



THE CHURCH OF

# Our Lady of Mercy



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## † MASS SCHEDULE †

### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....4:00 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 Second Sunday of Advent ✕ December 10, 2017

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 3:00 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 - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

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## **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9**

*Mass of Anticipation for the Second Sunday of Advent*  
 4:00PM Michael Alix—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Special Intention

10:30AM Margaret B. Devlin—42nd Anniversary

5:00PM Thomas & Rita Huban—Memorial

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

*Advent Weekday; St. Damasus I, Pope*

7:30AM Raymond F. O'Rourke—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:30AM Theresa Pearson—10th Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

7:30AM Lauren Foley—12th Anniversary

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14**

*St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

7:30AM Pat & Marie Raimondo—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**

*Advent Weekday*

7:30AM Special Intention

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**

*Advent Weekday*

8:30AM Albert Edward Hyde—7th Anniversary

*Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday of Advent*

4:00PM Lisa Tanner—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

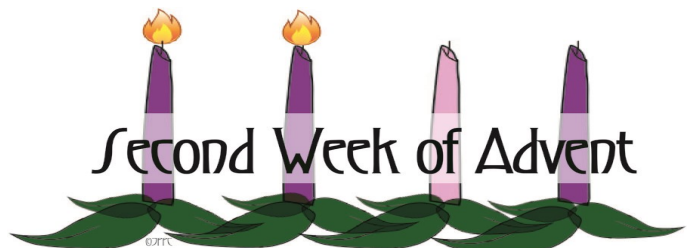
*The Third Sunday of Advent*

7:30 AM Ann Murphy—9th Anniversary

9:00 AM Joyce Honour—Memorial

10:30AM Kate Bedard—8th Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

I wish to thank the parishioners who so generously donated the new automated external defibrillators (AED) for our church and school. An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest, when someone's heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

There are two located in OLM Church, one in the vestibule and one by the sacristy. We have also placed two in the school and a third is portable and brought outside when the students are at gym or recess. These life-saving devices can be used by anyone with a little training. After Christmas, we will be holding training sessions for our OLM School faculty and staff, and for our OLM Ushers and Staff. The training will be open for anyone interested in learning how to use an AED.

We are truly thankful for those who were so quick and generous to support our effort to purchase the AEDs for OLM. They cost over one thousand dollars a piece, but they are an invaluable addition to our parish. In your name, I offer our sincere thanks for the donation of these life-saving AEDs.

During Advent we are called to prepare ourselves and our world with prayer and charity for the coming of the Messiah. At last Sunday's Weekly Angelus Address, Pope Francis offer this reflection on Advent. The Holy Father stated:

*"Jesus exhorts us in the Gospel (Cf. Mark 13:33-37) to take heed and watch, to be ready*

*to receive Him the moment of his return. He says to us: "Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time will come lest He come suddenly and find you asleep" (vv. 33-36).*

*The person that takes heed is one that, in the noise of the world, doesn't let himself be overwhelmed by distraction or by superficiality, but lives in a full and aware way, with concern first of all for others. With this attitude, we are aware of the tears and the needs of our neighbor and we can also grasp his human and spiritual capacities and qualities. The person that heeds then turns also to the world, trying to counter the indifference and cruelty in it."*

As we continue to prepare ourselves and our world for the Messiah, let us heed the Holy Father's Advent words. Our concern for our neighbors, especially those less fortunate and in need, should be a hallmark of our anticipation of the Messiah's coming.

The Catholic Church in the United States is the largest Refugee Resettlement agency in the nation and the Diocese of Providence is the largest in the State of RI. This Advent, OLM Outreach, is looking for help in aiding several Refugee Families who have been resettled to RI.

These families are fleeing wars, famines, persecution and poverty and arrive here with only the clothing on their backs. The Diocese of Providence helps them find housing, and work. Any help you may wish to offer our efforts is truly appreciated.

We always are in need of monetary donations, and also gift cards, especially to Walmart

and Stop & Shop. If you would like to help in any way, large or small, please contact Doug Green, our OLM Outreach Director.

Pope Francis reminds us that Advent calls us to turn to the world and counter its often "indifferent cruelty." We are called to prepare for Christ at Christmas not only in our own homes, but in the world around us. We can do this in all kinds of ways: helping OLM Outreach, visiting neglected neighbors or lonely relatives, volunteering at McAuley House or Emmanuel House homeless shelters.

This Advent we are bringing the *Bambinelli* Blessing to OLM. *Bambinelli* is the Italian name for Baby Jesus figurines that children bring to be blessed by the Pope. We have a small number of these beautiful figurines available for sale after Masses this weekend.

Next Sunday after the 9:00am Mass we invite you to come to Mercy Park by the parish crèche to bless the *Bambinelli*. So please join us, and bring the Baby Jesus from your own crèche to be blessed by your priests (not the Pope!). We'll have singing led by our Children's Choir, hot chocolate and donuts too! It's a great way to prepare for Christmas and celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday!

It's Advent so take heed and "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats!!!

*Father Healey*





**How much did Mary know about Jesus?**

To summarize scripture, Mary knew: (1) what she heard from Gabriel at the Annunciation (Luke 1:26–38), (2) what the angel told Joseph in his dream, presumably (Matthew 1:18–25); (3) what Elizabeth told Mary by the Holy Spirit at the Visitation (Luke 1:39–56); (4) what Gabriel told Zechariah about his own son John, (Luke 1:5–23); (5) what the shepherds told Mary at the Nativity they heard from the heavenly host (Luke 2:8–20); and (6) what Simeon and Anna told Mary at the Presentation in the Temple (Luke 2:22–38).

There is a song called “Mary did you know,” that asks whether Mary knew everything that would take place. The song asks if Mary knew that “[her] Baby Boy would one day walk on water?” Did Mary know that Jesus would perform miracles? Being a pious Jew she knew the prophecies. She knew that the Messiah would perform healing miracles: cure the blind, heal the sick, have dominion over the powers of nature.

The song asks: “Did you know that your Baby Boy would save our sons and daughters?” Mary knew from the revelation of the angel that Jesus would be the Messiah, the incarnate God, the savior of the world who would die for our sins. The angel told her: “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High...” Elizabeth greeted her with “the mother of my Lord” which refers to Jesus' divinity. She also knew the Suffering Servant prophecy of Isaiah: “But he was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity. He bore the punishment that makes us whole, by his wounds we were healed. We had all gone astray like sheep. Like a *lamb* led to slaughter...” Finally Simeon told her: “and you yourself a sword will pierce,” to indicate the sorrow she would bear at his crucifixion.

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ and the best person to imitate is Mary; to ponder in our hearts what this all means and so when Christmas day arrives, to truly understand what takes place; the incarnation, the coming of God in the flesh for the salvation of the world.

***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*

**December 3, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$12,640.50
EFT.....	\$1,512.00
	<b>Total=\$14,152.50</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,641.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$3,551.50
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$111,589.00

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.

***Thank you for your generous support!***

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



**Second Collections**

**This Week: Retired Religious Collection**



This week the flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated in Thanksgiving for favor granted.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of **Betty J. Readey** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

**Christmas Flowers**



Christmas Flower envelopes are enclosed in budget packets. All donations in memory of loved ones help defray the expense of the beautiful flowers that decorate our church at Christmas. Thank you for your generous support.



### Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, December 11th:** School Advent Confessions at 1:00PM
- **Tuesday, December 12th:** Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15am. Report Cards to be distributed during classes.
- **Friday, December 15th:** OLM School Christmas Pageant at 7:00pm in OLM Church. All Parishioners are welcome!

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[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)



- **All RE Classes meet this Sunday, December 10, 2017**
- **This Sunday, December 10th:** 10:00am—11:00am **ONLY RE Grades 1 and 2 to meet.**
- **This Sunday, December 10th:** RE Grades 3—5 should attend Sunday, 5:00pm Mass and Advent Confessions to follow at 6:00PM.
- **Sunday, December 10th:** RE Grades 6—8 meet and attend Advent Confessions during class time
- **Sunday, December 17th:** Advent Celebration during Classes. All AM classes to begin at Mercy Park for Baminelli Blessing after 9am Mass.



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items especially during the holiday season. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.
- **Helping Refugee Families for Christmas:** The Diocese Providence's Office of Refugee Resettlement and Migration Services has several refugee families in need of basic, warm clothing. If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas and supply much need clothing and gifts, please contact Doug Green for more information.
- **For more information about OLM Outreach,** please contact Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

## Baminelli Blessing



**Sunday, December 17th  
Following 9:00am Mass  
in Mercy Park**

**Bring Your Baby Jesus Figurine**  
Baminelli available for purchase after  
all Masses this weekend

# Congratulations




We offer our Congratulations and Thanks  
to our New OLM Altar Servers.

Shane Ciunci  
Jack Colgan  
Griffin Cooper  
Brian Garrepy  
Grace Jelinek  
Eric Johnson  
Parker Miga  
Declan O'Connell  
Ryan Pedro  
Sean Pedro  
Evan Reineke  
Owen Rielly  
Clara Rozen  
Lucy Rozen  
Jack Weekers



ALTAR SERVERS

“Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Make straight his paths.”  
(Isaiah 40:3)



## Christmas Anticipation Prayer

The following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the feast of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment  
In which the Son of God was born  
Of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
at midnight,  
in Bethlehem,  
in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, O my God,  
to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
[here mention your request]  
through the merits of Our Savior Jesus  
Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



THE LIGHT IS  
ON FOR YOU

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions at OLM  
Mondays: 6:00pm–6:45pm  
Saturdays: 3:00pm–3:45pm