



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 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ August 20, 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**

Monday - Thursday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday.....8:00 am -12:00 pm

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

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## **THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 20, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**

*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

### **MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

*St. Pius X, Pope*  
 7:30AM Carol McCauley—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

*Weekday/St. Rose of Lima, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Nancy Raimondo—14th Anniversary

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

*Weekday/St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest*  
 7:30AM Fred Buoro—Memorial

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

*Weekday/BVM*  
 8:30AM Special Intention  
*Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Michael & Wanda Zowlinski—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Edward F. Saunders, Jr.—7th Anniversary  
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 10:30AM Thomas Minuto—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Last weekend there was a mild debate in the rectory among the priests as to what we should properly call Monday's holiday. Is it "Victory Day" or "VJ Day"? Officially it is named "Victory Day" and Rhode Island is the only state that still celebrates it as a holiday.

When I was a child it was always called "VJ Day" as it marked the surrender of Japan and the end of World War II. The day had special significance in my household as my late Father was a combat veteran of the Second World War. He fought the German Army and the Nazi regime in Italy.

My Father always told me that if Japan had not surrendered he would have been shipped to the Pacific for an invasion of Japan. Therefore, he always insisted on calling the holiday, "VJ Day." Well, no matter what we call it, what is important is that we remember its historical significance. And also remember the sacrifice made by America's Greatest Generation. They helped to defeat the hatred and violence of the fascists regimes.

How terribly sad it was to learn of last weekend's tragedy in Virginia where a group of neo-Nazis and White Supremacists gathered to publically display their racist and hateful ideas. Violence erupted and a young woman lost her life.

How very tragic and sad that such hate and violence should take place, but also as we mark the defeat of fascists in World War II. The racist message espoused by these neo-Nazis and White Supremacists is repugnant and

reprehensible. It is an affront to all right thinking Americans but especially to America's Greatest Generation who sacrificed so much to defeat the racist and hateful ideology of the Nazis.

It wasn't lost on me that as we marked Monday's civic holiday, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan Priest who died at the hands of the Nazis at Auschwitz Concentration Camp. Inspired by the truth of Jesus Christ, St. Maximilian resisted the racist ideology of the Nazi regime with every ounce of his being. In the ultimate sacrifice, he gave up life to save a fellow prisoner from execution at the hands of their Nazi captors.

With this in mind, let us pray for end to racism, hatred, and violence of all kinds and let us reject the Nazi and bigoted ideology displayed in Virginia. News reports indicate that these Nazis are bringing their racist and hateful message to Boston this weekend. Their sinful and evil message of racism and hatred must be condemned and rejected by everyone of us.

In light of the tragedy in Virginia, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, the President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops issued the following statement:

*"Our prayer turns to the people of Charlottesville who offered a counter example to the hate marching in the streets. Let us unite ourselves in the spirit of hope offered by the clergy, people of faith, and all people of good will who peacefully defended their city and country. We stand against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism. We stand with our*

*sisters and brothers united in the sacrifice of Jesus, by which love's victory over every form of evil is assured."*

Let it be very clear that racism of all kinds and anyone one expressing hatred for another because of the color of his or her skin, is always evil. In Catholic teaching, racism is considered an intrinsic evil on par with the evils of abortion, assisted suicide, and torture.

In moral theology, this means it can never be justified. It is always, under every circumstance, evil. And the events of last weekend serve to remind us, perhaps with even more urgency now, that we are called to reject such evil and work for its end. This goes far beyond any politics. There are no two sides to this issue. There is only one side. We can only stand against the evil of racism.

St. John Paul taught us: *"Racism is a sin that constitutes a serious offence against God. To oppose racism we must practice the culture of reciprocal acceptance, recognizing in every man and woman a brother or sister with whom we walk in solidarity and peace. The Church asks all believers to make their own responsible contribution of conversion of heart."* Let us unite against all racism and pray for the end of such evil and hatred.

We say "So Long" to Fr. Connors, who returns to Rome this week. Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Sox!

*Father Healey*



**Why do we not talk about the Devil?**

The film *Usual Suspects* made famous a line by Charles Baudelaire: “The finest trick of the devil is to persuade you that he does not exist.” Probably the simplest answer to this question is that people think that the devil does not exist. Very recently the head of the Jesuits, Fr. Arturo Sosa, stated that the devil was just a literary creation to represent evil.

Historically, what started as an extreme obsession with the devil in the witch hunts of Salem, Massachusetts and Protestant Northern Europe has swung to the other extreme of apathy in our own age. For our contemporary world the idea of a devil that influences our actions conflicts with our notions of unbridled freedom and self-autonomy. In such a mindset we are radically free and mistakenly think that sin and the devil have no influence in our lives. In essence we have fallen into the heresy of Pelagianism which is the idea that we save ourselves. We do not need salvation from sin and the devil that Jesus Christ gives us through the Church and her Sacraments. Finally, atheism and a world view known as Scientism argue fallaciously from advances in psychology and other scientific disciplines to presuppose that only material things exist. Granted we should not go to the opposite extreme, and give the devil too much glory and attention, and in so doing forget that ultimately we are responsible for our actions.

Yet, it is dangerous for the world to forget that the devil exists and is actively working to turn us away from God. The devil does not want us to know that he is around, since this makes souls easier to take. C.S. Lewis in the *Screwtape Letters* wrote, “*But do remember, the only thing that matters is the extent to which you separate the man from the enemy. It does not matter how small the sins are provided that their cumulative effective is to edge the man away from the Light and out into the Nothing... Indeed the safest road to Hell is the gradual one.*” The devil’s strategy is to turn us away from God by little sins that appear pleasant and happy to us (after all no one would do something that would make them miserable!) until we find we have descended into more serious sins (but by then we may have become blind to our spiritual status). In our fight against sin, evil, and the devil, the Sacraments are our defense.

***If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)***

*Weekly Collection*

August 13, 2017

Weekly.....	\$9,197.00
EFT.....	\$3,001.00
	<b>Total=\$12,198.00</b>
Outreach .....	\$777.00
Peter’s Pence.....	\$4,203.50

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.***



**OLM Parish Office Summer Hours**

Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm

Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm

*Please plan accordingly.*



**Confessions at OLM**

Mondays: 6:00pm—6:45pm

Saturdays: 4:00pm—4:45pm

**This Monday, August 21st we welcome Guest Confessor Fr. Albert Duggan, OP**



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

**I-II-III-Frank Louis Orabona & Amanda Jayne Mello**  
 Our Lady of Mercy Church                      Our Lady of Mercy Church



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **Michael Rocchio and Kathleen Souls** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated last week.

*May they rest in peace.*



**School Begins Soon!**

**Please pray for our faculty and students!**

**Upcoming Dates at OLM School**

**Wednesday, August 23, 6:00pm-7:00pm:** "Meet & Greet Night for Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 & K"

**Sunday, August 24th:** New Family Mass of Welcome at 9:00am & Reception to follow in School Cafeteria.

**Monday, August 28th:** Faculty Retreat at the Saint Edmund's Retreat House on Enders Island lead by Fr. Albert Duggan, OP, Chaplain at Brown University.

**Tuesday, August 29th:** Professional Day for Faculty & PTG Back to School Luncheon for Faculty at Noon; Middle School Orientation at 8:00am for 6th Graders

**Wednesday, August 30th: First Day of School!**

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*Best Wishes to our newly baptized:*



**Sloane Parker Hassett,**  
her parents, Matthew and Diane.

**Calla Elizabeth Iannuccilli,**  
and her parents, Jason & Shawna.

**Elena Carolyn White,**  
and her parents, Matthew and Kristen.

*"Dearly beloved, these children have been reborn in baptism. They are now called the children of God, for so indeed they are."*

*— The Rite of Baptism*

*arrivederci*

**Fr. Connors returns to Rome!**

Fr. Connors is returning to his doctoral studies in Rome this week. We thank him for his time and ministry here at OLM during the summer and await his return at Christmas. Please keep him in your prayers. While in Rome during the Academic Year, Fr. Connors can be reached at:

**The Reverend Ryan W. Connors**

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**Italy**

**Pray  
for  
Vocations**



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## *Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy, Mother Josephine!*



We welcomed Mother Josephine, FAS, the Mother Superior of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters to OLM this past week. Mother is visiting from the FAS Motherhouse in the Philippines and making her pastoral visits to the FAS Communities across the country. While in RI she visited with the FAS Sisters here at OLM and the FAS Community at Scalabrini Villa.

*Also Prayerful Congratulations to our own Sister Lourdes, FAS who marked 25 years of Profession as a Religious Sister on Tuesday, August 15th! Ad multos annos!*



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*Tee it up*  
**for OLM**

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