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Pray, Fast & Give Alms!



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THE EIGTTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 27, 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 20
The Mass of	Anticipation of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Irene Fortunato—Memorial
SUNDAY, FE	BRUARY 27
The Eighth S	Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Philip Given—Memorial
9:00AM	Domenica Ruzzo—Memorial
10:30AM	Beverly A. Wareham—Memorial
5:00PM	Rick Demers—Memorial
MONDAY, F	EBRUARY 28
Weekday	
7:30AM	Martha & Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial
<u>TUESDAY, N</u>	1ARCH 1
Weekday	
7:30AM	Felisa Belmonte—Memorial
WEDNESDA	Y, MARCH 2
Ash Wednes	day
	Special Intention
	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
12:05PM	Fr. Ronald E. Brassard—Memorial
7:00PM	Judith Zajac—Memorial
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	MARCH 3
Thursday aft	ter Ash Wednesday
7:30AM	Mary Jo Duffy—Memorial
12:05PM	Fr. Raymond P. Luft—Memorial
FRIDAY, MA	RCH 4
Friday after	Ash Wednesday
7:30AM	Souls in Purgatory
12:05PM	Fr. Leon P. Kachel—Memorial
SATURDAY,	
	ter Ash Wednesday
	Anne & Leo McGuire—Memorial
The Mass of	Anticipation for 1st Sunday of Lent
4:000PM	The Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

The First Su	nday in Lent	
7:30 AM	Albert Catanio—Birthday Remembrance	
9:00AM	The Deceased Members of the Duffy Family-Mem	
10:30AM	Robert & Celia Landi—Memorial	
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5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



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Dear Parishioners:

In Her wisdom Holy Mother the Church each year gives us the Holy Season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday this week we "begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint."

Over the last two years, Lent has been observed during the pandemic. During this time of pandemic we were vigilant in fighting the virus with social distancing, mask-wearing, hand washing, and other health and safety precautions. This year we begin a Lent with the virus subsided and masks mandates ended. And so we begin the return to a "normal" way of life. Lent calls us to be

vigilant against "spiritual evils" especially those that have spread during the pandemic. Namely, sin and selfishness, spiritual apathy and indifference, sloth, and laziness especially in our faith lives and religious obligations!

Now is the time to be ever more vigilant in faithfully attending Holy Mass on Sundays as God has commanded us. Now is the time to be more vigilant in more frequently seeking out God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. Now is the time to be more vigilant in making sacrifices, being more charitable to the poor and practicing self-denial as we take up the cross and follow Christ.

The campaign of Lent begins this Wednesday with ashes on our foreheads. We take up the clarion call of Lent: *"Repent and believe in the*

Gospel."

It is a time for more prayer and reflection in our daily lives. We are distributing a small book of Lenten Gospel Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron, one of the leading evangelists of our day. It is a great source of prayer and reflection. Additionally, there are many other books available on the book rack in the Church vestibule. Consider taking a break from the busy daily routine to add some time for spiritual reading, prayer and reflection.

Join us daily for one of our Lenten Masses at 7:30 am and 12:05 pm. Also, make this year's Parish Lenten Mission with Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington. He is preaching to us on a timely topic, "The Coronal9 Virus Pandemic: Curse or Moment of Grace?"

Monsignor is a very talented priest and dynamic preacher. He begins our Annual Lenten Mission next weekend at all Masses. I hope you take the time to make the Mission. A full Mission schedule is in the bulletin this week.

The Fridays of Lent are a day of penance and prayer as we loyally keep the sacrificial fast and abstain from meat in honor of our Lord's sacrifice on the cross. Our Lenten fast from food and certain drinks and other comforts and pleasures helps us to conform to God's will.

We take up fasting by giving up some pleasure or comfort in our lives for forty days. In giving up such things as chocolate and sweets, beer or Bourbon, technology like cell phones, internet, Netflix or even cigars, helps us answer the call to fast, self-denial and sacrifice, as did our Savior in the desert.

On the Fridays of Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm. This venerable devotion draws us closer to the Crucified Christ as we prayerfully follow his footsteps to Cavalry.

Confession is offered daily Monday through Friday at 11:45 am just before the Lenten 12:05 Mass. Each Monday night at 6:00pm during Lent, an extra guest Confessor joins us. All Day Confessions take place on Saturday, March 26th! Also, four priests are hearing Confessions each night before the Mission Talks at 6:00 pm!

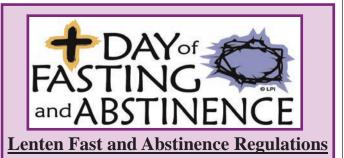
We give more alms in Lent through Operation Rice Bowl, so please take a rice bowl home. The monies collected buy food for the hungry of the world. We are also asked to support OLM Outreach and the Catholic Charity Appeal during this sacrificial season.

Pope Francis' Message for Lent reminds us: "The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer, and sharing of our goods helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father."

May the self-restraint and spiritual combat of Lent be a time of conversion to Christ. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless! Lent is coming. Get ready! Pray, fast and give alms!

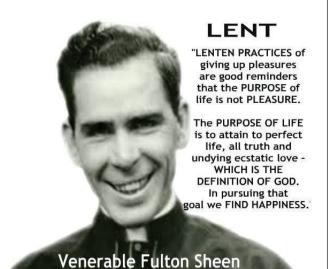
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Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts. Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).





February	20,	2022
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Weekly	\$7,743.00
-	\$4,884.00
	Total=\$12,627.00
Outreach	\$1,540.00

February 21, 2021

Weekly.....\$12,465.00



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

Second Collections
Next Week:: Monthly Building & Grounds

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



In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed most especially for OLM Parishioners Linda Ann Lallo, William Albert Anderson, Pauline G. Salvatore, Joanna Para and Josephine Ricci whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at OLM last week.





RE Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 27: 5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Sunday, March 6: 5:00PM Mass and Class: Confirmation 2022

> Sunday, March 13: 5:00PM Mass and Class: 1st Communion & 1st Grade

Sunday, March 20: 5:00PM Mass and Class: Grades 3,4,5,6 and 7

Both Parents & Students must attend Mass & Class

Important Dates: Saturday, April 2: First Penance at 1:00pm Saturday, April 9: First Penance at 1:00pm



• OLM Food Pantry is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. <u>Please place all donated NON-EXPIRED AND non-</u> <u>perishable food items only and paper goods in the box in</u> <u>the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy</u> <u>House.</u> Please do not leave medical supplies. Thank you for your support!

•OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us.

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



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Schedule of Events

Monday, February 28: Winter Vacation ends! Classes
 resume! Welcome Back!

•<u>Tuesday, March 1</u>: Ice Cream Mardi Gras! Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm

•<u>Wednesday, March 2</u>: Ash Wednesday, OLM School Mass at 9:00am. Lent Begins! Pray, Fast & Give Alms!! • <u>Friday, March 4</u>: 8:15am School Stations of the Cross

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Lenten Mission at **Our Lady of Mercy** March 5-9



"The Corona19 Virus Pandemic: Curse or Moment of Grace?"

The Reverend Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON Confusion: "To Be a Christian and to Live in Sin is a Monstrous Contradiction. A Christian Must Be Holy." —St. John Vianney

> Monday, March 7, Mission Talk at 7:00pm Silence: "Why Speak at Length? Prayer is God, Who Works All Things in All Men."-Gregory of the Siani

Tuesday, March 8, Mission Talk at 7:00PM **Resolution: "Love Reaches that Point of Perfection** Wherein it Not Only Causes Us To Do Good But To Do it Earnestly, Frequently, and Readily." -St.Francis De Sales

March 9, Mission Talk with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00PM Life of Grace: "Grace responds to the deepest yearnings of human freedom, calls freedom to cooperate with it, and perfects freedom. Sanctifying grace is the gratuitous gift of his life that God makes to us; it is infused by the Holy Spirit into the soul toheal it of sin and to sanctify it." - Catechism of the Catholic Church

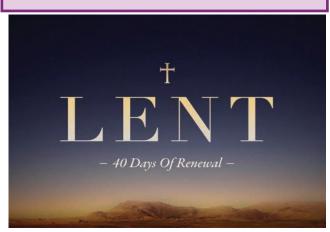
Mission Confessions at 6:00 pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 7-9, with four Confessors



Monsignor Kieran E, Harrington serves as the National Director of the Pontifical Missions Societies in the United States, having been appointed in April 2021 by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The Pontifical Mission Societies includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of st. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Peligious. The Society of st. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Peligious. The Society of st. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Peligious. The Society of st. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Peligious. The Society of st. Peter Apostle, and the Miccose of Brooklyn in 2001. He was appointed Vicar do communications for the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2006. In that role, he was reponsible for overseeing the diocesan public information of thec. Qovernment affairs and public policy office, NET, the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2005. He was appointed Vicar do communications arm of the Diocese. Monsignor graduated with honors from St. John's University with a degree in philosophr and hubids a Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York and a Master of Business Meria More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Father Mychal Judge Award from the Great Irish Fair in Brooklyn. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

OLM LENTEN TABLE

During Lent at table in the vestibule will be available with donated new and old religious articles. They are available to take without cost. Stop by and take something home for Lent.





Lent 2022

Our Lady of Mercy Church

65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022 Masses with Distribution of Ashes 7:30am, 9:00am School Mass, 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 5-9, 2022 The Reverend Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies Mission Preacher Mission Preacher to preach all weekend Masses Mission Talks at 7:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, March 7-9 with Confessions beginning at 6:00pm with Four Confessors each night

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday, March 17, 2022 • Mass at 12:05pm Mass with Readings & Music in Irish The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D. Bishop of Providence, Celebrant & Homilist

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 19, 2022 • Mass at 12:00pm Mass celebrated in Italian with Readings & Hymns in Italian The Reverend Monsignor Raymond B. Bastia Vicar of Planning & Financial Services for Diocese of Providence, Celebrant and Homilist

ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 26, 2022 • 9:00am-3:00pm Four Confessors available All-Day

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday, April 8, 2022 • 1:00pm & 7:00pm

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