



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ January 14, 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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Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 14, 2018

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Mass of Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Michael Alix—1st Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM James K. Mullaney—Memorial
 10:30AM Alberto Cruz Reyes—Memorial
 5:00PM Holly Borday—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 15—MLK HOLIDAY

Weekday
 8:30AM Fred Bouro—Memorial

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

Weekday
 7:30AM Norman Murtha—38th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

St. Anthony, Abbott
 7:30AM Andre Dayde—Memorial

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

Weekday
 7:30AM John, David & Louise Kiernan—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

Weekday
 7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

Weekday/St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr; BVM
 8:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Ellen Simms—8th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Michael Shaughnessy—Memorial
 10:30AM Jeanne McCampbell—Memorial
 5:00PM Carol McCauley—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

I hope you survived the Blizzard of 2018! I think it was a blizzard even though the news media hyped it as a “Bomb-Cyclone”! A much scarier moniker than Blizzard for sure. I think I’ll stick with tradition and just call it the Blizzard of 2018!

Our great OLM Maintenance crew was working in overdrive during the storm and the cold weather. Plowing, shoveling, and sanding the sidewalks and parking lots to ensure safe passage to and from Church and School. We thank them for their hard work and the tremendous job they did with the snow removal.

We didn’t escape the cold weather unscathed as we had a pipe freeze in the school. Fortunately it didn’t cause too much damage and the clean up has taken place. It was an old pipe left over from the addition to the school over twenty years ago. It froze toward the end of the school day and then burst. This set off the fire alarm and caused the school to be evacuated, and the fire department to rush here. This was the afternoon before the Blizzard when the temperatures were dropping quickly!

Thankfully this pipe was located just outside the gym and did not cause any serious damage to the gym floor. The OLM Maintenance team were able to turn off the water and stop the flooding in good time. Our friends, the Gemma Brothers from Gem Plumbing, were on the scene in no time and capped off the pipe. And thanks to OLM Parishioner, Frank Mattos, and his crack team from ServPro, the area was cleaned

up, scrubbed and disinfected before Sunday! Sadly for the school children we were forced to close school for two days!

Now let’s hope the weather warms up and we can just worry about regular snowstorms, not Bomb Cyclones and sub-zero temperatures. Of course all this cold weather and snow should also cause us to be mindful of those who have no heat. Therefore, we once again are supporting Bishop Tobin’s Keep the Heat On Fund. Donations to the OLM Outreach in late January and early February go to support this great work of helping those who need a hand in keeping their heat on.

Your tremendous charity to OLM Outreach during December enabled us to help some local charities over the Christmas Season. We donated \$1000 to Emmanuel Homeless Shelter, McAuley House, Whitmarsh House for Troubled Youth, Mary’s House Meal Kitchen, and the Food Pantry at St. Patrick’s Church in Providence. We also helped RI Right to Life Services with a \$1000 donation for their good work with mothers in a crisis pregnancy. None of this is possible without your support and generosity. In the name of the poor and needy who you’ve helped, I thank you.

OLM Outreach also provided gifts, food and help with bills to several area families at Christmas. In addition, we were able to support several refugee families with donations of warm clothing and Christmas gifts. Again, I thank you for your continued support of OLM Outreach and the mission of

mercy and good works at OLM.

In his homily during last weekend’s Solemnity of the Epiphany, Pope Francis reminds us about giving:

“To give freely, for the Lord’s sake, without expecting anything in return: this is the sure sign that we have found Jesus. To do good without counting the cost, even when unasked, even when you gain nothing thereby, even if it is unpleasant. That is what God wants.”

He, who become small for our sake, asks us to offer something for the least of his brothers and sisters. Who are they? They are those who have nothing to give in return, the needy, the hungry, the stranger, the prisoner, the poor (cf. Mt 25:31-46). We give a gift pleasing to Jesus when we care for a sick person, spend time with a difficult person, help someone for the sake of helping, or forgive someone who has hurt us. These are gifts freely given, and they cannot be lacking in the lives of Christians.”

Fr. Connors returns to Rome this week to resume his doctoral studies. Over the next few months he is finishing up his dissertation and is to publicly defend it on June 1st. We are grateful for his presence and ministry at OLM over these last few weeks. It is always a joy to have him at OLM and enjoy his priestly fraternity. Keep him in your prayers as he resumes his studies. Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats, Go!!!

Father Healey



What are the different types of assent in the Church?

The Church proposes to us many different things to which we give assent. There are at least three different types of assent in the Church depending on what is proposed: *de fide credenda*, *de fide tenenda*, and *obsequium religiosum*. Assent *de fide credenda* is owed to the truths set forth by the Church as divinely revealed (i.e. primary objects of faith). An example of a Magisterial teaching that requires assent (i.e. the total adherence of reason and will to a truth proposed by the Magisterium) *de fide credenda* is: the Trinity.

Assent *de fide tenenda* is owed to the truths definitively proposed by the Church, belonging to dogmatic or moral areas, even if they have not been proposed by the Magisterium of the Church as formally revealed (i.e. secondary objects of faith). These truths are so closely connected to the divinely revealed truths that to deny them would be to deny the primary object (i.e. of rejecting a truth of Catholic doctrine). In both these teachings there is no difference as to the nature of the assent owed to these truths set forth by the Church. It is a full and irrevocable character of assent owed to them. The difference concerns the supernatural virtue of faith: in the case of primary objects, assent is based directly on faith in the authority of the Word of God; in the case of secondary objects, the assent is based on “faith in the Holy Spirit’s assistance to the Magisterium and on the Catholic doctrine of the infallibility of the Magisterium.” An example of a teaching that requires assent *de fide tenenda* is: the canonicity of scripture.

Finally, *Obsequium religiosum* (religious submission of will and intellect) concerns “all those teachings on faith and morals, presented as true or at least as sure, even if they have not been defined with a solemn judgment or proposed as definitive by the ordinary and universal Magisterium.” The motive for it is the understanding of the virtue of religion, which is directed toward God to give Him His due and secondarily in view of Him to give what is due to others. We owe it to the Church and to ourselves insofar as we are part of the Church to try to presume that such teachings are true. The degree of adherence to these teachings is differentiated according to the “mind and the will manifested.” This is shown in the tenor of the verbal expression (i.e. a real sense of hermeneutic), the nature of the documents (i.e. solemnity of expression) and by the frequent repetition of the same doctrine. Therefore, when one disagrees, one should express disagreements respectfully and humbly while pondering the matter in study and prayer. Likewise, those who do agree cannot judge others as bad people. An example of a teaching that requires *obsequium religiosum* is the Magisterium’s teaching on capital punishment.

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

Weekly Collection 

January 7, 2018

Weekly.....\$27,887.00
 EFT.....\$5,035.00
Total=\$32,922.00

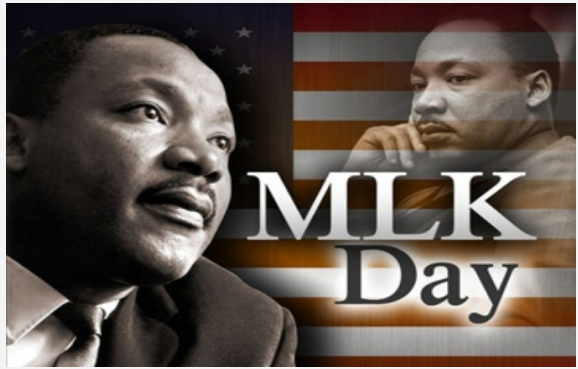
Outreach.....\$4,096.50
 Building & Grounds.....\$3,046.50

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: Church in Latin America
Next Week: The Catholic University



The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
Monday, January 15, 2018

Mass at 8:30AM.

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.

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



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Monday, January 15:** No school for MLK Holiday.
- **Wednesday, January 16:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am

Discover the OLM Difference!
www.olmschool.org



● **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.

● **OLM Bereavement Group:** Meets this Thursday, January 18th at 4:00pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss or suffering grief are welcome to attend.

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



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



● **Sunday, January 14:** NO Classes this weekend due to the MLK Holiday.

● **Sunday, January 21:** All RE Classes to meet as regularly scheduled.

Holy Hour for Life

7:00PM on Monday, January 22, 2018

*A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Life
on the Anniversary of the Roe v Wade Decision*

*Join us for a Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and a
reflection on the "Sanctity of Human Life"*



Ordinary Time



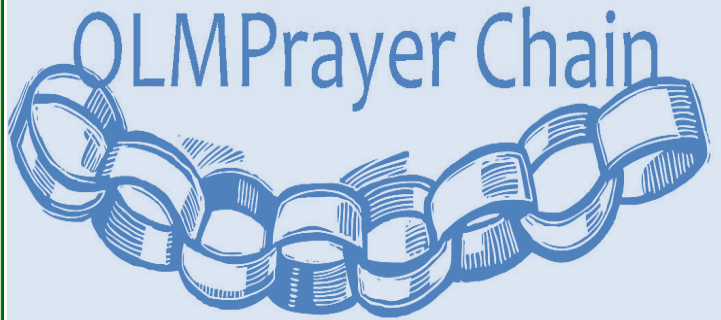
Ordinary Time refers to all the Sundays of the year that are not linked to the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Governed by the date of Easter, it consists of either thirty-three or thirty-four weeks and is divided into two periods, one following the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the other following the solemnity of Pentecost.

Ordinary Time following The Baptism of the Lord is of brief duration, lasting anywhere from four to nine weeks depending on the date of Ash Wednesday.



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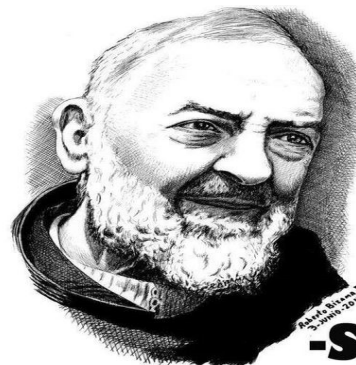
Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 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!



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of **Claire Croteau** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.**

-St. Padre Pio