



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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ✧ August 26, 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

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

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

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The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor

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

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Founded 1853



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 26, 2018**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

The Mass of Anticipation for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Ruth Guilfoyle—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Raymond Wesson, Sr.—Memorial
 10:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica
 7:30AM Edward F Saunders, Jr.—8th Anniversary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Nancy Raimondo—15th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

Weekday
 7:30AM Edward V, Sr. & Bernard A. Healey—32nd Anniv.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM James E. Twomey—Memorial

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

The Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Frank & Teresa Heran—6th & 28th Anniversaries
 9:00 AM Mary Owens—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Hans G. & Hans F. Loeffler—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Like all Catholics over these last weeks, I too have been full of anger, disappointment, and shame at the events reported in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. The news of such evil and betrayal perpetrated by priests, and bishops, is shameful and shocking.

There are times when words fail. This is one of those times. What I read in the Pennsylvania grand jury report is distressing beyond words. I have to admit that I am at a loss to understand how such unspeakable evil has been allowed to fester at the heart of the Church.

The abuse of children, especially sexual abuse, is a stain on our Church and also on our nation's collective soul. It is heartbreaking and devastating, and as we have seen time and time again it knows no bounds. It is present in the Church, in schools, in universities and in sports programs.

The past weeks have certainly stretched my faith as I am sure they have stretched your own. The tragic events brought to light are the cause of a great deal of shame, righteous anger, and a call for answers, and action, by many Catholics. Still more anger is rightly directed at those who have been complicit in keeping some of these serious sins from coming to light.

I understand such anger. For as a priest I too am full of a sense of betrayal and rage. And so, like you, I continue to struggle to comprehend such evil that has stained our Church that I serve and love so deeply. The author Victor Hugo said: "*Where there is darkness, crime will be*

committed. The guilty are not merely those who commit the crime, but those who cause the darkness."

Such darkness that looms over our Church calls us to respond with faith in the light of Christ. The Church is a divine institution made of up sinful people. Our focus must remain upon our faith in Jesus Christ and his abiding presence in his bride the Church. We can find comfort and consolation in these dark days when we turn toward the Crucified and Risen Christ. The Christ who knew betrayal. The Christ who experienced righteous anger. The Christ who conquered sin.

In my own life as a priest it is Jesus Christ I turn to for divine guidance and strength in such trying times. Our Church has faced many trials in the past, and will undoubtedly face more in the future. Christ, however, is the same yesterday, today and forever! And so we turn to Christ our Light, with faith and in prayer.

Pray for the healing of the victims of these crimes. Pray for justice for all those who are so deeply hurt and those who have committed such evil. Pray for our Church, that this might be a time of repentance and purification. Pray for priests especially the many who have faithfully served and bear the shame and scandal of their fallen brothers. Pray for bishops that they might act with courage and integrity in dealing with these events. And let us pray for one another that we might not lose hope and drown in despair.

Reflecting upon this evil and upon the depravity of sinners within the Church, we are often

tempted to despair. The temptation to despair in light of all of this is natural. However, despite the evil and the sin, and with our righteous anger, we are called to move forward in faith, to rely upon God's promises to us, and to work hard to make every bit of difference we that we are able.

I encourage any survivors of abuse to contact our Diocesan Office of Child Protection and Outreach, which offers resources and confidential support to any who have suffered from abuse and who seek help. They can be reached at 401-946-0728. I also encourage all to seek more information online at dioceseofprovidence.org/office-of-compliance.

On Monday, Pope Francis issued a letter to the Church in response to these events which is included in this week's bulletin. He states: "*Looking back to the past, no effort to beg pardon and to seek to repair the harm done will ever be sufficient. Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults.*"

Pray for the strength and grace to face these challenges.

Father Healey



Has the Church Changed its Teaching on the Death Penalty?

A couple of weeks ago Pope Francis changed the Catechism of the Catholic Church to read, "...the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that 'the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and the dignity of the person.'"

Some commentators have contended that the pope has changed unchangeable teaching. This would be a significant claim, because the Pope cannot change essential teaching or invent a teaching which contradicts prior teaching. In a word, the Church cannot change its essential teachings as handed down in scripture and tradition. Regardless of who you are or what position in the Church you hold, the teaching of Christ handed down to us in scripture and tradition cannot change. The teaching can develop from faith seeking understanding, but such a development cannot contradict what came before.

There are two reasons to think that the pope has not in fact changed teaching. First, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith asserts that this language constitutes "an authentic development of doctrine that is not in contradiction with the prior teachings of the Magisterium." Second the new language in the Catechism does not clearly state that the death penalty is in principle contrary to scripture or tradition.

Here it is important to make a distinction between an action done in principle versus in practice. There has always been disagreement among Catholic thinkers about whether the death penalty is an appropriate or best way of maintain social order and the common good. By and large many thinkers have opposed the death penalty in practice, but allowed it in principle. In other words, the death penalty should be the absolute last resort. In fact, a society should develop in such a way so that while in principle the death penalty can occur, in practice it never does. It is like the fire extinguisher in a building: there just in case, but ideally never used. This distinction between practice and principle finds a solid basis in scripture, tradition and natural law.

We find this upheld in the Pope's use of the term "inadmissible." Notice the pope does not say that the death penalty is "in principle" wrong.

So has the pope changed unchangeable Church teaching? Has the pope contradicted millennia of Church teaching? Regardless of the pope's intention, he has not changed Church teaching. He has simply reemphasized what scripture and tradition have always taught: the death penalty is a last resort in practice, that is allowed in principle.

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



Weekly Collection

August 19, 2018

Weekly.....	\$9,779.00
EFT.....	\$2,048.00
	Total=\$11,827.00
Outreach.....	\$647.00
Mission Cooperative.....	\$5,077.00
Assumption Holy Day.....	\$2,388.00

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
Next Week: Building & Grounds



II-Brendan David Palmer & Kimberly Marie MacDonald
Saints Rose & Clement Our Lady of Mercy

The 5:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass resumes **next Sunday, September 2, 2018** and continues until May 26, 2019.





Upcoming Dates:

- **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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**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.**

Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Rose Marie Guarendi,
and her parents, Andrew and Melissa

Drew Jonathan and Eli Wilder Radziewicz,
And their parents, Todd and Shelley

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



● **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, September 6th 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

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*Your generosity
made a difference*

On Monday, August 13th members of the OLM Confirmation Class packed up nearly 200 backpacks, with the bulk of them going to St. Patrick's Parish. The remainder are to be distributed locally by the OLM Outreach Office. We commend our Confirmation candidates for their good work and OLM Parishioners Kathy Hall and Mary Anne Weaver for coordinating the project. We also thank the many parishioners who supported the Backpack Drive with supplies and generous financial donations.



Prayer to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

Give the strength and grace as their bodies
grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



OLM School—Wednesday, August 29

EG Public Schools—Wednesday, August 29

NK Public Schools—Tuesday, September 4

Warwick Public Schools—Tuesday, September 4

 THE MEN OF
ST. JOSEPH

The Men of St. Joseph meet next
Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 7:00am in the
OLM Rectory Meeting Room. All adult men of
OLM are invited to join us for discussion, prayer
and fraternity as we seek to strengthen our
spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For
more information contact Deacon John Dowd
at 884-4968 or via email at
Deacon@olmparish.org

Father,
PLEASE KEEP
THEM SAFE
THIS YEAR.
Amen

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