

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

	5:00 PM (Sept—May)
Sunday Mass	7:30, 10:30 AM
Saturday Mass of	Anticipation5:00 PM

Daily

Monday - Friday7:30 AM	
& during Lent at 12:05PM	
Saturdays & Legal Holidays8:30 AM	
Holy Day	
Vigil Mass5:00 PM	
Holyday Masses7:30 AM & 7:00 PM	

Our Rady of Mercy School

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THE CHURCH OF

Our Rady of Mercy

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The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 🛚 July 12, 2020

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 - Thursday......8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary Email: parish@olmparish.org Phone: 401-884-4968

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.D., In Residence

Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr. Robert M. Duffy Parish Trustees

Parish Founded 1853

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PARISH DIRECTORY

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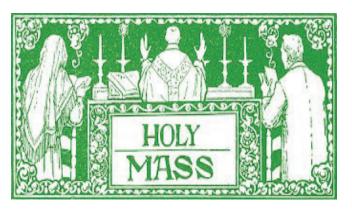
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 12, 2020

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Mass of Anticipation for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM William & Margaret Ahern—Memorial SUNDAY, JULY 12

The Fifteen	th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM	Jean Ingraham—3rd Anniversary
10:30AM	Alice Filippi Bleuze—Memorial
MONDAY, J	ULY 13
Weekday	
7:30AM	Derek Parenteau—Birthday Remembrance
TUESDAY, J	ULY 14
St. Kateri Te	kawitha, Virgin
7:30AM	Stanley Berek—Birthday Remembrance
WEDNESDA	Y, JULY 15
St. Bonaven	ture, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
7:30AM	John Bosco Rhee—Memorial
THURSDAY,	JULY 16
Weekday: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel	
7:30AM	Paul Cienki—2nd Anniversary
FRIDAY, JULY 17	
Weekday	
7:30AM	John & Jack Duffy—Memorial
SATURDAY,	JULY 18
Weekday; Si	t. Camillus de Lellis, Priest; BVM
8:30AM	Dec'd Members of Pundys & Dikinis Familes-Mem.
Mass of Anticipation for 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00PM	Cornelius J. & Rita C. Sullivan—Anniv. Remembce.
SUNDAY, JU	ILY 19
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 AM	Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

10:30AM Eda Pascarella—Memorial



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Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

I hope you had a happy Independence Day last weekend. Summer is a time of change in the weather, and very often our routines. The warm and sunny weather is a time to relax. We can sit back in the yard, at the beach, or in the park. We take up bike rides, swims and walks, go golfing or boating, All this is routinely unavailable at other times of the year.

But it is often a time to change in different ways. We typically say "Goodbye" to people who are leaving our workplaces or schools. So it is here at OLM as we acknowledge a few folks who are graduating or retiring from service at OLM!

We offer our thanks, prayers, and congratulations to OLM School employees Carolyn MacCrae and Donna Campbell. Carolyn has been our OLM Bookkeeper for many years, and Donna has served as our OLM School Art Teacher for nearly 20 years. They are retiring after many years at OLM, and we thank them for their service. May God Bless them with health and happiness!

Also departing from the OLM School Faculty are 5th Grade Teacher Ashley McCarthy, and our Librarian and Reading Teacher Christie Cambio. We are grateful to them for their dedication to OLM's budding saints and scholars and wish them well in their new endeavors.

Also, our longtime Parish Trustee, Bill Wray, who has served OLM since 2008, is stepping down from this role. We are grateful for his service, advice and wise counsel to our parish over these years. His knowledge, expertise, and experience have been a tremendous asset to our church, and I am personally grateful for his sage advice over the years. In your name, I offer our sincere thanks for his loyal and loving service to God and to OLM Parish. We wish him well as he and his wife, Nancy, spend more time traveling to visit with their wonderful family!

I am happy to announce that Bishop Tobin has accepted Bob Duffy as our new Parish Trustee. Bob and his wife, Sharon, have worshiped here at OLM for many years and are longtime parishioners. Their seven children attended OLM School, and also served Mass.

Bob has served on our OLM Finance Council for many years and is a distinguished attorney. He has provided wise counsel over the years, but even more importantly, Bob is a man of deep Catholic Faith. I am genuinely grateful for his willingness to take on this important responsibility in our parish.

We say farewell to a few of our OLM Senior Altar Servers. John Curran, David Delbonis, Jack Devine, and Matthew Simonetti have served God's altar for eight years. We are grateful for their dedicated, reverent, and dutiful service.

They have graduated high school and head off to college, and as they do, we thank them and promise our continued prayers for them! May God bless them with a lively faith, and may they continue to serve Him with dedication, holiness and zeal.

We wish all these members of our OLM family well in their future endeavors, and we thank them for their service to our parish and school. We pray that: "The Lord bless them and keep them; The Lord make His face shine upon them and be gracious to them; The Lord lift up His countenance upon them, And give them peace."

Summer, even with restrictions of the pandemic, is still an excellent time to change our routine and take some time for rest and relaxation. Perhaps spend time in prayer and reflection, take a hike, a long walk, a swim at the beach, or read a book. These things can be prayerfully done even in a pandemic!

St. Pope John Paul the Great said: "Vacations, holidays, must be wisely used to benefit the individual and the family through contact with nature, tranquility, the opportunity to foster greater family harmony, good reading, and healthy recreational activities; above all, through the possibility of spending more time in prayer, in contemplation and in listening to God."

Summer is indeed a time for rest, but it is not a time of rest from the Lord. We must use this restful time for more prayer and reflection with the Lord. Summer Time is a call to joyfully live our Catholic Faith while resting in the Lord. So this summer, perhaps more than before we should find rest in the Lord! Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good! God Bless.

Father Healer

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A Victory for Parents and Students

On June 30, 2020 the Supreme Court ruled in *Kendra Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue* that it is unconstitutional to discriminate against parents because they send their children to a religious school. This means that parents can receive aid from the government even if they send their children to a private school.

The reason the Supreme Court ruled on this issue goes back nearly 150 years ago. In 1875 Republican Congressman James Blaine of Maine proposed an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the use of state funds at "sectarian" schools (i.e. religious and private schools). The amendment passed overwhelmingly in the House but failed in the Senate.

Regardless, certain states (notably Massachusetts and 37 other states) adopted Blaine Amendments in their own state constitutions. As Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito explains, "the amendment was prompted by virulent prejudice against immigrants, particularly Catholic immigrants." One series of newspaper articles at the time argued, "Popery is the natural enemy of general education." Public schools then and now, were not neutral on matters of religion. In 1875 Public schools "were culturally Protestant and with curriculum[s] and textbooks that were, consequently, rife with material that Catholics and Jews found offensive."

The importance of this ruling cannot be understated. This issue usually falls under movements called "School Choice" and vouchers for families. Programs such as textbook loaning, free breakfast, free busing, and tuition assistance through scholarships are prohibited in states with Blaine Amendment type legislation. Such programs and assistance enable tax paying families, particularly those with lower income, to send their children to schools of their choice. As a result, parents and children are not forced to attend underperforming schools or schools which indoctrinate children simply based on their zip code address or their amount of wealth.

We are fortunate in Rhode Island that there are no Blaine Amendment like laws on the books due to the work of lobbyists such as our own Fr. Healey. That does not mean that we can remain complacent. In 2010 State Education Commissioner Deborah A. Gist proposed to eliminate state money for the textbook loan program for the parents of private and parochial school children. Such proposals harken back to Senator Blaine and restrict the freedom of families and the wellbeing of children. Given the financial hardships caused by COVID-19, Catholics and other families who attend private or charter schools should be on the lookout for violations against their ability to choose which school to attend. In addition, more can be done to ensure that every family has the resources necessary to attend schools which will truly benefit their children. This is especially true for Catholics given the increasingly hostile take over of our public schools by radical progressive ideologies that directly contradict Church teaching.



June 28, 2020

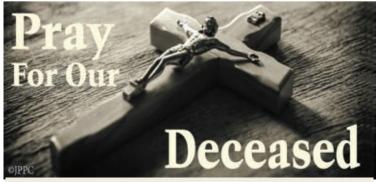
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EFT	<u>\$3,660.00</u>	
	Total=\$10,901.00	
Outreach	\$515.00	
Weekly for same week last year on June 30, 2019		
Weekly	\$13,251.00	
July 5, 2020		
Weekly	\$7,418.00	
EFT	<u>\$2,895.00</u>	
	Total=\$10, 313.00	
Outreach	\$692.00	
Building & Grounds	\$1,118.00	
Weekly for same week last year on July 7 , 2019		

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



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!



In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of **Elizabeth Callaghan, John Durnin III and William Stafford, Sr.,** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated at OLM last week.

Rest In Peace



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

Thank you for your support!

•If you are need of food or financial assistance please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 (leave a message if not in) or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



<u>Confessions at OLM</u> Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM

Confessions on Saturdays have been suspended until further notice to allow for Church cleaning and sanitizing.

For Confession by appointment please call the OLM Parish Office at 401-884-4968 to contact a priest to schedule an appointment.



OLM Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:00am –4:00pm Closed on Fridays during July & August

Due to Covid-19 safeguards, public admittance to the OLM Parish Office is limited. Please call ahead for Mass cards and spiritual bouquets.





OLM School Summer Office Hours

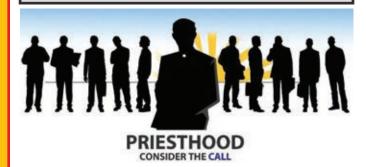
Monday-Friday: 9:00am— 1:00 pm Telephone: 401-884-1618 WWW.Olmschool.org Striving to be Saints & Scholars!

Congratulations and Thanks!



OLM Senior Altar Servers

We thank our graduating Senior Altar Servers John Curran, David Delbonis, Jack Devine, and Matthew Simonetti for their years of dedicated service to God and OLM Parish! *Prayerful best wishes for your future*!



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Our Lady of Mount Carmel | TATH CENTURY

ount Carmel, which jute out into the Mediterranean near Haifa, Israel, has been considered a sacred place since the prophet Elijah built an altar there. in his contest with the prophets of Baal. The Carmel headland is traditionally associated with the beginnings of the Campelite order around 1195, when a group of lay hermits formed a community there. Mary had been honored there as early as the fifth century. and by the 12th century Mount Carmel had become a site of Marian devotion. The Carmelites chose Mary as their protectress and dedicated their oratory on Mount Carmel to her. Our Ladfy of Mount Carmel is the patron of Bolivia and Chile. This Marian feast became an optional memorial in the Revised Roman Calendar of 1969.



Don't Forget Your Priest!

Tell him...

You're grateful for his prayers.

You're keeping your faith.

And you're including him in your prayers.



Thank you and God bless you!



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!

The power of prayer at work!



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