

† 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 - Friday7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays8:30 AM
Holy Day
Except on Christmas & New Years

Vigil Mass......5:00 PM

Holyday Masses7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time № February 9, 2020

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2020

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 8
Mass of Ant	icipation for The 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Vincent A. Bruzzese—1st Anniversary
SUNDAY, FE	BRUARY 9
The Fifth Su	inday of Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Dolores K. Vespia—5th Anniversary
9:00 AM	Thomas J. Brescia—Birthday Remembrance
10:30AM	Bruce Hart—6th Anniversary
5:00PM	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
MONDAY, F	EBRUARY 10
St. Scholasti	ca, Virgin
7:30AM	Michael O'Brien—Memorial
TUESDAY, F	EBRUARY 11 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
Weekday; O	our Lady of Lourdes
7:30AM	Barbara A. Sedlock—13th Anniversary
WEDNESDA	Y, FEBRUARY 12
Weekday	
7:30AM	Marie McGlynn—Memorial
THURSDAY,	FEBRUARY 13
Weekday	
7:30AM	Special Intention
FRIDAY, FEE	BRUARY 14
Saints Cyril,	Monk & Methodius, Bishop
7:30AM	Special Intention
SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 15
Weekday; B	VM
8:30AM	Martha & Gottloeb Loeffler—Memorial
Mass of Ant	icipation for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM	Dec'd of the Gemma & Calitri Families-Mem.
SUNDAY, FE	BRUARY 16
	nday in Ordinary Time
	The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
	Barbara Shanno—Birthday Remembrance
	Gerald E. Celio—3rd Anniversary
	Mark Poirier—Memorial

5:00PM Mark Poirier—Memorial



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

On Tuesday of this week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This Feast celebrates the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Bernadette on February 11, 1858 in Lourdes, France. Today Lourdes is a pilgrimage site known for its miraculous healing of the sick and suffering.

On December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the of the Immaculate dogma Conception in the apostolic constitution Ineffabilis Deus. A little more than three years later in 1858, a lady appeared to the Bernadette Soubirous. voung This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During the questioning of the young Bernadette, she gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." . She wore a white robe and veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot and a rosary was in her hand.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th became worldwide in 1907.

In the years after the apparitions, Bernadette devoted her own life to prayer and the care of the sick, as a Sister of Charity of Nevers. She was never very healthy herself and she died of tuberculosis while she was still quite young. It may seem surprising that Bernadette never took the opportunity to return to Lourdes seeking a cure for her illness. I think she realized that she had already been healed. Through her encounter with Mary the Mother of Jesus, her whole life had been changed.

She died in the Sainte Croix (Holy Cross) Infirmary of the Convent of Saint-Gildard at the age of 35 on April 16, 1879, while praying the holy rosary. Even on her deathbed Bernadette suffered severe pain. Her last words were, "Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. A poor sinner, a poor sinner." She was canonized a Saint of the Church in 1933. Saint Bernadette is the patroness of illness, people ridiculed for their piety, poverty, shepherds, shepherdesses, and Lourdes, France

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the 1943 film The Song of Bernadette: *"For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."*

In 1993, St. Pope John Paul II instituted The World Day of the Sick. This day of prayer and remembrance of the sick is celebrated annually on February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

In his message for the 2020 World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis states: "Jesus' words, 'Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest' (Mt 11:28) point to the mysterious path of grace that is revealed to the simple and gives new strength to those who are weary and tired. These words of Christ express the solidarity of the Son of Man with all those who are hurt and afflicted. How many people suffer in both body and soul! Jesus urges everyone to draw near to him and he promises them comfort and repose."

Join us on Tuesday for Mass at 7:30am as we celebrate World Day of the Sick and turn to Our Lady of Lourdes for her powerful intercession on behalf of the sick and suffering. The beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes that is in our candle room will be displayed and we will pray for the sick, ill, infirm and homebound of our parish. If you cannot make it to the Mass, please stop by Church on Tuesday to pray for the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes for the sick.

Remember it's cold and flu season so please wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere! Be well. Do Good! God Bless.

Father Healer

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How was the Holy Land Trip?

One characteristic which distinguishes Christianity from many world religions is its historicity. We can point to locations and dates when salvific events took place. Most important of all we can visit the places where God walked the earth. Even today we can visit those holy sites. As St. John tells us in his first letter: "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life- for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us-what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." It is not necessary to go to the Holy Land to deepen one's faith. After all the angels at the tomb say to us: "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." In order to encounter the risen Christ a Christian need only enter a Catholic Church and receive the sacraments. Still, visiting the Holy Land has been a pious and noble endeavor for centuries.

On January 19th thirty-three pilgrims from Our Lady of Mercy departed Logan airport on route to the Holy Land. Included among the thirty-three pilgrims were three priests (Fr. Jack Unsworth, Fr. Angelo Carusi and me) and two sisters (Sister Lourdes and Sister Emma). Our trip followed the footsteps of our Lord. Or to put it another way: we visited the places we meditate on in the mysteries of the rosary. Beginning in Galilee we visited the Mount of Beatitudes where our Lord gave the Sermon on the Mount. We stood at the shores of the Sea of Galilee where he first called the Apostles and appeared to them after his resurrection. We even took a boat on the Sea of Galilee and learned some local dance moves. While in the region we visited Nazareth, Cana, the site of the Transfiguration, and the Jordan River. Just like our Lord we then traveled "up to Jerusalem." The busy city replaced the quiet countryside. The time of the passion and resurrection replaced the time of teaching and healing. In Jerusalem we prayed over the site of the crucifixion and the empty tomb. We also had the opportunity to celebrate Mass every day at these holy sites.

Thanks be to God the trip was filled with many graces and we all returned home safely.

Weekly Collection

<u>February 2 , 2020</u>	
Weekly	\$11,527.00
EFT	<u>\$1,560.00</u>
	Total=\$13,087.00
Outreach	
Building & Grounds	¢2 601 00

If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

> Thank You for Your Support! May God Bless Your Generosity!

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



Pledged To Date=\$1,561,925

Total Number of OLM Parishioners=2,120 Total Number of Pledges=353 Average Pledge=\$4,425

> Due to the spread of the influenza/flu virus and upon the strong recommendation of Medical experts, the Sign of Peace is to be suspended at all Masses at Our Lady of Mercy Church until further notice. *Please pray for the health and well-being of*

> Please pray for the health and well-being of all parishioners during this time.



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•**February 9**: All RE CLASS meet at regular times this weekend!

•**February 16 & 23:** No RE Classes due to the School Winter Vacation

•**First Penance**: Saturday, March 7th at 1:00pm



• <u>OLM Food Pantry is always in need of</u> <u>non-perishable</u> food times especially during the winter season. Please drop your donations in the Food Box located in the vestibule of Church. Thank you for your support.

•OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss are most welcome to join us for prayer and support.

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



Events for the Upcoming Week

Tuesday, February 11: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am, all are welcome to join us!
February 17—21: Winter Vacation.
Monday, February 24: School resumes

Congratulations to Bishop Hendricken Scholarship Recipients from the OLM 8th Grade:

Jack Hamilton - President's Scholarship Levi Burdon- Christian Brothers Scholarship Christian Butera - Principal's Scholarship

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Baskets will be readily available beginning the weekends of February 16 & 23, in order to collect old and blessed palm branches. Please deposit any palm branches in the proper

baskets as they are to be burnt for use as ashes for Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you your help and cooperation!



Annual Lumen Gentium Award



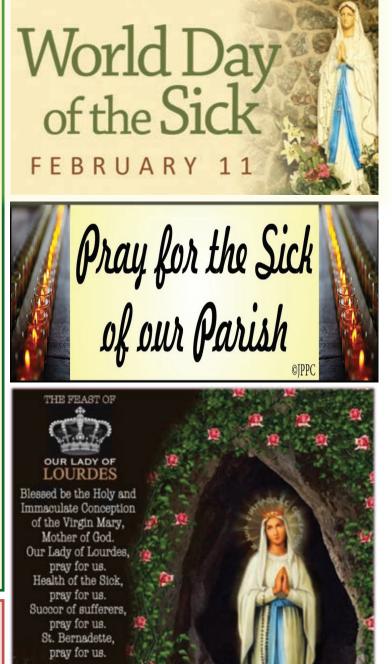
Make A Nomination Honor Someone for their Service

Our Lord tells us, "You are the light of the world" (St. Matthew 5:14). The purpose of this event is to honor individuals who shine the light of Christ on their communities, parishes and schools service to others through their and significant contributions to the life of the Church in the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island. The recipients have been identified as outstanding men and women whose service and personal holiness testify to Christ's presence in His Church as well as His concern for the well-being and salvation of the world. On Wednesday, May 13th, 2020, the Diocese of Providence will host the 8th Annual Lumen Gentium Awards Dinner. We hope you will join us! To make a nomination and to learn more about the Lumen Gentium Award go to: https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/nomination-form



Bishop Tobin has kicked-off the Annual Keep the Heat On Challenge, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$2.95 million in

assistance to more than 13,000 Rhode Island households in need. If you would like to help local families this winter with a tax-deductible donation, or, if you know of someone in need of heating assistance, please visit www.heatRI.com or call 401-421-7833 for additional information. You may also support Keep the Heat On using Text-To-Give --- text keepheat to 401-496-9889.



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