



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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† 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

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

Holiday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ August 12, 2018

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 12, 2018**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

The Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Sharon Dewar—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Laurea & Leo Hackett—Memorial
 10:30AM George Scobie—3rd Anniversary

MONDAY, AUGUST 13—VJ DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday; Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priests & Martyrs
 8:30AM Souls in Purgatory

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
 7:30AM Evelyn Curran—Birthday Remembrance
Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:00PM Robert Esposito—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM
 7:30AM Michael Zwolinski—4th Anniversary
 7:00PM Tomasso Bruzzese—68th Anniversary

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Weekday; St. Stephen of Hungary
 7:30AM Vito, Marie & Thomas Brescia—Memorial .

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Weekday
 7:30AM Delores K. Vespia—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Matilda Manocchia—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Arthur Corneau—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

The Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Vincenza Masiello—Memorial
 10:30AM Louise Cardi—10th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

We were pleased to welcome Mother Josephine, the Superior of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, for her annual pastoral visit to our convent, and with the FAS Sisters who serve at Scalabrini Villa. She assures me that our good Sisters, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes, are to remain here working with us. That is great news for OLM as they are a true blessing to our parish.

On Sunday we welcome many of our friends from the Dominican Community. As you read last weekend, OLM Parishioner Laura Makin is entering the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville.

Some of these wonderful Sisters are joining us in praying for Laura at the 10:30am Mass. Also, some Dominican Friars will join us at the Mass. Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP from St. Pius V Church in Providence is preaching at the Mass.

I ask for your continued prayers for Laura and for her Dominican Sisters in Nashville. These religious sisters are all a blessing for our Church and provide a profound witness of the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience. Let us pray for more vocations to the consecrated life from our parish and in our Diocese.

Next weekend we welcome Father Victor Ramesh from the Archdiocese of Madras, in India. Father is coming to preach at all the Masses on behalf of the missions in his diocese. I know you will give him your usual warm welcome to OLM.

The Missionary Cooperative Weekend is our

time to support the good works of the Church in the Missions. Each summer, missionaries come to parishes in Rhode Island reminding us of the important work they do, and to seek our prayerful and financial support.

Next week's Second Collection goes directly to support the mission work in the Archdiocese of Madras. I thank you in advance for your generous support. There is more information in this week's bulletin about the Archdiocese of Madras.

I remind you that this Wednesday, August 15th, we honor our Blessed Mother on the Solemnity of the Assumption. It is a holyday of obligation for all Catholics, which means you must attend Mass. A complete schedule of Masses for the holyday are in the bulletin. Please join us in celebrating our Blessed Mother, our patroness, on her special feast day.

Over these few weeks we have been hearing from the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John has rightly been called the Eucharistic Gospel. It is filled with Eucharistic images and language intended to help us move deeper into the mystery of Christ's Body and Blood. It is the fruit of decades of spiritual reflection on this gift by Jesus's Beloved Disciple, the last of the Gospel writers.

Last week our talented parish musicians, Deirdre and Henri, sang the beautiful Eucharistic hymn, "*Adoro te devote*." It was written by St. Thomas Aquinas over 800 years ago and has been faithfully sung in honor of our Lord truly present in the Eucharist throughout the centuries. The

lyrics provide a wonderful reflection for us, and read: "*O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore Thee, who truly art within the forms before me; To Thee my heart I bow with bended knee, as failing quite in contemplating Thee. Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived; The ear alone most safely is believed: I believe all the Son of God has spoken, than Truth's own word there is no truer token.*"

God only on the Cross lay hid from view; But here lies hid at once the Manhood too: And I, in both professing my belief, make the same prayer as the repentant thief. Thy wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see; Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be: make me believe Thee ever more and more; In Thee my hope, in Thee my love to store.

O thou Memorial of our Lord's own dying! O Bread that living art and vivifying! Make ever Thou my soul on Thee to live; Ever a taste of Heavenly sweetness give. O loving Pelican! O Jesu, Lord! Unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy Blood; Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt, Is ransom for a world's entire guilt. Jesu! Whom for the present veil'd I see, What I so thirst for, O vouchsafe to me: That I may see Thy countenance unfolding, And may be blest Thy glory in beholding. Amen."

Prayers and well wishes to Laura Makin! Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox! How about that sweep of the Yanks?!



Why the Assumption Matters for Everyone

Every August 15th the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. In 1950, Pope Pius XII announced that he was now able to proclaim infallibly that Mary, after she had finished her life, she was assumed into heaven, soul and body. This proclamation speaks of a truth which we have known since Christ came; a truth which was made possible because Christ came; that death was conquered.

Death, the rupture of our soul and body, came into the world because of sin. Despite the ubiquitous duality in our culture today, a soul separated from its body is not complete. A person is a composite of both body and soul. Too often it seems we emphasize one or the other to the detriment most often to the body. Our bodies are not like our clothes, something which we use, but isn't really us. No, we are both body and soul; we are properly speaking persons. So we will not be truly complete, truly happy until the resurrection. Christ who descended to this world, God and man; who took our human nature to Himself, did so to free us from sin, but also to restore and raise our human nature.

Sometimes the critique is made that Catholics hate the body; no we love the body; we look forward to having our bodies again; our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. We do not treat the body as simply an instrument; as something to be used as seen fit, and then thrown away at death. As St. Paul in Corinthians writes, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive his due for the things done in the body, whether good or bad."

So the Feast of the Assumption is as much about Mary as it is about us. It shows Mary's singular holiness; a gift given to her by God. And it beautifully foretells what awaits at the resurrection for those who follow Christ. After all, we pray every Sunday: "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead." Do our thoughts and longing for heaven of heaven include the desire for our own resurrection? Do we yearn for the reunification of our body and soul?

If you have a questions about the Catholic Faith, email it to Fr. Barrow at associate@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

August 5, 2018

Weekly.....	\$10,453.00
EFT.....	\$1,285.00
	Total=\$11,738.00
Outreach.....	\$1,692.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,527.00


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.

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

Second Collections
This Week: Peter's Pence
Next Week: Mission Co-Op



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioner **Robert Tougas** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



VJ DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, AUGUST 13

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.



Upcoming Dates:

- **Wednesday, August 22:** Pre-K & K Meet and Greet Night 6pm to 7pm
- **Sunday, August 26:** New Families Welcome Mass at 9:00am with Welcome Reception to follow in School Cafeteria
- **Monday, August 27:** OLM Faculty Retreat at St. Edmund Retreat Center, Enders Island, CT
- **Tuesday, August 28:** 6th Grade Middle School Orientation from 8am to 9am
- **Wednesday, August 29:** First Day of School!!!!
- **Friday, September 7:** Opening Mass of the Holy Spirit for the School Year

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www.olmschool.org



**Register online today for the
2018-2019 Religious Education Year!**

Go to the Parish website: www.olmparish.org Then to Faith Formation. Scroll down until you get to Religious Education for Children. The link to register is right underneath that heading.

**All Registrations after July 31st
incur a late fee.**

Mission Co-Op Appeal

August 19, 2018

On the weekend of August 18 & 19, 2018, we welcome Fr. Victor Ramesh of the Archdiocese of Madras-Mylapore (India) as part of the Mission Cooperative Appeal. The Second Collection next weekend is in support of this Mission Diocese. The Archdiocese of Madras was established in 1952 and has a population of 12 million. The population is predominantly Muslim and Hindu and only 420,000 are Catholic (under 5%). It is served by 163 Diocesan Priests, 268 religious Priests, 1530 Women religious and 124 lay Catechists. With the Mission Cooperation Appeal funds and your generous support, the Archdiocese is able to repair and build Mission chapels, in the Thiruvalluar district/County, the most rural region of the Archdiocese for families to receive the Sacraments, worship at Mass and be a center of evangelization to the non-Catholic neighbors. *Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the Mission Co-Op Appeal next weekend in the second collection.*



● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

● **OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:** **Thursday, August 16th at 4pm** in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to join us for support, prayer and discussion.

● **For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The bodily assumption of Mary into the kingdom of God was declared a doctrine of faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Not scripturally based, the concept of Mary's assumption developed as part of the tradition of the early church.

First thought of as her "dormition" or "falling asleep," this feast is still celebrated under the title "Dormition" in the Eastern church.

By the eighth century, Rome had changed the title of the feast to "Assumption" and had conferred upon it the more active idea of Mary's actually having been taken up into heaven in both soul and body.

Mary is not the only figure in our Judeo-Christian understanding to be taken bodily into heaven. In 2 Kings, we read of Elijah the prophet who was taken to heaven in a whirlwind.



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The Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM August 15th *A Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics*



Mass Schedule

Tuesday, August 14

Vigil Mass at 5:00PM

Wednesday, August 15

Holyday Masses at 7:30am & 7:00PM

