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*for the Week*  
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**THE PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the Patronal Feast of OLM*

5:00PM Pat Tarantino—Memorial

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

*The Patronal Feast of Our Lady of Mercy*

7:30 AM George Babu—Memorial

9:00AM Helen Celio—2nd Anniversary

10:30AM Claire Madonna Crepeau Smith—2nd Anniversary

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Jane Daly—Memorial

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

*Weekday: St. Cosmas & Damien, Martyrs*

7:30AM John F. Grady III—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

*St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

7:30AM Adrien J. Godin, Jr.—Memorial

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

*Weekday; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs*

7:30AM John E. Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

*Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

7:30AM Dec'd of Lee & Pyun Families—Memorial

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

*St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:30AM Raymond G. Rao—Memorial

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00PM Matilda & Augustine Manocchia—Memorial

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

*The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial

9:00AM Joseph & Joan Zola—Memorial

10:30AM Darlene Doyle—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy





Dear Parishioners:

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Mercy! We welcome Bishop Henning to OLM this weekend as he celebrates our Patronal Feast Day Mass at 10:30 a.m. and blesses the newly installed Church front doors. Following the Mass, join us in Mercy Park, where you can personally welcome the Bishop to OLM.

The devotion to Our Lady of Mercy originates from the Order of Our Lady of Mercy. The Order was founded in 1218 for redeeming Christian captives of the Muslims, a work of great mercy. It has always attributed to Mary a special role in its foundation. Saint Peter Nolasco, the founder, dedicated the first Church in her honor in 1249.

Devotion to Our Lady of Mercy in the Americas can trace its roots to the second voyage of Columbus, accompanied by Mercedarian Father John Solorzano. Thus began a strong missionary apostolate for the Order, which sought to proclaim the freedom of the sons and daughters of God.

Mercedarians through the centuries have seen in Mary the prototype of that freedom and truth accomplished for us by Jesus in the merciful work of our Redemption. By looking upon Mary as the true follower of her son, we understand more fully the freedom found in her words: *"Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord."*

And in the words of the Magnificat, we recognize the liberating mission of Jesus, reflected in the prayerful song of His Mother: *"His mercy is from age to age...He has lifted up the lowly, the hungry He has filled with good things."* Our Lady of

Mercy, pray for us!

We begin our Parish Feast Week as we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy on September 24! On Monday, we have over 140 golfers playing in our Annual OLM Saints and Scholars Open at Quidnessett! Pray for good weather! Fr. Mahoney is again promising a victory for his foursome! Let's see how that shakes out!

We gather for prayer and adoration on Wednesday night as we celebrate a Holy Hour of Mercy. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, meditative music, and a reflection on Mercy by Fr. James Ruggeri. He is an outstanding preacher and one of the finest priests in the Diocese. Come and pray for Our Lady of Mercy's intercession.

Thursday night at 6:00 p.m., we gather on Lynch Field for our Act of Mercy. Everyone is welcome to come and help us prepare backpacks for the homeless. Adults and children are welcome to join us in this Act of Mercy.

The OLM Oktoberfest ends our Feast Week Festivities on Friday night. We end the feast by celebrating the coming month of October dedicated to our patroness, the Blessed Mother. We gather as a parish family from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to enjoy fantastic German food, beer, and music. It is always an enjoyable evening. There is no admission, but plenty of fun for the whole family!

We will also draw our winners of the See You in September Raffle at the Oktoberfest! \$10,000 in prize money will be awarded to our winners. There are still tickets available. You've got to be in it

to win it!

Autumn has begun, and with it, the change in the temperature. Soon, the leaves change color and fall from the trees. Football is back too. Pray for the Patriots. It's going to be a long season. But autumn is beautiful, especially in New England with its colorful foliage. As the English poet Emily Brontë wrote: *"Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree."*

Over the last week, Fr. Mahoney and I have carefully interviewed our 50 Confirmation candidates. They seem well-prepared, ready, and enthusiastic about this milestone in their faith lives. We thank their parents and teachers for helping to prepare them properly through faith, education, prayer, good works, and worship of God at Sunday Mass. Please pray for them and their chosen sponsors as they prepare for Confirmation on October 29.

Fr. Mahoney departs for Rome on Tuesday to attend the Ordination Mass of Transitional Deacons at Saints Peter and Paul Basilica. On Thursday, two Providence seminarians, Noah DaSilva and Joseph Brodeur, are being ordained. Please pray for them and their entire class. On his return home, Father stops in England for soccer matches and perhaps visits to a pub or two! Please pray for his safe travel.

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Mercy! Welcome to OLM, Bishop Henning! Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Pats!

*Father Healey*



**Feast of the Archangels, September 29-Carrot Soup**

On September 29, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Archangels. This day is called "Michaelmas" in many countries and is also one of the harvest feast days. This day marks the beginning of legal and university terms in many parts of Europe. In some parts of Europe, especially Germany, Denmark, and Austria, a special wine called "Saint Michael's Love" is drunk today. The foods for this day vary depending on nationality. In England, for example, goose was the traditional meal for Michaelmas, eaten for prosperity. France has waffles or Gaufres, and the traditional fare in Scotland is a scone-like cake and, most importantly, carrots. According to a Scottish custom, women would harvest wild carrots on Michaelmas by digging triangular holes with a three-pronged rake. The holes represent St. Michael's shield, and the rake represents his trident. As the Autumn months approach, let us celebrate the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael with this hearty fall soup!

**INGREDIENTS**

- 2 pounds carrots
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt, divided
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- 4 cups vegetable broth (or water)
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoons lemon juice
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit and get a baking sheet. Peel and cut your carrots into ½ inch pieces to prepare them. Place the carrots on the baking sheet. Add 2 tablespoons of olive oil and ¼ teaspoon of the salt. Toss the carrots and arrange them in a single layer. Roast the carrots until caramelized and soft, tossing halfway for about 25 to 40 minutes. Once the carrots are almost done roasting, in a Dutch oven or soup pot, heat the remaining tablespoon of olive oil over medium heat until shimmering. Add the onion and ¼ teaspoon salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is softened and turning translucent, 5 to 7 minutes. Add the garlic, coriander and cumin. Cook for 30 seconds to 1 minute. Pour in the vegetable broth and water while scraping up any browned bits on the bottom with a wooden spoon. Add the roasted carrots to the pot when out of the oven. Bring the mixture to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat as necessary to maintain a gentle simmer. Cook for 15 minutes. Once the soup is finished, remove the pot from the heat and let it cool for a few minutes. Then, carefully transfer the hot soup to a blender, working in batches if necessary. (Do not fill past the maximum fill line, or the soup could overflow and explode!) Add the butter, lemon juice, and black pepper. Blend until completely smooth. Add additional salt and pepper, if necessary, to taste. Add another tablespoon of butter if you'd like more richness or a little more lemon juice if it needs more zing. Blend again, and serve.

**Weekly Collection**

**September 17, 2023**

|                                     |                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Weekly.....                         | \$7,356.00               |
| EFT.....                            | \$6,659.00               |
|                                     | <b>Total=\$14,015.00</b> |
| Outreach.....                       | \$680.00                 |
| Senior Priests Retirement Fund..... | \$4,627.00               |

**September 18, 2022**

Weekly.....\$7,763.00

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**Second Collections**

**This Week: Annual Parish Collection**  
**Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection**



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in memory of the deceased Pastors of Our Lady of Mercy Parish. *In your charity, please pray for them.*

# Outreach Update

• **OLM Food Pantry** 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. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

• **OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 4:00pm** 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

- **Monday, September 25:** Saints & Scholars Golf Open at Quidnessett Country Club
- **Tuesday, September 26:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- **Wednesday, September 27:** Cross Country Meet at 4:15pm at Goddard Park! Go Jags!!

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Thursday, September 28, 2023

# AN ACT OF MERCY

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## Holy Hour of Mercy

OLM Feast Week

Join us in calling upon our Parish Patroness to guide & Protect us!

Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00PM  
Eucharistic Adoration, Meditative Music & Reflection by Fr. James Ruggeri

Pray For Our Deceased

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In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **Joseph G. Chisholm** and **Francis R. Underwood** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

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