



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

*Except on Christmas & New Years*

Vigil Mass.....5:00 PM

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

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## ***The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ February 10, 2019***

### **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](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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**Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.**

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*Parish Founded 1853*



*Parish Incorporated 1867*



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*Mass Intentions*  
 for the Week

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM Joel Robert Anthony Wills—Memorial

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Michael John—Memorial  
 9:00 AM Bruce Hart—5th Anniversary  
 10:30AM Frances Lowry—Memorial  
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

*Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes*  
 7:30AM Gerald E. Celio—Memorial

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Edna Hart—21st Anniversary  
 8:15AM Denise Blanco—Months Mind

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM George D'Emilio—Memorial

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

*Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop*  
 7:30AM John "Jack" Donnelly—Memorial

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Dina Coelho—Memorial

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

*Weekday; BVM*  
 8:30AM Special Intention  
*The Mass of Anticipation for 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM William & Catherine Pearson—Memorial

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

*The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Frits Weekers—Memorial  
 9:00 AM Deborah O'Connell—5th Anniversary  
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 5:00PM Carmen Rivera Jackson & Angela Rivera Rodriguez—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

I just read a new report by the Pew Research Center that suggests that people who are active in religious congregations tend to be happier and more civically engaged than either religiously unaffiliated adults or inactive members of religious groups. For those of us who are happy and fulfilled by coming to Mass and living the Catholic Faith, it's not a surprise.

The study cites previous studies which found positive associations between religion and health in the United States. Researchers suggest that Americans who regularly attend religious services tend to live longer! Other studies suggest that religion helps breast cancer patients cope with stress.

So it seems that practicing our faith on a regular basis, praying, being nourished by the Eucharistic Lord at Sunday Mass, cleansing ourselves in the Sacrament of Confession, and receiving the Anointing of the Sick can all help us be healthier and happier in life!

This is not breaking news to those of us who strive to live our Catholic faith with fidelity and joy. But perhaps it might provide us an opportunity to invite that friend or family member who has fallen away to return to Mass! After all, it's not just good for the soul, it's good for the mind and body too! Faith, hope, and love bring joy and happiness!

On Monday we commemorate Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. A day to encourage people to pray for the sick and for their caregivers. Saint John

Paul II states:

*"On the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, whose shrine at the foot of the Pyrenees has become a temple of human suffering, we approach — as she did on Calvary, where the cross of her Son rose up — the crosses of pain and solitude of so many brothers and sisters to bring them comfort, to share their suffering and present it to the Lord of life, in spiritual communion with the whole Church. May the Blessed Virgin, "Health of the Sick" and "Mother of the Living", be our support and our hope and, through the celebration of the Day of the Sick, increase our sensitivity and dedication to those being tested, along with the trusting expectation of the luminous day of our salvation, when every tear will be dried forever."*

On February 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: *"I am the Immaculate Conception."*

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: *"O Mary conceived without sin."*

Through this simple and humble girl, the Blessed Mother Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the

authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the devotion of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his Mother. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a zeal to serve God in their needy and sick brothers and sisters.

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the great film *The Song of Bernadette*: *"For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible."*

So please pray for the sick and those who care for them on Monday. Stop by church and spend some time praying before the image of Our Lady of Lourdes, beg her intercession for those who are sick and suffering especially those in our parish.

Congratulations to the New England Patriots! Super Bowl Champs once again for the sixth time! I look forward to the seventh next year in Miami!

Be well. Do good. God Bless.

*Father Healey*



**Can we receive anointing of the sick at any time?**

Awhile back we considered the question: “When can a person receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick?” The Church gives us the following conditions for receiving this Sacrament: (1) A baptized Catholic, (2) who has reached the age of reason, (3) and is in danger from sickness or old age, or who has become sick again or worsened in the same sickness. The sickness in question is in some way life-threatening or it seriously impairs the individual’s health.

We also looked at particular circumstances. For instance, the Church tells us that “elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present.” Hence if an elderly person is “notably weakened,” and “has begun to be in danger of death,” then the sacrament should be given, but this must be considered in a case-by-case basis. It is not so much about the age of the individual, but about his or her health. Likewise we discovered whether this sacrament can be given prior to surgery. The rite states: “A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.”

All of this shows that the Sacrament is not meant to be given out on a regular basis. It is not meant for everyone at all times. Granted it is true that no one knows when he or she will die, hence we need to always be prepared. Preparation, however, takes different forms. We must not run the risk of treating the Anointing as a quasi-insurance policy. Giving this Sacrament to everyone has the potential to reduce the sacrament to superstition and disrupts the Sacramental order which Christ Himself instituted. The Sacraments correspond to the circumstances of our life. At each moment of our life, Christ has a corresponding sacrament for us. The way we prepare for the dangers of life is by being free from sin which means going regularly to Confession, receiving the Eucharist daily, and striving for holiness.

A big worry that sets in is when people receive the Sacrament of Anointing, are conscious and capable, and do not receive Confession when they knowingly have serious un-confessed sins. In this case, the person intentionally or unintentionally substitutes Anointing for Confession. This will not work because an essential part of receiving forgiveness (and of the spiritual life in general) is missing: contrition (or sadness for sins). Anointing forgives sins, only in very specific circumstances: when someone is so sick that they are unconscious or unable to go to Confession. We thank God that he has given us the Sacrament for cases such as these. For a healthy person, contrition manifests itself in going to Confession.

All of these rules and conditions are not meant to keep people away from the sacraments (and therefore Christ), but are meant precisely to ensure that a person enters into a relationship with Christ and to safeguard the sacraments.

*Weekly Collection*

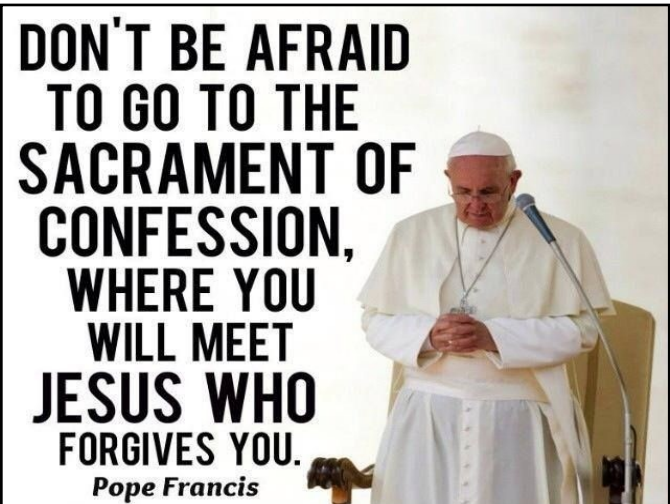
**February 3, 2018**

Weekly.....	\$11,959.00
EFT.....	\$1,390.00
	<b>Total=\$13,349.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,747.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,760.50

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.**



**Confessions at OLM**

Mondays 6:00PM—6:45PM  
Saturdays 3:00PM—3:45PM





### Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, February 12:** Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15AM. All are welcome to join us.
- **Friday, February 15:** Dress Down Day in support of Emmanuel House.

*Discover the OLM Difference!*  
[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)

## Religious Education NEWS

- All RE Classes meet this Sunday, February 10 as scheduled.
- NO RE Classes on February 17 & 24 due to Winter School Vacation.

Pray  
for  
Vocations



*Calling for Voices to Sing Praise to God!!*

### OLM YOUTH CHOIR

If your child is interested in auditioning for the Youth Choir at OLM we have an informational meeting on Friday, March 1 at 2:45PM. Come and meet Shirley Medici, the new OLM Youth Choir Directress, ask questions, sing some warmups and get ready for the audition on Friday, March 8, at 2:45. Parents with questions can come to the first meeting on March 1, meeting in the OLM School Music Room. See you there!! For more information contact Mrs. Medici at by phone at 401-884-4968 or via email at [musicministry@olmparish.org](mailto:musicministry@olmparish.org)

## Outreach Update

- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, February 21 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss is welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **For more information** about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation introduced by Saint Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Prayer for World Day of the Sick**



O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort to the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. Deign to cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you

dispense your favors; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. Through gratitude for favors, I will endeavor to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen.

Please  
**P R A Y**  
 for the sick of our parish and  
 those that care for them

**Our Lady of Mercy  
 Youth Group**

The OLM Youth Group meets on Sundays at 7pm in the OLM School Gym. All High School students are invited to join us! For more information on the youth group please contact OLM Youth Activities Coordinator Mr. Billy Burdier at youthactivities@olmparish.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 directly 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!***