



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

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

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***The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time* ✘ *February 26, 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.

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## **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

*The Mass of Anticipation for Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00PM Sonny & Etta Iannuccilli—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

*The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

9:00 AM Theresa Kissane—Memorial

10:30AM Deceased Members of Bess Family—Memorial

5:00PM William Lonardo—Memorial

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Donald Brescia—1st Anniversary

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Marth Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial

### **ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**

7:30AM Special Intention

9:00AM The Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School

12:05PM Eraclio Iacobucci—Memorial

7:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:05PM Special Intention

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 3**

*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

7:30AM Special Intention

12:05PM Intention of the Priest Celebrant

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

*Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

8:30AM Mary Arrow—Birthday Remembrance

*Mass of Anticipation for the First Sunday of Lent*

4:00PM Albert Catanio—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

*The First Sunday of Lent*

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

9:00 AM John Duffy—Memorial

10:30AM Joanne DeNuccio (Birthday Remembrance)

& Armand & Mary Maddalena—Memorial

5:00PM Michael Turner—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This Wednesday we begin the Solemn Fast of Lent. The forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare spiritually for the great and glorious celebration of Easter. Are you ready for Lent? Are you prepared to pray more, fast more and give more alms for the next forty days?

We begin this sacred season on Ash Wednesday as ashes our smeared on our foreheads. We are reminded of our own mortality as we receive the ashes: *“Remember you are dust and to dust you will return.”* It is a time for us to repent, turn away from sin and selfishness and convert our lives to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We have a full schedule for Lent at OLM including an extra daily Mass at 12:05pm, Confessions every day Monday through Friday, guest Confessors on Monday nights, Stations of the Cross every Friday and a Lenten Mission from March 25-29, preached by Fr. Christopher O’Connor.

Fr. O’Connor is a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston who serves as the Vice-Rector of St. John’s Seminary in Boston. He is a talented and dynamic preacher who has a terrific Irish wit. So mark your calendar now that you might make the Mission this year, you won’t regret it!

Lent is all about doing extra and sacrificing more in an effort to repent of our sin and renew our relationship with the Lord. For forty days, we are asked to pray more, come to Mass more, go to Confession and receive God’s mercy, forgiveness and love.

Lent is truly a wonderful opportunity to refocus our lives on what is important and lasting, our

relationship with God.

We are called to deepen our faith and commitment by conversing more with our God in prayer, renew ourselves by making acts of penance and sacrificing from pleasures, comforts, and take up fasting and abstaining from meat. We do all this and much more not to beat ourselves up but rather to deepen our Catholic Faith and convert our lives more fully to Jesus Christ.

We are also called during Lent to consider the plight of the poor and needy. We do this by sacrificing to help them with our love and bountiful charity. So take a Rice Bowl home and fill it not from your surplus coins, but give up a meal out, so a hungry child in Africa might have food to eat.

Please make a donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal so a homeless addict has a warm bed and a hot meal. Please consider making a generous donation to the OLM Outreach so a local family might be helped in their time of need with food, heating or rent assistance. All of these are terrific ways to give alms during Lent.

There is much information about Lent and the Lenten Schedule at OLM in the bulletin. Clip the schedule out and put it on your refrigerator. Also, find the guidelines for Abstinence and Fasting during Lent, these are available to guide you. Read all this information carefully so you may properly prepare for the solemn fast of forty days beginning this Wednesday.

In his Annual Message for Lent, our Holy Father, Pope Francis writes to us the following for our reflection:

*“Dear friends, Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in*

*our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take.*

*May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.*

*I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organizations in different parts of the world, and thus to favor the culture of encounter in our one human family.*

*Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter.”*

Yes, Easter will indeed be all the more joyful and glorious if we faithfully take up our cross, deny ourselves and follow the example of the Lord in Lent. Pray! Fast! Give Alms! Live Lent 2017 to the fullest and your faith is to surely deepen and your relationship with Christ is to surely be renewed. The forty days are coming soon, so *“Repent and believe in the Gospel!”*

Next week we kickoff the Catholic Charity Appeal at all Masses. OLM usually leads the Diocese in supporting this very important charity of our Church. I thank you once again for your support this year. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Lent is coming, are you ready yet?!



**What is Lent?**

Lent can be an amazing time of year if one observes it properly. It is a time to challenge ourselves to be detached from the things of this world and cling more completely to Jesus. The three main pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Of course Lent does not have to be the only time of the year that we practice these three things because they are essential to Christian faith year round. It comes to us from Jewish tradition: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur which were feasts with penance. Jesus himself went into the desert to fast and prepare for his public ministry, death and crucifixion. He expects his disciples to do the same. "The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day" (Mark 2:18-20).

The question for Lent is usually: What am I going to give up this Lent? This question is insufficient. First of all it is because it misses the second question: is what I am giving up going to bring me closer to God? When I was younger I would give up sweets, but that really did not bring me any closer to God. Giving up sweets is not a bad thing because it can increase the virtue of temperance and self-control of desire. This is always a good thing and self-control helps in our relationship to God, but we need to be cognizant of this. Second, the question is insufficient because it leaves out prayer and almsgiving; those things that we *do*. Ultimately Lent is about saying "yes" to God with our whole selves. Ask for the grace to know oneself and find out what to do this Lent to be closer to Him.

*If you have a question about the Catholic Faith , email your questions directly to Father Barrow at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)*

**OLM PARISH WEBSITE  
[www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org)**



The OLM Parish website is currently being updated and therefore bulletins and blogs cannot be posted We apologize to those who rely on the website for this information. This is a temporary project. Thank you.

*Weekly Collection*

**February 19, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$11,506.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,904.50
	<b>Total=\$13,410.50</b>
Outreach.....	\$392.00

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.***



**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

**Kick-off at OLM Next Weekend, March 4/5, 2017  
2017 Parish Goal for OLM= \$193,864**

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McDevitt  
OLM Chairs of the CCA

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Zubiago  
OLM Chairs of the Bishop's Partners in Charity

- 2016 CCA Parish Goal=\$193,864
- 2016 Total Raised at OLM=\$268,928
- Total Number of Donors at OLM=594
- 2016 Average Gift at OLM=\$453
- 2016 % of OLM Parish Participation=28%

***Please pledge your gift to support the good works of the Church in Rhode Island.***

# 2017 LENTEN SCHEDULE AT OUR LADY OF MERCY



**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2017**

**MASSES AT**

**7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:05PM & 7:00PM**

***ASHES TO BE DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES***

**DAILY MASSES DURING LENT**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY**

**7:30AM & 12:05PM**

**SATURDAYS AT 8:30AM**

**CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

**MONDAY—FRIDAY FROM 11:45AM—12:00PM**

**MONDAYS FROM 6:00PM—6:45PM**

**TWO PRIESTS/ONE GUEST CONFESSOR**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**8:30AM—STATIONS FOR OLM SCHOOL**

**7:00PM—STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING

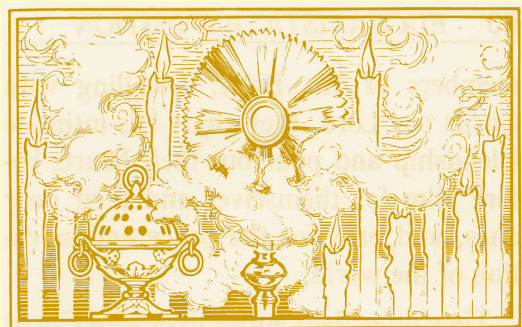
## **Lenten fast and abstinence regulations**

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting**: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance. Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, ***the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday.*** They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).

## **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

**Friday, March 3, 2017**



Exposition of the Eucharist  
following 12:05pm Mass

All Day Adoration

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
with the Stations of the Cross at 7pm

# LENT

## ALMSGIVING

### *Three Ways to Give Alms This Lent at OLM!*

#### Rice Bowls

Please take home a Rice Bowl from Church and fill it with your coins during the 40 days of Lent. All proceeds go directly to Catholic Relief Services for the purchase of food for the hungry across the world. The Rice Bowl Collection is taken up on Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017.

#### Catholic Charity Appeal

Please consider making a pledge/contribution to the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal for the Diocese of Providence. All funds go to support the good works of the Church in Rhode Island serving the poor, and the needy, the ill and infirm. The CCA begins next weekend, March 4 & 5 and pledge envelopes are available in the pews.

#### OLM Outreach Collection

Outreach Donations during Lent are to be dedicated to the Keep the Heat Fund, a local EG Family who lost to their home to fire, and for Easter goods for local soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

# Pray to End Abortion.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

## 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign

The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning Wednesday, March 1 through Palm Sunday, April 9. We are requesting parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for prayer at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence or the Women's Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad Street, Cranston during this 40 day period. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community outreach and the Diocesan pregnancy outreach and post-abortion ministries, contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218.

## A Journey Through Lent

### Annual OLM Lenten Mission

March 25—29, 2017

Fr. Christopher O'Connor

Vice-Rector of St. John Seminary, Boston, MA

Mission Preacher

### St. Patrick's Day Mass

Friday, March 17, 2017 at 12:05pm

Bishop Robert C. Evans, Celebrant

Fr. David Cavanagh, Homilist

### "Gaelic & Garlic Night at OLM"

A Family Party in Honor of St. Patrick & St. Joseph

Saturday, March 18, 2017 5:00pm —9:00pm

In the OLM School Cafeteria. Live Music!

Irish Step Dancers! Irish & Italian Foods!

### St. Joseph's Day Mass in Italian

Monday, March 20, 2017 at 12:05pm

Fr. Angelo Carusi

Pastor of St. Rocco Church, Johnston, RI

Celebrant & Homilist

### Holy Week 2017

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul

Monday, April 10, 2017 at 5:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross

Spy Wednesday, April 12 at 1:00pm & 6:00pm

Holy Thursday —Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 13, 2017 at 7:00pm

Good Friday of the Passion of Lord

April 14, 2017

Solemn Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

April 15, 2017

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 16, 2017

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

No 5:00pm Sunday Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR  
THESE LENTEN EVENTS**