunday, Easter being the first.

On these counted Sundays of Ordinary Time, the community still comes together to celebrate the original holy day and the wholeness of the paschal mystery.



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*Congratulations
To
The
Newly Baptized*

Stella Ava Margaret Prosseda,
and her parents, Eric and Peggy.

“Dear brothers and sisters: this child reborn through Baptism, is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is. Through Confirmation she will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, she will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church.”

—The Rite of Baptism



*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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