



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 13, 2017

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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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

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Parish Incorporated 1867



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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 13, 2017

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Mass of Anticipation for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Harriet Paroline Downey—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Silvio Cardillo—28th Anniversary
 10:30AM Deceased of Dwyer, Martin & McGlynn Families-Mem

MONDAY, AUGUST 14—VJ HOLIDAY

St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr
 8:30AM Isabella Almonte—Memorial
Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 7:30AM Jack Fogarty, Jr.—Memorial
 7:00PM Rita Cosentino—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Weekday/St. John Eudes, Priest; BVM
 8:30AM Fr. Clyde Walsh—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Jovita T. Dutual—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Bertrand Masse—Birthday Remembrance
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM George Scobie—2nd Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Isn't August just flying by this summer??! This Tuesday, August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption as he solemnly proclaimed that the belief whereby the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the close of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. This teaching definitively forms part of the deposit of faith, received from the Apostles.

To avoid all that is uncertain the Pope did not state either the manner or the circumstances of time and place in which the Assumption took place — only the fact of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into the glory of heaven, is Catholic Dogma.

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormition") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven. This belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves. What was clear from the beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be

venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her assumption. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage and today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics and so we have a complete schedule of Holy Day Masses. Monday night at 5:00pm we celebrate the Vigil Mass and on Tuesday Mass is at 7:30am and 7:00pm. There is certainly ample opportunity to fulfill your obligation to attend Mass!

It seems that during these summer months some people can get lax about faithfully attending Sunday Mass. Certainly this is true of the Holy Days of Obligation that see few Catholics attend Holy Mass. But even on Sundays people easily skip Mass while on vacation, going to the beach, golfing, or because there is no school or religious education classes. It doesn't take much of an excuse for some people to forget the Lord on Sundays!

I recently read about a pastor who wrote of growing tired of the excuses as to why people don't go to Mass. He suggests replacing "go to Mass" with "washing up" and he writes:

"For those who tire of excuses why people don't go to Mass on Sundays here are the reasons why I never wash. 1. I was forced to wash as a child. 2. People who wash are hypocrites, they think they're cleaner than others. 3. There are so many kinds of soap I could never

decide which was right. 4. I used to wash but it's too boring. 5. I only wash on Christmas and Easter. 6. None of my friends wash. 7. I'll start washing when I'm older. 8. I really don't have the time. 9. The bathroom isn't warm enough. 10. People who make soap are only after your money."

Some good food for thought for all us. Why do we come to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Why do some of our neighbors, family and friends so easily skip Mass? It's a challenge for all of us to stay faithful to attending Mass and also to welcome back those who fallen away from the practice.

We wind up our Annual Back-Pack Drive for St. Patrick's Parish, in Providence, this weekend. If you have not yet made a donation or donated school supplies, I encourage you to do so soon. Our OLM Outreach volunteers and OLM Confirmation Candidates gather in the OLM School Gym to pack up the supplies for delivery to St. Patrick's on Monday before the Vigil Mass.

In the name of Fr. Ruggeri, the Pastor of St. Patrick's, and the many needy school children who directly benefit from your charity, I offer my sincere thanks! Your generous support is greatly and deeply appreciated.

Don't forget to attend Mass on the Assumption! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox! Beat those Yankees!

Father Healey



What is the Anointing of the Sick?

The Diocese of Providence, in collaboration with the Thomistic Institute, hosted this past week a Conference for Priests on the Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying. The Thomistic Institute is led by the Dominican Friars to, “promote Catholic truth in our contemporary world by strengthening the intellectual formation of Christians at universities, in the Church, and in the wider public sphere.” I had the opportunity to attend this conference and to hear from several Dominican and priests about this topic.

First of all, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is only efficacious if a person is sick. If a person is not sick or if the sickness is mild, then there is no sacrament, because there is no Christ-like suffering unto death. The matter of the sacrament is “proximity to death.”

The main effect of the Sacrament is to radically conform the person to Jesus Christ. The person is consecrated to Jesus Christ, particularly in His suffering on the Cross. It is during times of sickness and closeness to death that despair and hopelessness could set in. It is at that moment that the anointing is efficacious; strengthening the person to bear the final trial of life with the same strength that Jesus borne the Passion.

First, if the person is unconscious and there would have been the desire for forgiveness, then the anointing also forgives sins and hence restores our relationship with God. If a person is conscious and aware of mortal sins, then Confession should precede the Anointing. Second the sacrament strengthens us through the virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit which increase charity. This makes our souls robust, curing our proneness or attachment to sin, which otherwise would take place in Purgatory. Confession forgives our sins, but our attachment to sin remains and so not only is image restoration needed, but also image perfection.

Today suffering is seen as antithetical to life; hence Euthanasia is gaining ground. Even the Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson erroneously said that suffering is not part of the Christian life. This is not correct, because as we know to be a Christian is to imitate Christ, take up our cross daily, and follow Him. Part of following Christ will involve suffering, but because of Christ, all our suffering can be transformed. Particularly through Anointing, our suffering becomes efficacious for our salvation and the salvation of others. In a state of grace we participate in Christ’s salvific work. Part of this involves submitting to God’s Providence: to accept the dying process, and to await Christ coming to bring us home. In our patient endurance and suffering we offer up sacrifice and worship acceptable to God the Father in imitation of Jesus Himself.

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org



Weekly Collection

August 6, 2017

Weekly.....	\$11,040.50
EFT.....	\$1,652.50
	Total=\$12,693.00
Outreach	\$1,535.50
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,660.50

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 generous support!

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



Second Collection
This Week: Peter’s Pence

OLM Parish Office Summer Hours
Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm
Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm
Please plan accordingly.



VJ DAY HOLIDAY
Monday, August 14

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.

Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00pm—6:45pm
Saturdays: 4:00pm—4:45pm

Don’t take a vacation from God’s Mercy!



I-Robert James Hopkins & Caitlin Marie McCarthy
Our Lady of Mercy Church Our Lady of Mercy Church



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioners **Joseph Haas and John J. Corrigan** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.



•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of donated non-perishable food items especially during the Summer months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support. •For more information, contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or at outreach@olmparish.org



Register Today for RE Classes This Fall

•Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 year. **Registrations are now only done on-line at:**

<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/>

You may also access the link on the Parish Website: www.olmparish.org and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. We accept children in Grades 1-8.

**The Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

A Holy Day of Obligation for All Catholics



Mass Schedule at OLM

Monday, August 14

Vigil Mass of the Assumption at 5:00pm

Tuesday, August 15

Holy Day Masses at 7:30am & 7:00pm



Join us in helping the Students of St. Patrick's Church

Once again the OLM Outreach is helping the school children of St. Patrick's Parish & School, Providence with our Annual Back Pack Drive. We are collecting supplies beginning this weekend until the weekend of August 13th. Fully packed back packs will be delivered the week of August 13th directly to St. Patrick's Church.

Supplies needed: #2 pencils, blue & black ink pens, 24 count crayons, 10 ct. markers, glue sticks, packages of white lined paper and 3 inch binders.

All donated supplies can be put in the collection containers in the Church Vestibule or left at the OLM Outreach Office. If you prefer to donate to this cause, make check payable to OLM Church and write "Backpack Drive" in the memo.

If you would like to volunteer to assembly back packs or help deliver them, please contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director, at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



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Tee it up
for OLM

Save the Date!

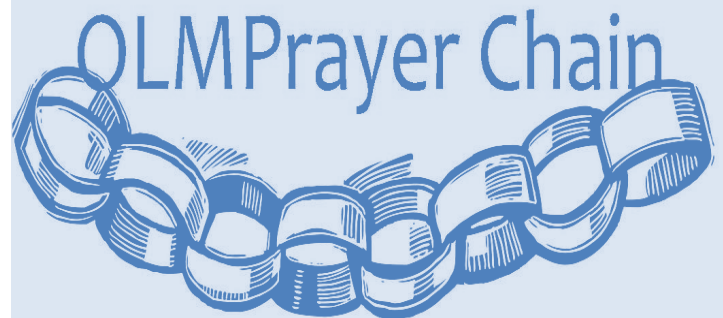
Register today at
OLM Parish webpage
www.olmparish.org

Monday, September 11, 2017
1:00 p.m Shotgun
Dinner to Follow
Quidnessett Country Club

St. Xavier Academy Reunion



St. Xavier Academy is seeking classmates to celebrate their 50th year anniversary of the class of 1967 at the annual Homecoming and Reunion on Sunday, Oct. 22. Mass will begin at 11 a.m. at St. Timothy Church, Warwick. Luncheon will follow at the Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown. Graduates from classes ending in 2 and 7 will also be honored, and all SXA graduates are invited. For information call Carol at 401-263-1823; visit stxavieralumnae.org; email: info@sxa.org.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray 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 and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email at 2hart@cox.net.

If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!

The power of prayer at work!