

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 22, 2012

From Bishop Evans

Installation of Father Healey. Father officially assumes his new responsibilities as Pastor on August 1 and will begin his weekly column in next week's bulletin. His official installation as Pastor is scheduled for ***Sunday, September 16, at the 10:30 AM Mass.*** All are welcome to attend. I will have the privilege of installing Father in the name of Bishop Tobin. It has also been my privilege to serve as Administrator following the untimely death of Monsignor Lolio. Since my initial affiliation with OLM in November 1999 when I took up residence while serving in the Chancery Office (and continued to do so during my assignments to Rome and Washington), Our Lady of Mercy Parish has been for me not only a physical dwelling but a spiritual home. Now that I reside within the parish (but please don't give Father Healey my address or else he will send me a budget envelope!!) I expect to continue to be part of the OLM family so no good-bye's for me!

Sacrament of Penance. As you know, ***Confessions*** are heard every Saturday afternoon from 4:00-4:45 PM (or 3:00-3:45PM, depending on time of Mass). How often should one go to Confession? Well, one might ask well as how often must I eat, or how often must I exercise, or how often must I read? Confession serves the dual purpose of not only ***absolving sins*** (remember, we cannot forgive ourselves!) and provides us with the ***grace to combat future temptations*** (which surely will come, right up to the moment of death). Also, sacramental absolution is required for those in the state of mortal sin before receiving Holy Communion. It is a contradiction to receive "Communion" when because of mortal sin we are not in communion with God and His Church! It

should also be remembered that while there is an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday there is no similar obligation to receive Communion every time we participate in Mass. Naturally, it is hoped that we will receive Communion each time but to do so when we are conscious of being in mortal sin is simply to compound our sin! The Sacrament of Penance was born on Easter Sunday when Our Lord appeared to His first priests in the Upper Room and gave them the Holy Spirit precisely for the forgiveness of sins. What a wonderful gift—the very first gift—of the Risen Christ to His followers!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grs. 1-6 We are already in the month of July and not everyone is registered. We need to order books, supplies, and schedule catechists etc. Please aim for July 31st the latest. Class sessions will begin the third week in September and early registrations will be greatly appreciated. **Sr. Rose**

GR. 9 CONFIRMATION FAMILIES: all paperwork, except for Community Service is past due. Please get it in ASAP. For questions call or email Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or olmreled@cox.net

PRAYER CHAIN

Our Lady of Mercy Parish has a very active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer 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, may call Bea Basler at 884-9383. If you know of someone who is in need of prayers due to illness or surgery, or other serious needs, call Bea Basler.

BUDGET COLLECTION SUMMARY

Budget Collection: \$10,967.17

OUTREACH SERVICES

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will meet Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012 from 4-6:00pm in the Parish White House located at 57 Second St., East Greenwich.

Food Pantry: We are always in need of: *Canned meats, juices, jam, jellies, canned fruit, paper goods, cookies, crackers, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, pasta, Chef Boyardee, condiments, mayonnaise, salad dressings, coffee, tea, boxed instant mashed potatoes, shampoo, deodorant both for men and women and razors.*

Thank you for your generosity and may God Bless You!

25th, 40th, 50th and Over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, September 23, 2012 at 1:00pm at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence.** Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding Anniversaries in 2012 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event through their Parish Office before **August 24th.**

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, the Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment will host a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Shrine of St. Theresa the Little Flower

19th Annual Shrine Feast Day Celebration
Aug 19, 2012 – 10:30am to 4:30pm

Feast Mass 3:15PM - Fr. Dean P. Perri

Main Celebrant and Homilist

Information 401-568-0575 or 401-568-8280

(The Shrine is at the intersection of Routes 102 & 7
Nasonville, Rhode Island)

Masses for the Week

Week of July 23, 2012

MONDAY: St. Bridget, Religious
7:30am Mem. Mass – Patrick Hussey

TUESDAY: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
7:30am Mem. Mass – Pat Franzone

WEDNESDAY: St. James Apostle
7:30am Mem. Mass – John Gardner

**THURSDAY: Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of
the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:30am Mem. Mass – Martha & Goettloeb Loeffler

FRIDAY:
7:30am mem. Mass – R. G. Peter

SATURDAY:
8:30am Birthday Remembrance – Fernanda Cabral
2:30pm Wedding – John Huynh & Erin McDevitt
5:00pm Birthday Remembrance – Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell

SUNDAY: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am Mem. Mass – Joann Vito
9:00am Mem. Mass – Armando, Katherine & Guiseppa
DeAngelis
10:30am Mem. Mass. – Thomas De Petro

CALENDAR

Tues., 07/24 7:00pm Legion of Mary

BANNS

III Pietro Bellone & Bettina Lorenzo

“Root...root...root for the home team!”

While a ballgame is a great pastime – life is more than just peanuts and Cracker Jacks.

Tune in daily to help you stay focused on the
ULTIMATE PRIZE.

Providence **550AM**

Traci:

Please use the attachment the third page this week.

Thank you

Lucy