



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ February 5, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The Mass of Anticipation for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Glenn Hess—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Mary Picozzi—Memorial
 10:30AM Anna & Emilo Petrucci—Memorial
 5:00PM Michael Turner—Memorial

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM Harry Mariani—Memorial

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Weekday
 7:30AM Dolores K. Vespia—2nd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Weekday/St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
 7:30AM Deborah Sullivan—Memorial

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Weekday
 7:30AM Thomas J. Brescia—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin
 7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Weekday: Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM
 8:30AM Barbara A. Sedlock—10th Anniversary
Mass of Anticipation for the 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





Dear Parishioners:

We had a tremendous celebration of Catholic Schools Week at Our Lady of Mercy last week. The students who spoke at Masses were outstanding and we thank them for helping spread the good news about the OLM Advantage. We had dozens of families stop by the Open House and look at all the great things happening in our parish school.

Also, a few alumni of our school visited to see some of the changes! If you attended or graduated from OLM School be sure to check out the school webpage at olmschool.org. There is a section dedicated to our OLM School Alumni. We are always looking to reconnect with our alumni both near and far.

I am grateful to our OLM School Principal, Scott Fuller, and the dedicated faculty and staff who worked so hard to make Open House and Catholic Schools Week such a great success. Also, we thank the many OLM School students and families who volunteered to help show off all the great things happening at the school. If you would like to take a tour or look around at the school just contact the OLM School Office to arrange a visit.

In the name of OLM School, I thank the many parishioners who were so generous in supporting the OLM Saints and Scholars Fund Collection last weekend. This Fund was begun to enable the entire parish to help support the important mission of OLM School. As you can well imagine the cost of operating such an excellent school is very

costly. We try to keep tuition affordable and offer financial aid to those qualified OLM parishioners who need assistance. Your generous support of the OLM School Saints and Scholars Fund is appreciated.

By the way, the students at OLM School raised \$500 which they presented last week to Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes for the good works of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters in the Philippines. The sisters were certainly grateful for the student's support.

This weekend we mark the World Day for Consecrated Life. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted this day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This very important day is celebrated in the Church annually on the Feast of the Presentation and in parishes on the weekend following.

So please pray for the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes, and also for Sister of Mercy, Sister Jeanne and be sure to thank them on their special day. We are so blessed to have these good sisters working and living with us at OLM.

Also pray for all those men and women who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and all those considering a vocation as a religious sister or brother. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Over a week ago hundreds of thousands of people marched in the nation's capitol in support of the innocent unborn. Several speakers spoke at the Pro-Life Rally which

preceded the March including Vice-President Pence.

Also the NFL star Ben Watson who is a tight-end for The Baltimore Ravens spoke. He has been using his fame not to speak for himself but to speak up for the most vulnerable lives in America, the innocent unborn. He challenged the crowd during the 44th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. telling them: *"We must end the unthinkable practice of abortion in the United States of America."*

Ben Watson is an NFL star but also a husband and father of five children. He challenged men to support and protect women's and children's rights and unborn lives to the fullest extent of their abilities. Ben Watson is a major star in the NFL yet he has the courage and the dedication to stand up for the unborn! Let's hope Catholic men hear his message and add their voice to defending the voiceless unborn.

It's Super Bowl Sunday and we are hoping that our own New England Patriots are victorious tonight! I admit I do like the Atlanta Falcons Star Quarterback Matt Ryan, he is a good Catholic, but I won't be rooting for him tonight, but for the other Catholic and former altar boy, Tom Brady! It should be a great game to watch, so enjoy and root the Pat's on to victory! Pats 34 and Falcons 31!!

Pray for our good sisters this weekend and thank them for their ministry and service to OLM! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats, Win!!

Father Healey



What do we mean when we say: "Do not judge?"

We have all heard the expression: "Do not judge." There has been a lot of discussion about the meaning of this phrase and we hear it again and again (Pope Francis himself stated it in one of his addresses). Very often this expression comes up when someone points out the faults of another person. Such and such a thing or an act that you did is wrong; or your lifestyle choices are wrong. Some respond with "do not judge" because they think that this means we cannot qualify another person's actions. The expression is incomplete and there are at least two ways that it can be interpreted: (1) do not judge... that a person can be saved or is in heaven or hell; (2) do not judge... the rightness or wrongness of a person's actions, or the faults of others.

Typically we take the expression in the second sense, which is a very broad meaning of it. This idea of judging others would, of course, be very problematic for our courts of law (they would cease to function if we could not judge the rightness or wrongness of a person's actions).

Actually the expression does not mean that we ignore the faults of others (in fact for St. Paul it is a grace to know our sins because by knowing them we can fix them). Instead when we say "do not judge" it merely states that we cannot know if someone is in heaven or hell. This is "judgment" in the truest sense of the word. If I was to say about someone: "such and such person is in hell." I would probably be condemned, and rightly so, for being judgmental. This is exactly what Jesus tells us not to do. Notice, however, that if I said: "such and such person is in heaven," then I would probably not be condemned as being judgmental. In fact I am being judgmental in this case as well.

It is an interesting teaching of Christ's, not to judge, that we do not often follow to its logical conclusion. Just as we cannot judge a person to be in hell, likewise we cannot judge a person to be in heaven (excluding the saints, due to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the Church).

Why is this? There are two reasons. The first reason is that we place ourselves in the position of God. Only God can judge, whether for hell or heaven for a person. The second reason is that we have limited knowledge. We do not have certain knowledge that a person is in heaven or hell, except for the saints because of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the presence of miracles. One of the consequences of this is that we always need to pray for the dead. So in short, "do not judge" refers to the possibility of salvation for someone else, but it does forbid the qualification of acts.

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

Weekly Collection 

January 29, 2017

Weekly.....	\$9,658.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,494.50
	Total=\$11,152.50
Saints & Scholars Fund.....	\$14,026.50
Outreach.....	\$282.50

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 Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Dolores Parente** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May she rest in peace.

Annual Tax Statements

2016 end of year Tax Statements of parishioner's contributions to Our Lady of Mercy Church have been sent out. If there is an error in your statement or you did not receive one, please contact the Parish Office at 401-884-4968 or via email at parish@olmparish.org



Religious Education NEWS

- All AM RE Classes meet this Sunday! •No PM RE Classes on this Sunday, February 5th! Go Pats!
- NB: No RE Classes on Sunday, February 19th & 26th due to School Winter Vacation.



- Tuesday, February 7: School Mass at 8:15AM. All welcome to attend.
- Saturday, February 11: Father-Daughter Dance

Discover the OLM Advantage!

www.olmschool.org



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.
- 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 5** after the 10:30am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room. **This week's topic: The Commandments Part 1.** For questions please contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or by email at associate@olmparish.org



OLM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

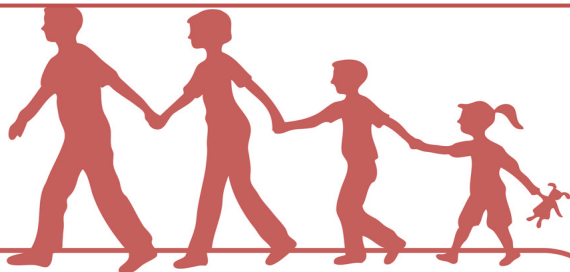
The OLM Children's Choir is accepting new members January 31st - February 28th. There are currently 6 openings for singers grades 4 - 8. For information, contact Deirdre Donovan via email at: musicministry@olmparish.org

Congratulations to our baptized :



Maeve Margaret Butler,
and her parents, John and Alison.

*"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. She is now called a child of God, for so indeed she is."
—The Rite of Baptism*



OLM YOUNG FAMILIES

OLM Young Families Meeting
Thursday, February 9th
5:30—7:00PM, OLM School Cafeteria

All young families are most welcome to come to join with us in fellowship and conversation about our Catholic faith. **The topic for this meeting is "Praying the Rosary as a Family."**

***Babysitting is available for your children
and delicious Pizza served for dinner!***

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



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Many individuals and groups throughout the Diocese of Providence work tirelessly in support of the work of the Church in their parishes. Often, they do so without compensation or acclaim, yet because of their devotion to the Church, they 'toil in the vineyard' in service to the Lord and those in greatest need.

To formally recognize these dedicated individuals and groups, Bishop Tobin in 2013 established the *Lumen Gentium* Awards – to be presented in 10 specific categories to recognize those who have demonstrated outstanding service to the church in their parish, the Diocese of Providence and/or the local community-at-large. A committee, under the leadership of Monsignor Albert A. Kenney, the Vicar General/Moderator of the Curia, was established to solicit nominees from across the Diocese. All nominees are reviewed by the committee and the final recommendations submitted to Bishop Tobin for approval.

Deadline for all nominations is Friday, February 10, 2017. Go online to: www.cvent.com/events/lumen-gentium-nomination-2017 to make nominations.

The recipients of the 2017 *Lumen Gentium* Award will be honored at an Awards dinner scheduled for **Wednesday, May 17, 2017**, at the Twin River Event Center, Lincoln, RI. The proceeds from the *Lumen Gentium* 2017 Dinner will be distributed to the diocesan Senior Priests Fund, to help our retired priests meet everyday needs like food, housing, transportation, and health care.

For more information, contact: Andrea Krupp, Office of Stewardship & Development at 277-2121 or via email at akrupp@dioceseofprovidence.org