

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2012

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday—September 3—Labor Day Holiday
St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church
8:30AM—Msgr. John W. Lolio—Memorial

Tuesday—September 4
Weekday
7:30AM—Msgr. John W. Lolio—Memorial

Wednesday—September 5
Weekday
7:30AM—Special Intention

Thursday—September 6
Weekday
7:30AM—Rosa Zaino & Angela & Antonio Mattiace—Mem.

Friday—September 7
Weekday
7:30AM—*Pro Populo*
9:00AM—The Deceased Members of the Greco & Amico Families—
Memorial

Saturday—September 8
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30AM—Special Intention

Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM—Msgr. John W. Lolio—Memorial

Sunday—September 9
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30AM—*Pro Populo*
9:00AM—Msgr. John W. Lolio—Memorial
10:30AM—Guido & Mary Petteruti—Memorial

Mass intentions are published so the entire parish family can pray the Mass intention of the Priest, for the living or the dead. Even if you cannot attend the Mass this day, please join in our parish intention during your own personal prayer time. Please call the Parish Office if you wish to schedule an announced intention at Mass as listed here. At every Mass, we should bring at least one personal intention to offer in prayer.



Mercy Musings

Dear Parishioners:

It was a great first week of school as children across the state returned to classes. Here at OLM we began the week with a Mass for our

OLM School Faculty and then Wednesday morning the children made their way back to school. This coming Friday at 9:00AM we celebrate a Mass of the Holy Spirit as we officially open the academic year for OLM School. This is a parish celebration so I hope you might consider joining our OLM students, faculty, staff and parents as we call upon the Holy Spirit to guide us during this year. If you cannot attend, then please offer a prayer for all students and teachers and ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to grow in wisdom, faith, hope and love.

The response to the upcoming Parish Picnic on September 23 has been truly overwhelming! Father Shemek and his Committee continue to grow as does the number of people who say they are coming. We hope to get a big tent and ask you to bring your own picnic food, drinks and supplies along with some beach chairs and small tables! A table of homemade baked goods, some arts and crafts and games for kids and even Pony Rides are all part of the day! A few parish pessimists have asked what happens in case of rain! Well, start praying there is no rain at all and we won't have to cancel! Here's a prayer I picked up in New Orleans last year to avert hurricanes and it works! Let us pray it over the next couple of weeks: "*Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and our parish picnic. Turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord.*"

Father Shemek is looking for some high school students to help him with the Parish Picnic. He needs help canvassing the neighborhood to invite our neighbors to the Picnic as our guests and also with some activities on the day of the Picnic. If you are in high school, and are willing to smile and lend a helping hand then call Father Shemek at the Parish Office. He hopes to soon get a Youth Group up and running so we can plan some exciting activities. Also he is planning for an OLM Youth Mission Trip. Let him know if you are interested!

Next week Father John Kiley joins us at OLM to preach on the Senior Priest Retirement Fund Collection. The collection is scheduled for September 15/16 and is an important source of funding the retirement of our Senior Priests. Father Kiley, a retired Pastor and distinguished Senior Priest, will preach at all the Masses and share more information about this very critical collection for the priests of the Diocese. In full disclosure, Father Shemek and I would also benefit from this fund in a few decades!

In their Labor Day Statement the U.S. Bishops reaffirm the Church's beautiful teaching on the dignity of work and the rights of workers and remind us: "*This Labor Day, our country continues to struggle with a broken economy. As people of faith, we are called to stand with those left behind, offer our solidarity, and join forces with "the least of these" to help meet their basic needs.*" Let us pray for all workers especially the unemployed. God Bless. Happy Labor Day!

Father Healey



Weekly Collection

Week of August 26, 2012

Weekly.....\$12,551.70

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: Buildings & Grounds Collection

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



Religious Education NEWS

All Students in Grades 1-9 **MUST NOW** be registered for classes including all Grade 9 students (public, parochial, & private). Please contact Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or Sister Rose at 884-2578 ASAP. *Thanks for your cooperation.*

Upcoming dates to remember:

Grade 10-Confirmation Class

Retreats on September 8th and 22nd

Grade 10 Confirmation Lecture Series

Week 1:

Sunday, September 9 -Wednesday, September 12

Week 2:

Sunday, September 16- Wednesday, September 19

Watch for e-mail reminders and notices. Grade 9 Classes begin on Monday, September 24 & Grades 7 & 8 Classes begin on Tuesday, September 25. All classes are from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Call Mrs. St. Jean at 884-1061 or e-mail olmreled@cox.net with any questions or for more information.



A Loss in Our Church Family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of OLM Parishioner, **Mary Falchini** who died last week and for her grieving family.

"Let us not abandon them until by our prayers we have conducted them into the House of the Lord." —St. Ambrose



Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 3, 2012

Mass at 8:30AM

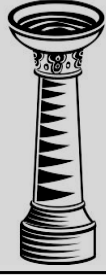
The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



Banns of Marriage

III-Luke DiNezza & Kristen Sammartino
II-Robert Dewger & Logan Peterson

BAPTISM CLASS



All families scheduled for the Sunday, September 9th Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism **must attend** Preparation Class on this Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00PM in Church. Please contact Fr. Healey at the Parish Office (884-4968) if you cannot attend.



Are you in High School (Grades 9-12)? Are you interested in joining a Parish Youth Group? Are you willing to volunteer to serve your parish? If you are, than contact Fr. Shemek at the Parish Office (884-4968). We are looking for our parish youth to come together for fun and faith-filled times this year.

You are cordially invited to
the Celebration of Mass
Presided by

His Excellency
The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence

with the
Rite of Installation of
The Reverend Bernard A. Healey
Seventeenth Pastor
The Church of Our Lady of Mercy

Sunday
16 September 2012 at 10:30AM
The Church of Our Lady of Mercy

Reception to immediately follow in Mercy Park



Join us for the 1st Annual
Our Lady of Mercy

FAMILY PARISH PICNIC

On the Grounds of Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, September 23rd Noon-5:00p.m.
Join Father Healey and Father Shemek
as we get to know our parish family!

Save the date!

Senior Priest Annual Collection

September 15-16, 2012

At Masses on September 15 & 16, our parish will join others throughout the diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this challenged fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many of whom have served faithfully for more than four decades of ministry. In fact, many continue to serve well after their 'retirement.' The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.org. *Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.*



*We are grateful this week for
the Marian Shrine flowers in
memory of Thomas Shannon.*



OLM Parish Basketball Registration

OLM Boys & Girls Basketball Sign Ups will be held at the OLM Gym.

Wednesday, Sept 5th 6:00 to 7:30pm

Saturday, Sept 8th 9:00 to 10:30am

Monday, Sept 10th 6:00 to 7:30pm

Grades K-2 – OLM Instructional League

Grades 3-10 – Catholic Athletic League

Registration Fees by Cash or Check payable to Our Lady of Mercy Church. For more info call 401.447.3318 or email jackgsommer@gmail.com or Craig Lombardi at 401.330.8835 or cdlom@gmail.com

**Outreach
Update**

Thanks for your generous support. The Bereavement Group meets this week on Thursday, September 6th at 4:00PM in the White House.

\$10 gift cards from Stop & Shop are always needed for the Food Pantry.