LET YOUR 'YES' MEAN 'YES,' AND YOUR 'NO' MEAN 'NO.'

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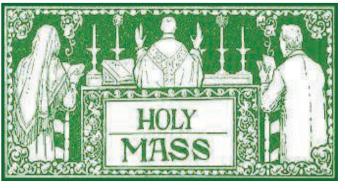
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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 13, 2023

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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The Mass of	Anticipation for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00PM	Margie Perretta—Memorial		
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12			
The Sixth Su	nday in Ordinary Time		
7:30 AM	Daniel Patrick Sullivan—Memorial		
9:00AM	Bruce Hart—9th Anniversary		
10:30AM	Gerald E. Celio—5th Anniversary		
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish		
MONDAY, F	EBRUARY 13		
Weekday			
7:30AM	Philip Toole—Memorial		
TUESDAY, F	EBRUARY 14		
Saints Cyril,	Monk & Methodius, Bishop		
7:30AM	Special Intention		
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15			
Weekday			
7:30AM	Special Intention		
THURSDAY,	FEBRUARY 16		
Weekday			
7:30AM	Christian Hull—Memorial		
FRIDAY, FEB			
Weekday; Tl	he Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order		
7:30AM	Deborah O'Connell—9th Anniversary		
SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 18		
Weekday; B	VM		
	Dec'd of the Lee & Pyun Families—Memorial		
The Mass of	Anticipation for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
4:00PM	James Riley—Memorial		
SUNDAY, FE	BRUARY 19		
The Seventh	Sunday in Ordinary Time		
7:30 AM	Fortuna & Jack Palermo—Memorial		
9:00AM	Robert T. Roy—Memorial		
10:30AM			
5:00PM	Station Night Club Fire Victims—20th Anniversary		



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we launch the Catholic Charity Appeal (CCA) at OLM. Our parish goal this year is \$190,000. Your sacrificial gift to the CCA multiplies God's love in our community. A gift to the Appeal immediately helps individuals and families struggling with food insecurity, homelessness, heating assistance. and more. Your financial support also builds up key ministries and programs of the Church in the areas of Evangelization, Faith Formation. Youth Ministry, Seminarian Education, Catholic School Tuition Assistance, and

Life and Family Ministry, to name a few. The CCA supports

numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence. Some examples are St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, Project Hope, St. Gabriel's Call for mothers in Emergency need. Services Network through Catholic Social Services, Campus Ministry at Brown, RISD and URI, Mother of Hope Youth Camp in Chepachet, Keep the Heat On, Vocations, Special Religious Education for those with disabilities (SPRED), St. Clare Nursing Home, Care Breaks (Respite Care), Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter, Cabrini Fund and much more.

This weekend we are having our in-pew solicitation for the CCA. We ask every parish family to consider a pledge of \$350, made payable over ten months at \$35 per month.

There are several ways to contribute to the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal. You may make your gift quickly and securely by pledging your donation online at givecentral.org/2023CCA.

As a donor, you can make a one-time gift, recurring gift, or а pledge by using your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover card online. The "pledge" option has a start and end date. In contrast, the "ongoing" giving option provides ongoing monthly support until you end payments.

There are three giving society levels for the CCA: Bishop's Partner in Faith: \$1,000 - \$4,999; Bishop's Partner in Hope: \$5,000-\$9,999; Bishop's Partner in Charity: \$10,000 or more. We are blessed at OLM to have many parishioners who donate at these levels.

Participation at this level is an inspiring example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow. We invite you to become a Partner this year. By doing so, you will join many other good stewards in our journey of faith together. Your charitable gift to the CCA qualifies for tax benefits as allowed by law. But please know that any gift or pledge to the CCA is greatly appreciated and helps us to reach our parish goal.

Please note that both civil and Canonical laws dictate that all funds received by this charity can only be used for the designated programs and ministries. No gift or pledge can be diverted to fund lawsuits, settlements, or any other agencies of the Diocese.

The CCA is an annual fund, meaning monies must be raised, collected, and spent every year by the charity. It supports the day-to-day ministries and services essential to our sisters' and brothers' spiritual, pastoral, educational, and human needs throughout Rhode Island.

Donor-designated gifts to the CCA can be made by utilizing the United Way Philanthropy Fund and designating your gift to "Catholic Charities of Rhode Island."

We thank Mr. and Mrs. Jerry O'Connell, the General Chairs of the CCA at OLM, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mita for Chairing the Bishop's Partners in Charity portion of the CCA. I am grateful for their leadership in helping us reach and surpass our parish goal this year.

Last year we exceeded our parish goal by nearly \$70,000. It is a great witness to the generosity and charitable spirit of the parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy. We can do the same again this year, but only if every parish family makes a donation or pledge.

In a parish of over 2,000 families, just 440 supported the CCA last year. We can do better this year, and I ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting this vital charity that funds the good works of our Church in aiding the poor, the needy, and the downtrodden. As the Gospel of Luke reminds us: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Make your CCA pledge this weekend!

Father Healey

🔆 Ember Days

EMBER DAYS formerly appeared on the Church's universal calendar as special days of fast, abstinence, and prayer. They came to be associated with the four seasons of the year, lending support to the theory that they originated as early Roman festivals for planting and harvest.

References to them first appeared in the fifth century. The word *ember* refers to something that comes around periodically, and it shares a root with our word *amble*.

Ember Days were observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays following the Memorial of St. Lucy (December 13), the First Sunday of Lent, Pentecost, and the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14). The faithful fasted, eating only one full meal, and abstained from meat on each of those days, just as we do today on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All the Masses included special prayers. Each Ember Saturday Mass became a vigil that increased the number of readings to seven: five from the Old Testament, one from the Epistles, and a Gospel.

The expanded liturgy of Ember Saturdays made them popular days for the Ordination of priests. Many priests ordained prior to 1969 can trace their anniversary date to an Ember Saturday.

The four sets of Ember Days no longer appear on the universal Church calendar, nor do we distinguish Ember Days from Rogation Days. Instead, the date, frequency, and theme for days of prayer have been entrusted to conferences of bishops. On these days, the regional Church prays for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth, for human labor, and to give public thanks. Other themes may include the harvest, peace, the unity of the Church, or the spread of the faith.

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February 6, 2023

Weekly	\$10,411.00
EFT	<u>\$4,360.00</u>
	Total=\$14,771.00
Outreach	\$1.396.00
Building & Grounds	\$2,484.00

February 7, 2022

Weekly......\$19,118.00

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

Leave a Legacy of Faith for the next Generation! Remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

2023 Catholic Charity Appeal

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry O'Connell, General Chairpersons Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mita, Bishop's Partner in Charity Chairs



IN FAITH

OLM 2023 Parish Goal=\$190,000

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal OLM Parish Goal=\$190,000 Total Pledged=\$262,643 Total Number of Donors=440 Average Gift=\$597

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The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of **Elizabeth Loughlin**. In your charity, please pray for the gentle repose of her soul.



RE Schedule

<u>Sunday, February 12</u>: 9:00am Mass & Grades 1 & 2 First Communion Class to follow in the OLM School Gym

Sunday February 19: Winter Break. No RE Classes.

<u>Sunday, February 26</u>: 5:00pm Mass & Grades 5, 6 and 7 Classes to follow in the OLM School Gym



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



•<u>OLM Food Pantry</u> is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. <u>All food items should be</u> <u>unexpired and non-perishable</u>. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• <u>OLM Bereavement Group</u>: Next meeting <u>Thursday,</u> <u>February 16, 2023 at 4:00pm</u> in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

• For more 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!

Calendar of Events

<u>Monday, February 13:</u> Yearbook Club @ 2:30
<u>Tuesday, February 14</u>: School Mass 8:15am: PTG Meeting @6:00 pm
<u>Wednesday, February 15</u>: Drama Club @2:30
<u>Thursday, February 16</u>: 8th Grade Trip Planning Meeting @6:00 pm
<u>Friday, February 10</u>: Beloved Meeting @230pm
<u>Saturday, February 17</u>: 8th Grade Field Trip to the I Museum of Work & Culture

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Alexander McKenna Alavian, and his parents, Michael and Julie.

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



Lent 2023

Our Lady of Mercy Church

65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023 Masses with Distribution of Ashes 7:30am,12:05pm & 7:00pm Confessions on Ash Wednesday 11:45am-12:00pm & 6:00pm-6:45pm

Daily Masses during Lent Masses at 7:30am & 12:05pm Monday-Friday • 8:30am on Saturdays

Confessions during Lent

Monday-Friday 11:45am-12:00pm Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm Mondays 6:00pm-6:45pm with Two Confessors

> Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:00pm

SPECIAL LENTEN EVENTS

Annual Lenten Mission

March 4-8, 2023 The Reverend Christopher Justin Brophy, O.P. Professor of Political Science, Providence College *Mission Preacher* Mission Preacher to preach all weekend Masses Mission Talks at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, March 6-8 with Confessions beginning at 6:00pm with Four Confessors each night

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION Friday, March 17, 2023 • Mass at 12:05pm Mass with Readings & Music in Irish The Most Reverend John G. Noonan, D.D. Bishop of Orlando, FL, Celebrant & Homilist

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION Monday, March 20, 2023 • Mass at 12:05pm Mass celebrated in Italian with Readings & Hymns in Italian The Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D. Bishop of Worcester, Celebrant & Homilist

> ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS Saturday, March 25, 2023 • 9:00am-3:00pm Four Confessors available All-Day

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday, March 31, 2023 • 1:00pm & 7:00pm

OLM PALM BRANCH COLLECTION



Baskets are available beginning this weekend at the entrances

of Church for the collection of old blessed palm branches. Please deposit all old blessed palm branches in these baskets as they will be burnt and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Thank you!



"For we walk by faith, not by sight." ~II COR. 5:7

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Please visit givecentral.org/2023CCA to make a secure gift online.

Prayer Intention Book

Have Your Intentions Remembered in Prayer



A book in which your prayer intentions can be written has been placed in the OLM Candle Room. Please feel free to list those intentions and needs you would like to be

remembered in prayer. Weekly on Fridays at 3:00pm all the intentions in the book are remembered at the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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