



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ February 4, 2018

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

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

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Founded 1853



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4, 2018

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Alexander Valicenti—Month's Mind

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM John Beiermann—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Carol Cronin—Memorial
 5:00PM Sean Wayne O'Hara—Month's Mind

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:30AM Deborah Sullivan—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:30AM Patricia Corrigan—1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Weekday

7:30AM Edna Hart—20th Anniversary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Weekday/St. Jerome Elimiani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

7:30AM Dolores K. Vespia—3rd Anniversary

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Weekday

7:30AM Thomas J. Brescia—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

8:30AM Augustine & Matilda Manocchia—Birthday Rem.

Mass of Anticipation for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Theresa & Raymond Sylvia—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Eileen Maguire—Month's Mind
 10:30AM Barbara A. Sedlock—11th Anniversary
 5:00PM Gerald Celio—1st Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

I hope you enjoyed Catholic Schools Week at OLM. Our terrific students did a marvelous job speaking at Masses last weekend about why they love OLM School. Their brief words speak volumes about the quality of our parish school students. We thank them for their witness to Catholic Education.

I would also like to thank and commend Mr. Scott Fuller, the OLM School Principal, for the tremendous job he does leading our school, ensuring a great education, and a truly Catholic environment for our budding saints and scholars. Our outstanding teachers deserve our gratitude for their hard work, dedication and commitment to making OLM truly a great school. And we also thank our OLM School Parents for the sacrifice they make in choosing Catholic Schools.

The OLM School Open House saw quite a few visitors, and prospective students, stop by last Sunday. The many and varied opportunities to develop the minds and souls of our young saints and scholars were on display for all to enjoy. From Robotics to the Friends of Mercy, the quality of our curriculum of academics, arts, athletics, charitable good works and living Catholic faith was seen by many.

On this weekend the Church gives a "Blessing of the Throats" in honor of St. Blaise. It couldn't come at a better time with the onslaught of the flu across the area, and entire country. It has been a very tough flu season, even deadly in some cases.

We received the following memorandum from the Diocese of Providence:

"Each year at this time concerns are raised regarding the potential spread of influenza throughout various communities. The most recent weekly report from the State Department of Public Health categorizes the statewide estimate of influenza activity as 'widespread'.

In addition, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this year's flu vaccine is less effective in the prevention of influenza A (H3N2) than in prior years. As pastors committed to promoting and protecting the well-being of our parishioners, we need to be as cautious and prudent as possible in responding to any possible threat, especially for children and the elderly.

Parishioners who have symptoms of illness should be very careful to avoid any physical contact that could transmit the virus with others. Likewise, parishioners should be reminded that if they have symptoms of serious illness they are dispensed from attending Holy Mass on Sundays and in fact should not attend Holy Mass. This is an obligation in charity that parishioners should take very seriously.

Finally, but certainly not least in importance, we approach this situation as we approach everything in life, from the perspective of our faith and in prayer. Please ask the Lord's protection upon our community during this time of widespread illness."

Common sense should be our guide during this time of flu. Don't offer the Sign of Peace

with your hands if you have the sniffles. The Sign of Peace can be offered verbally without a handshake or with a nod of the head. Don't take offense if someone doesn't put their hand out to shake. And above all pray for the sick.

We turn to St. Blaise this weekend as he is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers and is invoked for all throat afflictions and sickness. On his feast two candles are used with a prayer that God free, from all such afflictions, those who receive this blessing.

St. Blaise enjoyed widespread veneration in the Eastern and Western Churches due to many cures attributed to him. According to tradition, he was Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was martyred. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. May he intercede for us!

Well, today is, of course, Superbowl Sunday! Yes, once again Tom Terrific is leading our Patriots at the big game Sunday night! With kickoff at 6:30pm we've decided to cancel the RE Classes on Sunday evening so the students don't miss the game.

Hopefully all of New England is smiling on Monday morning and basking in yet another victory for the Pats! I know there are a few Eagles' Fans in the pews, don't worry I'll pray for you!! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats, Go!!!

Father Healey



Is it Appropriate to have Stations with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed?

When the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for exposition and adoration, very often another type of devotion takes place. The question is whether it is appropriate to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed and also have the Stations of the Cross. While in both cases Jesus Christ himself is being adored, the Blessed Sacrament should only be exposed if it is to be the direct object of adoration. This may consist of exposition, readings, hymns, silence, and reflections.

One essential aspect of Stations of the Cross involves movement from one station to the other. It is not necessary for all in attendance to move from station to station, but at least the presider. In fact in order to obtain the indulgence (in virtue of the particular act of Stations) one moves from one station to the other reflecting on Christ's passion. Due to this movement the center of attention of the devotion is elsewhere; away from the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

It is possible to perform the Stations of the Cross, and then expose the Blessed Sacrament afterward, followed by a period of adoration. Hence, while in both cases (Exposition and Stations of the Cross) Jesus Christ is the object of devotion, our attention is directed away from Him exposed on the altar. Christ present in the Eucharist is no longer the direct object of adoration, rather the center of our attention is Christ as presented in the Stations of Cross.

Another question related to this one concerns praying a public rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. This is different from the Stations of the Cross and the Holy See specifically permitted this in an official response to a question raised in 1997. It stated that the Blessed Sacrament should not be exposed to just pray the rosary. But it may be included among the prayers carried out during adoration underlying the rosary's Christological aspects with biblical readings relative to the mysteries and leaving space for silence during which to meditate.

If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at associate@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection 

January 28, 2018

Weekly.....\$11,907.50
 EFT.....\$2,022.00
Total=\$13,929.50

Outreach.....\$286.00
 Saints & Scholars.....\$10,831.50

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.

Second Collections
This Week: Building & Grounds

Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blaise

The Annual Blessing of Throats for health and well being takes place at all Masses this weekend. This sacramental is available to all parishioners of every age. ***May St. Blasé intercede for us and keep us safe from all illness and ailments of the throat.***


ST. BLASE




THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



This Week at OLM School

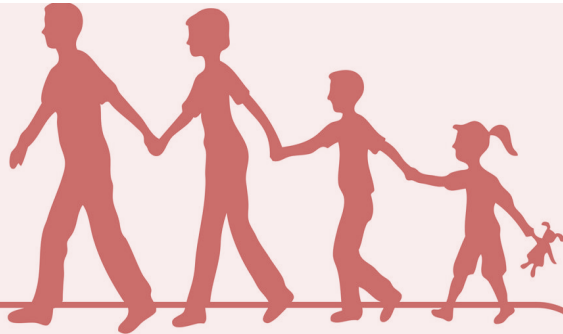
- **Tuesday, February 6th:** OLM School Assembly at 8:15AM
- **Friday, February 9th:** Father-Daughter Dance at Quidnessett Country Club.

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● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items especially during the cold winter months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.

● **For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org



OLM YOUNG FAMILIES

OLM Young Families
Thursday, February 8, 2018
5:30pm until 7:00pm
OLM School Cafeteria

Topic of Discussion This Meeting:

"Celebrating The Season of Lent as a Family"
Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.

All young families are most welcome to join with us in fellowship and conversation about our Catholic faith. *Babysitting is available for your children and delicious Pizza served for dinner!* For more information or just to learn more about our group contact OLM Young Families Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com

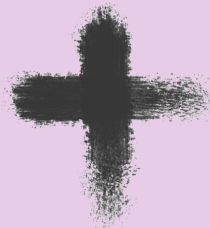


● **Sunday, February 4:** RE Grades 1-5 are meeting this Sunday morning. RE Grades 6-8 are not meeting in order to root the Pat's on to victory!!

● **Sunday, February 11:** All RE Grades meet as regularly scheduled.

● **Sunday, February 18 & February 24:** NO RE these dates due to Winter School Vacation.

Old Palm Branches Collection



Next weekend baskets will be available for the collection of your blessed palm branches from last year. These branches will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please deposit all blessed palm in the baskets next week. Thank you.

Presentation of the Lord



The feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the commemoration of Mary and Joseph's presenting the infant Jesus at the Temple in Jerusalem, celebrates Christ as our true light who has come into the world.

For as the holy man, Simeon, said on that day,
... [M]y eyes have witnessed your saving deed
displayed for all the peoples to see:
A revealing light to all the Gentiles,
the glory of your people Israel.

The blessing of candles, traditionally done on this day, is a fitting symbol for such a celebration and has given the feast its popular name of Candlemas Day.

This feast used to be known as the Purification of Mary, which commemorated a Jewish rite performed for women forty days after childbirth.



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OLM Prayer Chain

A blue line-art illustration of a chain of prayer links, consisting of several interlocking rings.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of prayer 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 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!



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MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL

Best Wishes to our newly baptized:



Nico Robert Bruni,
and his parents, Noah & Ashley.

"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is." – The Rite of Baptism