

THE CHURCH OF

Our Rady of Mercy

† MASS SCHEDULE †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation......5:00 PM Sunday Mass.....7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM (Sept—May)

Daily

Monday - Friday......7:30 AM
Saturdays & Legal Holidays.....8:30 AM
Holy Day

Except on Christmas & New Years

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM Holy Day Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ♣ August 4, 2019

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment. Saturdays at 4:00 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.

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4, 2019

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Mass of Anticipation for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Celestina, Felix & Irene Giorgio—Memorial SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Derek Parenteau—13th Anniversary

9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

10:30AM Rev. Donald T. Davies, OP—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Weekday; Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major 7:30AM Andrew Martin—1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30AM Michael Rocchio—2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Weekday:St. Sixtus II , Pope & Companion Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest 7:30AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM Marion Hart—38th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

Weekday; St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr 7:30AM Dec'd of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:30AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney—48th Anniversary Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Louis Catanio & Family—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Vincent F. Bruzzese—Memorial 10:30AM George Scobie—4th Anniversary



Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Wow!! It sure was hot in Charleston, South Carolina! It's good to be home to cool RI and OLM! Charleston is a beautiful city with lots of history and genuine Southern hospitality. However, I'd plan a visit when it's a little cooler next time!

The meeting of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors was very good. We heard from national experts, and also got briefings from the Government Relations Office of the US Conference of Bishops. In addition, it is always good to discuss public policy issues with my colleagues from across the country.

We had some 35 states represented at the meeting from all the way in Alaska to Maine, and lots of states in between. Paul Linton, a national legal scholar on abortion law gave some insight into the current legal situation in various states as well as in the Supreme Court. We also received briefings on many of the issues before Congress and the Administration religious including freedom, immigration, poverty and health care.

We heard an excellent talk by Dominican Fr. Aguinas Guilbeau, OP, a noted theologian and the Prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington. DC. His talk entitled, "The Common Good in the Public Square: Civility, Politics and Public Discourse," was excellent. Father Guilbeau provided great insights and analysis about the tone and direction of politics today.

We are becoming an increasingly coarse and crude

society especially in our politics, and most especially on social media. And increasingly there is hostile intolerance of anyone with an opposing viewpoint.

a recent column. In Father George Rutler, the noted author, writes: "If there is no objective truth, there are no heresies. For the lazy thinker, the mellow refrain suffices: 'It's all good.' The etymology of "heresy" is complicated, but it has come to mean a wrong choice. Yet, if the mere act of choosing justifies itself (as when declare themselves people 'Pro-Choice'), then no choice is wrong.

But we live in a real world, and so everything cannot be right. Thus, we have a new religion called political correctness, and anyone who is politically incorrect is accused of being "phobic" one way or another. Suddenly what claims to be liberal is decidedly illiberal, and what is called "free speech" is anything but free.

This confusion is rooted in a fundamental misunderstanding of creation itself. The world follows an order; otherwise all would be chaos. As God has revealed himself as its Creator, there are truths about the world that cannot be denied without illogical anarchy. Every heresy is an exaggeration of a truth.

For instance, Arianism teaches the humanity of Christ to the neglect of his divinity, and Apollinarianism does the opposite. The long list of heresies with complicated names illustrates how many deep mistakes thinkers made relying only on their own limited powers of deduction. The two most destructive heresies were Gnosticism and Calvinism, which totally misunderstood creation and the human condition. Thus, we have the romantic fantasizing of Teilhard de Chardin and the sociopathic astringency of John Calvin.

By natural intelligence, we would know God as the Designer of the universal order (Romans 1:19-20), but only by God's revelation can we know the existence of Christ transcending time and space. By Christ's enfleshment and the shedding of his blood on the Cross, as Saint John Paul II said, quoting Colossians, "the face of the Father, Creator of the universe becomes accessible in Christ, author of created reality: 'all things were created through him . . . in him all things hold together.'

So Christ cannot be understood as just another wise man in the mold of Confucius or Solomon. As Saint Cyril of Alexandria proclaimed: "We do not say that a simple man, full of honors, I know not how, by his union with Him was sacrificed for us, but it is the very Lord of glory who was crucified."

Without recrimination or censoriousness, but just looking around at the disastrous state of contemporary culture, logic can conclude that, if all things hold together in Christ, without Christ all things fall apart."

Much food for thought and reflection for all of us as we seek to serve the common good! Be well. Do Good. God Bless! Go Sox!!!! *Oremus pro invicem!*

Father Healey



Forgiveness and the Eucharist

We often hear people say that the reason that they have stopped going to Mass is that they do not

get anything out of it. They find it boring and monotonous. They used to go every week, but they just didn't feel anything. In short, it didn't excite them. This is not the fault of the Mass; this is the fault of a world full of people that so often do not recognize that there is anything bigger than themselves.

The reason we come to Mass each week is not to simply check a box or to make ourselves feel good; the reason we come to Mass is to give worship, praise, and thanksgiving to our God. By participating in the Mass, we give worship to God through our actions, words, and hymns of praise. Still, people insist that they are not getting anything out of Mass. Why is this? One would think that something would be taken away from an hour of prayer and reception of our Lord in the Eucharist.

One of the main reasons for this is a lack of people receiving the sacrament of reconciliation. We receive the grace of God through reception of the sacraments, but if we have sinned and have separated ourselves from God through that sin, then the graces merited by reception of Holy Communion do not reach us. It is essential that we partake in the sacrament of reconciliation on a regular basis.

In repenting of our sins and transgressions and seeking forgiveness from God, we acknowledge that we are not the center of everything, but that God is. We are called to be part of the Church, the Body of Christ. A body does not function properly when parts of it are sick and need healing, so to the Church. How much stronger is a body when it is operating at 100%? All of us, priests, lay people, seminarians, we all need to avail ourselves of this great sacrament of forgiveness on a regular basis. If it has been a while, do not be afraid. The priest is more than willing to help you through it.

Dan Mahoney

Weekly Collection 650800

July 28, 2019

\$8,035.00
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Total=\$10,527.00
\$617.00
\$164.00

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.

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Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds
Next Week: Peters Pence

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



OLM Parish Office for August
Monday – Thursday: 8:00AM to 4:00PM
Fridays: 8:00AM – 12:00PM

The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

Pope Francis



Confessions at OLM All Summer Long!!

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM Saturdays: 4:00PM—4:45PM



- OLM Food Pantry is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in these summer months. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, August 15th at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss are welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- For more information about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Farewell to Our Summer Seminarian Dan Mahoney



Farewell Reception
Sunday, August 4, 2019
at Mercy Park
Following 10:30am Mass



We wish our OLM School faculty, staff and students a healthy and happy summer!

OLM School Office Summer Hours
Monday—Friday:
8:00AM—12:00PM

School resumes on Wednesday, August 28th!!

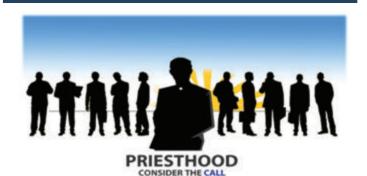
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Transfiguration of the Lord



he feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord celebrates Christ's divinity shining forth out of his humanity and his dominion over all creation. It also reminds us that we, as baptized persons, have a share in his divine life and will one day participate in his glory.

It is unfortunate that this wonderful feast was established by Pope Calistus III to commemorate the 1456 battle of Belgrade, a decisive victory of Christian forces over the Turks, and that it is the anniversary of the first use of an atomic weapon in warfare.

A celebration of our nobility in Christ on a day that remembers the worst that we can be offers us a unique, profound, and challenging worship experience.



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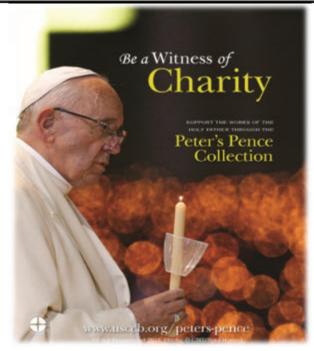


Peters Pence Collection August 10th & 11th, 2019

Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the

world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be information. visit generous. For more www.usccb.org/peters-pence Pope Francis calls each of us to witness to charity and to show God's mercy to one another. He encourages us to "open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled heed their to help!" (Misericordiae Vultus [MV], no. 15). The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

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