

#### 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 Holyday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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#### The Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time ★ September 29, 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 Deacon 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 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Mass of Anticipation for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00PM Joseph J. Spicola, Jr.—1st Anniversary

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Joseph M. DiGianfilippo—Memorial 10:30AM Thomas J. Sheehan—1st Anniversary

5:00PM John Joseph Tripode, Jr. —25th Anniversary

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 7:30AM Nora Weaver—Memorial

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

7:30AM Gina Tana—Memorial

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Weekday

7:30AM Fr. Gerry Hussey—Memorial

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis of Assisi

7:30AM Gladys & Donald Fogg—Memorial 9:00AM Dr. John S. Kacewicz—Memorial

#### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Weekday; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest; BVM
8:30AM Brian, Clarence & Noella Larocque—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Theresa Kennedy & William Ruggiero—Memorial

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

#### The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church 9:00 AM Dorothy & Samuel Ianacone—Memorial 10:30AM Daniel Murphy—5th Anniversary 5:00PM Confirmation Class





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# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

After much prayerful discernment. reflection and discussion among the staff, Parish Finance Council, and numerous parishioners of our parish, we have decided to undertake a parish-wide capital campaign, "Our Faith, Our for God's Future: Grateful Providence", to raise the funds necessary to repair and make capital improvements to our Church and facilities. I am grateful to Joe and Carol Cavanagh and Mike and Brooke O'Connell who serve as the Chairs of our committee.

Over the next several months, we will be reaching out to every parishioner to explain the project. We are planning to hold a number of campaign receptions in October. Every family will be invited to attend. Receptions will be social and educational. and are opportunity to come together to hear about the campaign, ask questions and get involved! Please watch for your invitation in the mail and RSVP promptly.

In addition, I ask all parishioners consider to volunteering during the next few months to assist in the campaign. In order for the campaign to be successful for our parish, we need numerous volunteers to assist in the campaign. During the next few months the campaign will need help in a variety of activities including phone calls. mailings follow-up contact/visits to fellow parishioners.

Please give your most sincere consideration to this important request for help. In the pews this weekend, you will find a Volunteer Card. If you are willing to volunteer, please fill out the card and drop in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Additional information will be sent to all those who sign-up to volunteer.

It is with enthusiasm that we officially kick-off our "Our Faith, Our Future; Grateful for God's Providence" Capital Campaign this weekend. Now is the time to repair and make capital improvements to our Church and facilities. Our efforts for the next few months will be directed at minimum raising a \$2,000,000 to accomplish this goal.

We know that this will be a call to sacrifice. However, we are confident that we will succeed because of the drive, commitment and generosity of our parish family. While we live out faith today, we need to truly prepare for the future as did the faithful who founded this wonderful parish in 1853.

It was in 1853 that Bishop O'Reilly appointed the newly ordained Father Patrick J. Lenihan as the founding Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name in East Greenwich, later to be re-named the Church of Our Lady of Mercy. For over 160 years the Catholic faithful of Our Lady of Mercy Church have been generous in supporting their church and living their faith.

We know this is indeed a very challenging endeavor. However, I am confident that we will succeed for these reasons: (1) the spirit, vitality and enthusiasm of you, the Our Lady of Mercy Parish Family, (2) the generosity of our parishioners over the many years as you have

worked together on many different projects.

Some parishioners may ask why are we doing this? I'm sure you have noticed that some of our parish facilities have become tired, outdated and limited. As we live our faith here at Our Lady of Mercy, we also must ensure a future for the faith here in East Greenwich. We can do this by making a sacrifice today as did our founders in faith at Our Lady of Mercy and so many faithful have done over the years. I urge you to participate in the campaign and also most importantly pray for its success.

Our future at Our Lady of Mercy is bright and we can make it brighter by preparing for tomorrow. This future includes the 100 young people of OLM who are to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday at 5:00PM. We pray for them and their sponsors as they come forward in faith to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In your name and the name of the Confirmation Class. welcome Bishop John Noonan of Orlando, Florida to OLM for our Confirmation Mass. I have known Bishop Noonan since his days as the Rector of the seminary in Miami. With great joy and gratitude we welcome him to OLM for this important day in the life of our parish and the young adults to be confirmed. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats! Oremus pro invicem!

Father Healey



#### What is the meaning of the title Our Lady of Mercy?

This title for our Blessed Mother actually has its origins in the Crusades. During such time Christians would be captured by Muslims and sold into slavery. Tradition holds that in 1218 there was an apparition of Mary to both St. Peter Nolasco and King James I of Aragon and Calalonia (present day Spain) asking them to establish a religious order entrusted with the responsibility of rescuing the many Christians held in captivity. In 1235, the Order of Our Lady of Mercy, the Mercedarians, received papal approval as a military order by Pope Gregory IX, and succeeded in liberating thousands of Christian prisoners from captivity.

Through the course of history this title of Our Lady and the idea of ransoming those in captivity came to be understood in the larger context of grace and salvation history. The entire human race was at one point in history slaves and captives to sin and death as St. Paul tells us (Romans 6:20). God, in his great mercy, rescued us from slavery to sin by his death on the cross. We attribute this title in a special way to Mary because she is the mother of Mercy incarnate. Further, she received the mercy of God in a singular, excellent way through the Immaculate Conception she was preserved from Original Sin before her birth.

As. St. John Paul II writes in Dives in Misericordia: "Mary is also the one who obtained mercy in a particular and exceptional way, as no other person has. At the same time, still in an exceptional way, she made possible with the sacrifice of her heart her own sharing in revealing God's mercy. This sacrifice is intimately linked with the cross of her Son, at the foot of which she was to stand on Calvary. Her sacrifice is a unique sharing in the revelation of mercy, that is, a sharing in the absolute fidelity of God to his own love, to the covenant that he willed from eternity and that he entered into in time with man, with the people, with humanity; it is a sharing in that revelation that was definitively fulfilled through the cross. No one has experienced, to the same degree as the Mother of the crucified One, the mystery of the cross, the overwhelming encounter of divine transcendent justice with love: that 'kiss' given by mercy to justice. No one has received into his heart, as much as Mary did, that mystery, that truly divine dimension of the redemption effected on Calvary by means of the death of the Son, together with the sacrifice of her maternal heart, together with her definitive 'fiat.'" In short, Mary knows the depth of God's mercy and its price.

By asking for her prayers under this title, we acknowledge that we are poor sinners constantly in need of God's mercy. We trust that through her intercession, God will be merciful toward us.

# Weekly Collection Esoso

#### **September 22, 2019**

Weekly	\$10,485.00
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	Total=\$12,215.00
Outreach	\$215.00
Annual (to date)	\$43,428.00

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.

Second Collections
Next Week: Building & Grounds



Saturday, October 5, 2019 9:00AM in the OLM School Parking Lot

Join us as we bless pets and animals in honor of St. Francis. Please bring your pet or farm animal to the parking lot, behind school, for a blessing!





#### **Upcoming Dates to Remember**

### **Confirmation Penance Service**

Monday, October 30 at 7:00PM

All candidates, available sponsors & parents should attend.

Confirmation Rehearsal, Thursday, October 3 at 7:00PM

All candidates and available sponsors should attend. If sponsor not available please bring a responsible adult.

**Confirmation Mass** 

Sunday, October 6 at 5:00PM

The Most Reverend John Noonan

Bishop of Orlando, Florida, Confirming Prelate All candidates & sponsors must arrive at 4:20pm to OLM School to line up for procession. Procession begins at 4:55PM sharp.

NO RE Classes on October 6 due to Confirmation



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- OLM Bereavement Group meets Thursday, October 3rd 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



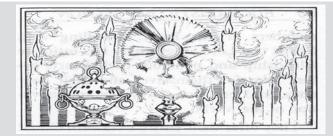
Upcoming Dates to Remember:

• <u>Friday, October 4:</u> First Friday Mas at 9:00AM www.olmschool.org



Interested in becoming a Catholic?
Have questions about the Catholic
Faith? In need of the Sacrament of
Communion or Confirmation?

Join the OLM RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and become a member of the Catholic Church! For more information contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or via email at associate@olmparish.org



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration Friday, October 4, 2019

**Exposition following 9AM First Friday Mass** 

**Adoration All Day** 

Benediction at 6:00PM



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By October 14th

Training begins Monday, October 21st

potent and good! Wehonor, praise, and bless you as we should. or/You alone can all our service claim+and none is worthy to pronounce Your Name a e praised through those who love You and forgive + in every trial and sickness patient live! nd blest are they who all in peace endure+by You they will be crowned and made secure. oen Sister Death to You, my Lord, gived praise/whose summons every living man obeus. ho die in sin are lost+who love Jour will shall suffer from the second death no ill. h/praise and bless the Lord! his law observe and thank him love him always humbly serve! FROM CANTICLE OF BROTHER SUN BY ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



### OLM Young Families Meeting Thursday, October 3, 2019 5:30—7:00PM, OLM School Field

All young families are most welcome to come to our first meeting of the OLM Young Families group. We are going to start with a rosary followed by pizza. We will meet in the Church. Weather permitting, children are welcome to run around on the playground or field after the rosary. OLM Young Families is a group dedicated to providing a place for families to come together, learn about important topics of the faith and family life, and a time to come together to support one another. This is an introductory meeting for any and all to come and see this important ministry at OLM.

#### Pizza served for dinner!

For more information or just to learn more about our group contact Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: Kate\_Jelinek@hotmail.com



The Men of St. Joseph meet next Saturday, October 5, 2018 at 7:00am in the OLM Rectory Meeting Room. All adult men of OLM are invited to join us for discussion, prayer and fraternity as we seek to strengthen our spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For more information contact the Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org

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