



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 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ February 24, 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.

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Parish Founded 1853



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The Mass of Anticipation for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM George McKenna—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Special Intention
 9:00 AM Ray Pendergast—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Neil St. Jean—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Weekday
 7:30AM Bernard St. Jean—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Weekday
 7:30AM Eraclio Iacobucci—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Weekday
 7:30AM Everett Federici—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Weekday
 7:30AM Martha & Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

Weekday
 7:30AM Carmine Di Chiaro—2nd Anniversary
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Brian, Clarence & Noella Larocque—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM John J. Trainor, Jr. —1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Dolores Vespia & Fay Masterson—Anniversary
 9:00 AM John Stetkiewicz—Memorial
 10:30AM Bernard St. Jean—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Next weekend we take up the Catholic Charity Appeal at OLM. It is our annual call to prayerfully and financially support the good works of our local Church in the Diocese of Providence.

The Catholic Charity Appeal annually raises about \$8 million for the various charitable ministries and social services of the diocese, including the diocesan homeless shelter, programs for the elderly, immigration and refugee services, as well as prison and hospital ministry. For most of these programs, appeal donations serve as the primary source of funding that staff and volunteers rely upon to continue their work within the community.

These good works include welcoming refugees and immigrants, feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, aiding the sick and visiting prisoners, and teaching the beauty and truth of the Catholic Faith to our young people, and sharing the Good News of Christ with the ignorant.

The Catholic Charity Appeal supports the many ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence which provide social, educational and spiritual support to thousands of Rhode Islanders each year regardless of race, creed or background. We do not help people because they are Catholic, we do it because we are Catholic!

We take up the Catholic Charity Appeal at all Masses next weekend. Our 2019 OLM Parish Goal is \$200,000 and I am confident that we can once again not only make the goal, but

exceed it! Amidst the “bad news” we hear at times about our Church, the good news is to be found among the many good works that continue to be done by our local Church.

This incredible work of Christ in serving the poor, welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, teaching the ignorant, and healing the sick and brokenhearted, takes place on a daily basis across our state.

These good works are solely dependent upon our donations and pledges to the CCA. Your gifts to the CCA ensure that this work can continue. So in the name of the poor and needy, I ask once again for your prayers and your generous financial support of the Appeal.

I wish to thank Kevin and Nancy McDevitt who have generously served as the Chairs of the CCA at OLM over the last six years. After years of successfully leading the Appeal here at OLM, they are “retiring” as Chairs! We offer our profound gratitude for their generous witness to the faith and good works of our Church.

I am so grateful that Ron and Kate Jelinek have generously volunteered to serve as our new Chairs of the Catholic Charity Appeal at OLM. They are long time OLM parishioners and OLM school parents. I also wish to again thank Steve and Antonia Zubiago who continue to serve as the Chairs to the Bishop’s Partners in Charity portion of the Appeal at OLM. We are most grateful for their willingness to serve our parish, and Church.

Our goal this year for the Appeal has been raised to \$200,000. OLM has always been a leader in supporting this effort to fund and sustain the good works of the Church. I know we can count upon this generous support again this year. Please be prepared for next weekend as I will be speaking at all Masses about the CCA, and Ron Jelinek will lead the in-pew solicitation of the CCA at all Masses.

We are asking every parish family to prayerfully consider pledging a sacrificial gift of \$300. This can be pledged over 10 months for just \$30 per month. I am most grateful for any gift you choose to give to the CCA. In the name of the poor and needy who directly benefit from your generosity, I offer my heartfelt thanks.

I am overjoyed to announce that Shirley Medici has agreed to lead our OLM Youth Choir. Shirley is a long time Music teacher with a Master’s Degree in Music Education. She is an OLM parishioner and has worked with both school and church choirs for many years.

If your children are interested in singing in our OLM Youth Choir, they should attend an introductory meeting this Friday at 2:45pm in the OLM School Music Room. The Youth Choir is open to any young OLM Parishioner. We look forward to hearing their joyful voices of praise at Mass soon! Be well. Do good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Why do Catholics pray to Mary

Why do Catholics pray to Mary? It often puzzles many people why we, as Catholics, speak to our Blessed Mother in prayer when we could simply speak directly to God. Going to Mary, the earthly mother of our divine Lord, seems to some like a roundabout and maybe ineffective way of getting to Jesus who knows us entirely already and invites us to speak to Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit at any time.

To answer the question we first point out that in our prayer we do not worship Mary but instead venerate her and ask for her intercession. That is, we ask her to pray to God for us. Furthermore we of course do not direct our prayers exclusively to Mary, but also to our good and loving God who is our ultimate end and goal.

We turn to Mary because she is close to God and can bring our requests to Him in a special way. If you were in any sort of need, you may ask a friend to pray for you. You would of course continue to talk to the Lord yourself, but you would then have the added help of a friend's prayers. Mary is far more than a friend. As the sinless woman chosen by God before her birth to carry our Lord and savior in her womb and to raise him to adulthood, Mary lived a life of holiness on earth.

We know from the scriptures that God works particularly through holy people. Those who know the Lord and humbly place themselves at His service often end up performing extraordinary feats through His power. Mary and the saints in Heaven are as close to God as people can be. In fact, the Church declares definitively that Mary is not only with God in Heaven, but that she is the Queen of Heaven and Earth. While we confidently go to God with our prayers, we also enjoy the privilege of asking the Queen to pray for us as well. She can take our weak requests and make them more presentable to our Heavenly King.

We read in Saint John's gospel that Jesus, while dying on the cross, looked down at his mother and John and said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." (John 19:26). To John the Lord said, "Behold, your mother" (John 19:27). As disciples of Jesus, we too can call Mary our mother and treat her as such. As we would ask our earthly mothers for help and favors, we can all the more ask Mary to aid us in our need. As we honor our earthly mothers for all they do for us, we can honor the blessed mother for her holiness as well. Mother Mary, Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us.

Weekly Collection 

February 24, 2018

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| Weekly..... | \$13,091.00 |
| EFT..... | \$2,392.00 |
| | Total=\$15,483.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$519.00 |

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
Next Week: Building & Grounds



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Barbara Bachand, Angela Pelosi, Charles C. O'Connell and Lillian DeGiulio** whose funerals were celebrated last week.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of **Eraclio Iacobucci**. In your charity, please remember him in prayer.



Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, February 25:** School Winter Break is over! Welcome back!!
- **Friday, March 1st:** First Friday Mass at 9:00AM

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org



Calling for Voices to Sing Praises 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 3/8 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

Religious Education NEWS

- NO RE Classes on Sunday, February 24 due to Winter School Vacation.
- RE Classes resume on Sunday, March 3rd as regularly scheduled
- Celebration of 1st Penance: Saturday, March 9th & Saturday, March 16th at 1pm

Outreach Update

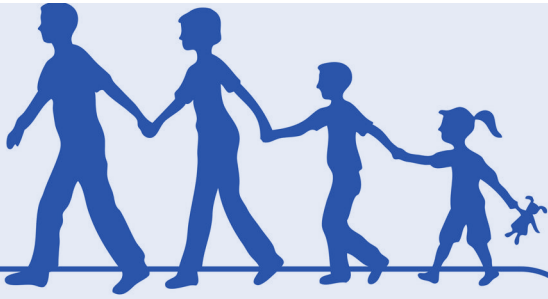
- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, March 7th at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss is welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **For more information** about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop



Tuesday, February 26, 2019
9:30AM—11:30AM
in OLM Cryroom
Materials and instruction provided.

Join us in making rosaries for the missions!



OLM YOUNG FAMILIES

OLM Young Families Meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2019
5:30—7:00PM, OLM School Cafeteria

The Wikipedia of Catholic Faith:
The Catechism of the Catholic Church
A Resource for All Families
A Discussion with Fr. Barrow

Pizza served for dinner!
Babysitting provided.

Join with other OLM Young Families as we learn more about our faith and support one another in family life.

For more information or just to learn more contact
Coordinator Kate Jelinek : Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com



The Men of St. Joseph meet next Saturday, March 2nd, 2019 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 the Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org



OLD PALM BRANCH COLLECTION

Baskets are available to collect old blessed palm branches. Please deposit your old blessed palm branches in these baskets as they are to be burnt for use as ashes for Masses on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you for your help!

FRIST FRIDAY ADORATION FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST



Exposition of the Eucharist
following 9:00am OLM School Mass

All-Day Adoration

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
at 6:00pm

*Pray for the Sick
of our Parish*

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