



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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Sixty-Five Third Street ✕ East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ February 12, 2017

† 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

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

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.

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Mass of Anticipation for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Juanita Gascon Reyes—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Daniel Murphy—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Mary Forloney—Memorial
 5:00PM Kenneth Carter—Month's Mind

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Weekday
 7:30AM Eligio P. Moscatelli—15th Anniversary

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

St. Cyril, Monk & St. Methodius, Bishop
 7:30AM Deceased of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Weekday
 7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Weekday
 7:30AM John F. Ballard, Sr. —Memorial

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
 7:30AM Robert Anderson—Memorial

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Weekday: BVM
 8:30AM Special Intention

Mass of Anticipation for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Edward & Helen Appt—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Bruce Hart—3rd Anniversary
 10:30AM Armando, Katherine, & Gaetano DeAngelis—Memorial
 5:00PM Ronald Crepeau—Month's Mind





Dear Parishioners:

Wow! What a Super Bowl! I hope you didn't give up on the Patriots on Sunday night. In the greatest all time comeback victory in NFL history, the New England Patriots beat the Atlanta Falcons! Tom Brady won his fifth ring, his fourth Super Bowl MVP and showed the world he is the GOAT! Greatest of All-Time!

While the NFL Football Season has come to a truly terrific end, let's not forget that this week catchers and pitchers report to Red Sox Spring Training in Florida! Let's hope we are celebrating with the Sox in the World Series in October! After all, Sunday night proves that anything is possible!

Last week Bishop Tobin issued a statement on President Trump's recent executive orders on immigration. The Bishop said

"For many years the Bishops of the United States have promoted immigration reform that is both comprehensive and compassionate. I have consistently and strongly supported that call.

President Trump's recent executive orders about immigrants and refugees do not move us toward that goal. The executive orders were ill-timed and poorly communicated; they caused widespread confusion and division. They have created a damaging pothole on the road to secure refugee resettlement and meaningful immigration reform.

In November, after Mr. Trump was elected, I said the following: 'I extend my prayerful support for immigrants and refugees who have settled in Rhode Island. The Catholic Church will continue to be a welcoming community, and we will offer material, pastoral and spiritual care to all, especially those in need. May we all work together to promote the common

good and encourage a spirit of peace and harmony in our community.'

I repeat those words today, and I again commit the Diocese of Providence to welcoming and working with immigrants and refugees who come to us looking for safety and security, and to make a new beginning for themselves and their families. To do so is an expression of our faith and is fully consistent with our national heritage."

Civilized societies are distinguished by the protections they afford their weakest and most vulnerable members, and our government acts its noblest when it speaks for those who have no voice. The Church teaches us that *each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person.* This is the foundation for the Church's entire social doctrine, including Her teachings on abortion, on war, the use of capital punishment, euthanasia and assisted suicide, health care, poverty and immigration.

Certainly it must be with this principle in mind that we as Catholics reflect upon public policy issues like immigration. The Church also fully understands the need for safety and security for our nation and its borders. However, we cannot simply ignore the reality that 65 million people including 8 million children are fleeing violence, terrorism, religious and political persecution, and warfare across the world.

We should be proud as Catholics that our Church is the largest organization in the country to resettle refugees from various countries. This includes the work of our own Diocesan Office of Refugee Services. I urge you to

read the Bishop's statement and pray for refugees. This is a crisis that calls for prayer and serious reflection by Catholics.

Meanwhile at the RI Statehouse, Planned Parenthood and its pro-abortion allies had a small rally to introduce one of the most radical pro-abortion bills in the nation. They claim that 37 RI Representatives co-signed House Bill 5343 that codifies the killing of the unborn in state law. The bill would prevent any ban of the gruesome and evil practice of Partial Birth Abortion and allow for abortions to take place up until the birth of the baby. H5343 also removes all state regulation of RI abortion mills by the RI Department of Health.

This is an extreme bill that radically expands abortion on demand and deregulates the abortion industry. It must be stopped! I am grateful that RI State Representative Anthony Girarrusso of East Greenwich opposes the bill and is faithfully pro-life! I commend him for having the courage of his moral convictions as a Catholic.

However, if you live in districts in either Warwick or North Kingstown, two newly elected RI Representatives, Julie Casimiro and Evan Shanley, both co-sponsored the bill and rallied with the abortionists from Planned Parenthood. I urge you to call them and tell them NO on House Bill 5343. There is information in the bulletin that explains the bill and provides their contact information. Stand up for the unborn and be the voice of the voiceless!!!! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Is there a rule regarding the reception of Holy Communion in the hand or on the tongue?

As human beings, our interior disposition cannot be separated from our exterior disposition. How we think inwardly effects how we act outwardly and vice versa. This is why at Mass we always tell the altar servers to sit still with their hands in their lap. This is not just good posture, but this calm exterior pose will affect an interior quiet appropriate for contemplation.

The reception of Holy Communion is the climax of the Mass and therefore our disposition is so important. If we go to Communion with our hands in our pockets or looking distractedly elsewhere, then this tells us something about what we think we are doing. A casual posture and behavior bespeaks a casual interior attitude toward something that is holy and deserves our full attention.

For this reason the Church tells us how we are to receive the Eucharist. According to the Holy See a person may only receive Communion on the tongue or in the hand (Communion in the hand was officially permitted in 1977 following special permission). Reception on the tongue emphasizes the Real Presence and the reverence with which the Body of Christ should be received. Reception in the hand emphasizes the dignity of the members of Christ's Mystical Body. Both are valid options.

How one receives Holy Communion is an important question. Another important question a person should be asking himself is: "Am I properly disposed to receive Holy Communion?" In other words, if the person knows of any mortal sins on his conscience that have not been confessed, then that person should not receive Holy Communion and instead should remain in the pew.

This is because the Eucharist will have no effect in the soul of such a person and instead, as St. Paul tells us, is actually harmful to a person's spiritual life. In 1 Corinthians 11:29-30 Paul writes: "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many among you are ill and infirm, and a considerable number are dying." Very likely this is the reason people say: "I do not get anything out of going to Mass."

When we receive the Eucharist we are receiving the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. This should inspire awe and a supreme reverence in us. Do not take for granted that we are being fed by God Himself.

If you have a question about the Catholic Faith , email your questions directly to Father Barrow at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection 

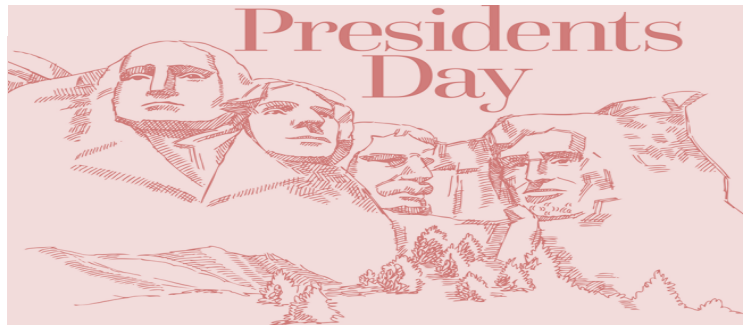
February 6, 2017

Weekly.....	\$12,152.50
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,944.50
	Total=\$14,097.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,890.50
Outreach.....	\$1,467.50

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.



**PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2017**

Mass at 8:30AM

The OLM Parish Office will be closed for the holiday.

The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

Pope Francis



Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00PM—6:45PM

Saturdays: 3:00PM—3:45PM



Religious Education NEWS

- All RE Classes meet this weekend.
- *NB: No RE Classes on Sunday, February 19th & 26th due to School Winter Vacation.*



Outreach Update

- **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please deposit all donated food in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, February 16 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss or in grief are welcome to join us.
- **For more information**, contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). For those interested in becoming Catholic, receiving Sacraments or simply interested in learning more about the faith, please join us **this Sunday, February 12** after the 10:30am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room. **This week's topic: The Commandments Part 2.** For questions please contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or by email at associate@olmparish.org



- Thursday, February 16: School Assembly.
- Thursday, February 16: OLM Spring Soccer League Meeting at 2:30pm
- Friday, February 17: Student Dress Down Day to support Catholic Charities.
- Monday, February 20: Winter Vacation begins

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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL



OLM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The OLM Children's Choir is accepting new members January 31st - February 28th. There are currently 6 openings for singers grades 4 - 8. For information, contact Deirdre Donovan via email at: musicministry@olmparish.org

THANKS FOR GIVING

Dear OLM Parishioners:

Thank you for your very generous donation for the boys and young men of Whitmarsh House. Thanks to you we were able to have a wonderful Christmas dinner and distribute gifts to the boys. We are grateful for your support of our programs.

Sincerely in Christ,
Brother Jon McHale, OLP

Dear OLM Parishioners:

Thank you for your support of Emmanuel House, the Diocesan Shelter. Your donation was most needed during the Christmas Season and your assistance to our homeless was especially generous. I am grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
James Jahnz

Program Coordinator of Emmanuel House

Dear OLM Parishioners:

Thank you for your generous contribution to St. Patrick Parish Outreach Ministries. This ministry includes Mary House Meal Kitchen and Food Pantry which serves hundreds of people monthly, providing food and the compassion of Jesus. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness. God Bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James T. Ruggeri

Pastor of St. Patrick Church, Providence, RI

Dear Parishioners of OLM:

Thank you so very much for the generous and compassionate gift to McAuley Ministries. Your gift enables us to fulfill our mission of providing the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health services, emotional support and guidance to the most vulnerable in our community. You give hope to those we serve.

Sincerely,
Donald P. Wolfe, Executive Director

Dear OLM Parishioners:

Thank you for your generous donation of coats for the students. They were greatly needed and truly appreciated. Many thanks for your support of our students.

Sincerely,
Mr. Paul Heathererton
Oakland Beach School Principal
Warwick, RI

DEFEND THE UNBORN!

Tell Your State Rep "NO"
on House Bill No 5343

*Call The Co-Sponsors of This
Extreme Abortion Bill*

If you live North Kingstown Call:

Rep. Julie A. Casimiro
(District 31/North Kingstown/Exeter)
Phone: (401) 474-7961

If you live in Warwick Call:

Rep. Evan P. Shanley
(District 24/ Warwick)
Phone: (401) 440-3493

*Find your legislator at <https://vote.sos.ri.gov>
or by calling Secretary of State at (401) 222-2340*

**Tell them that H5343 is a
Radical Abortion Bill that...**

- Stops RI from banning **PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION.**
- Allows unrestricted abortions all the way up until birth.
- Puts vulnerable women in grave danger by striking down longstanding informed consent requirements.
- Puts all abortionists beyond regulatory oversight of the RI Department of Health.

