

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2012



Monday —August 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30AM— For the Parishioners of OLM

Tuesday—August 7

**Weekday/St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs;
St. Cajetan, Priest**

7:30AM— Marion Hart — 30th Anniversary

Wednesday—August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

7:30AM— Mary & James Winsper — Memorial

Thursday—August 9

**Weekday/St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin &
Martyr**

7:30AM— Peter Faherty — Special Intention

Friday —August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

7:30AM— For the Deceased members of the Pundys &
Dikinis families

Saturday—August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

8:30AM— Bonnie Janowski — 2nd Ann.

Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM— Venice Hayes — Memorial

Sunday—August 12

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30AM— For the Parishioners of OLM

9:00AM— Edward F. Doorley — 7th Anniversary

10:30AM— Paul Arpin Jr. & Paul Arpin Sr. —
Memorial

11:30AM— Sacrament of Baptism



**Please Remember
Our Lady of Mercy Parish in
Your Will or Estate**

Dear Parishioners:

It is a great joy to be here and begin my priestly service as the seventeenth Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in East Greenwich. Since 1853 when Bishop Bernard O'Reilly sent Father Patrick J. Lenihan to the mission territory that was then East Greenwich, sixteen priests have had the great privilege to serve this parish. I offer my thanks to Bishop Thomas J. Tobin for assigning me as your new pastor and I pledge to him and you that I will strive to serve faithfully, lovingly, zealously and enthusiastically during my pastorate.

Like Fr. Lenihan who arrived over a hundred and fifty years ago, I arrive to Our Lady of Mercy as a stranger to you and to the community around us. Also like the first pastor, I arrive committed to proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in this parish and throughout the community around us. My first duty and greatest joy is to announce the Gospel in all its power and with all its demands.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and our common mission as Disciples of Christ is to bring the Gospel to all we meet. Indeed, Christ commands us to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, and that is our Great Commission: to be evangelists. Evangelization is not something undertaken only by priests and religious or only by missionaries in foreign lands. Evangelization is the common mission of the entire Church, and every Christian shares in the duty and privilege of sharing the Gospel with all people.

In order to evangelize in the 21st century we must use not only the time tested means of preaching and teaching but also adapt to the technological advances in our world. Therefore, we will soon launch our new parish website at www.olmparish.org. It will contain lots information about the parish, the Catholic Church and what we have to offer our community. I will be posting my weekly column there, as well as blogging on a regular basis. I would like to eventually establish a parish Facebook page and I may even try my hand at Twitter! This is only the beginning of our mission to spread the Good News of the Gospel throughout East Greenwich, Kent County, Rhode Island and the world!

Again, I am very happy to begin my pastorate at OLM. God is good and I give Him thanks for the many blessings that are Our Lady of Mercy Parish. See you around the parish and perhaps even around town! God Bless! And Go Sox!!

Father Healey



Weekly Collection

Week of July 29, 2012

Weekly.....\$10,548.93

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 generosity!

Second Collections

This Week: Building & Grounds

Next Week: Mission Co-Op

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grs. 1-6 We are already in the month of August and not everyone is registered. We need to order books, supplies, and schedule catechists etc. Please register ASAP. Classes will begin the third week in September and early registrations are greatly appreciated. **Sr. Rose & Mrs. St. Jean**

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

OUTREACH SERVICES

BEREAVEMENT GROUP will meet Thursday, August 16, 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!

Parish Event Calendar

Monday-August-6-7:00PM—Baptism Class-Church

Tuesday-August 7—7:00pm—Legion of Mary-Church

Mission Co-Op Collection **Next Weekend for** **the Sisters of Mercy Missions**

Next weekend Mercy Sister Eva Lallo, will speak at all Masses. She has had much experience living and working outside of the U.S. in two countries in Central America. During the years 1970-75 she worked in Belize, which at the time was still a British colony. There she was a grammar and high school teacher serving in two different parts of the country. In June of 1997 she went to live and work in Honduras, returning in June of 2009.

Most of Sr. Eva's time in Honduras was spent at a home for children who are orphaned and or abandoned and who have the further misfortune to be HIV positive or who have AIDS. While there her primary work was in promotion/development for this home called *Casa Corazón de la Misericordia* (Heart of Mercy House), founded in 1995 by two Honduras Sisters of Mercy. Her interaction with the 40 children and staff at the home was on a daily basis. For two years she was 'house mother' for the adolescent girls. Because Sr. Eva continues to do promotion and development for the home, she returns to Honduras once a year for two/three months at a time.

Sr. Eva will speak about the work that the Sisters of Mercy do in the two countries: Belize where the Sisters have been serving the people for over 150 years; and Honduras where the Sisters have been involved for 53 years. Sister Eva will sell note cards and Christmas cards designed by the older children at *Casa Corazón de la Misericordia* after all Masses. Each package contains 10 cards (Christmas and note cards) costing just \$5.00 per package.

The Annual Missionary Cooperative Collection is our chance to support the important work of the Church in the foreign missions. Each year we are asked to help spread the Gospel and the good works of the Church with our prayers and financial support of the many missionaries of our Church. Next weekend the Second Collection is solely dedicated to the work of the Missions of the Sisters of Mercy, we ask you to please be generous. **NB:** *There is no envelope for this collection. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church. Thank you for your support.*

**You're invited to the 1st Annual
OLM FAMILY PARISH
PICNIC**

Sunday, September 23rd Noon-5:00p.m.

Are you interested in being part of the planning team for this special parish event?

If you are ready and willing to help, please contact Fr. Shemek at frshemek@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 884-4968. First Planning meeting will be Sunday, August 12th at Noon in the Rectory Meeting Room.
Hope to see you there!

BACKPACK PROJECT

Confirmation Students

will be here after all the masses next weekend August 11th and 12th to accept donations for the Backpack Project.

Parishioners can help by making a donation so we can purchase the supplies necessary to fill the backpacks. There is also a bin in the front foyer where donations can be left.
Thank you for your support.

WEDDING BANNERS

*I Casey Flynn
&
Kathleen Kenniston*

**18th Sunday
in Ordinary Time, Year B**



The Gospel of John from which we are now reading Jesus' discourse on the bread of life dates back to about the year 90.

Possibly composed at Ephesus in Asia Minor, it presumes an audience of Christians already familiar with the tradition contained in the other Gospels.

Its purpose is not to retell the story but to reflect upon the spiritual dimension of that story, the revelation of Christ's divinity.

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