



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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* ✘ *January 15, 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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2017

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

The Mass of Anticipation for 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Ellen Simms—7th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Sperantino Almonte—Memorial
9:00 AM Joseph Hirschberg—Memorial
10:30AM Joseph & Lenore Meri & Ralph Bountempo—Mem
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 16—MLK HOLIDAY

Weekday
8:30AM Norman Murtha—37th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

St. Antony, Abbot
7:30AM Mary Jayne Andreozzi—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Weekday
7:30AM Fred Buoro—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Weekday/St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
7:30AM Rev. Joseph E. Horgan—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8:30AM Jean M. Selwyn—16th Anniversary
Mass of Anticipation for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00PM Jean Arruda—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Lou Vallone—Memorial
9:00 AM James Kissane—Memorial
10:30AM Deceased of Skowroski & Sherrer Families-Mem.
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Last weekend saw the first big snowstorm of the season. A few people called to ask if we were having Mass or would it be cancelled because of the snow? As long as Fr. Barrow and I are in the Rectory there will always be Mass. We don't have a long commute so the snow doesn't prevent us from making it to Church. We got a foot of snow on Saturday but a few parishioners still managed to make it to the 4:00pm Mass! Kudos to them!

We are most grateful to Paul Anderson and his crack maintenance crew who plowed and shoveled the snow last weekend. The walkways and parking lots were cleared of the slippery snow for Masses. We thank them for their hard work in ensuring the snow is removed in a timely fashion. Enough of the white stuff for now! If you're praying for snow, aim for weekdays not weekends!

This week all the beautiful decorations of Christmas were removed as the season officially ended on Monday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The crèche from Church and the one from the front lawn were put away for another year. We now move back into the Season of Ordinary Time with its green vestments and plain decorations.

The US Bishops remind us: *"The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of*

Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe."

The Season of Ordinary Time lasts until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent on March 1st. The great Feast of our Faith, Easter Sunday and the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection, is on Sunday, April 16th. So we have several weeks of Ordinary Time before we take up the rigors and discipline of the Lenten Fast of Forty Days.

This Friday, January 20th, is Inauguration Day as Donald J. Trump is sworn in as the 45th President of the United States of America. Regardless of which candidate we voted for, which party we belong to or whose personality we like or dislike, as a people of Catholic Faith we must pray for our new President and Vice-President. The future of our nation and the free world are now in the hands of our new president and his administration.

So please Pray for President Trump and Vice-President Pence that they might be inspired to lead with justice, truth and love for all human life and a deep respect for human dignity. We must pray for all our elected leaders that they may truly serve the common good of our nation.

We might remember the Prayer for Government composed by Archbishop John Carroll of Baltimore. In 1789 he was named the first bishop in the

United States and was the first-cousin of Charles Carroll, the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence. Archbishop Carroll wrote these prayerful words:

"We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty."

On Monday we remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and his fight for justice. Dr. King reminds us: *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."* Let us pray for an end to all injustice, bigotry, racism and hatred.

Happy MLK Day! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats, Go!!!

Father Healey



What do we do after receiving Communion?

A person could spend their lifetime studying just the liturgy of the Church. The vestments, the music, and even our posture during Mass are meant to teach us something about what is going on. Through the liturgy the Church teaches us, and forms our minds and bodies to properly respond to God. Worship is essential to being human. As Anthony Esolen recently wrote “[Worship] is an intrinsic law of contingent being. When we acknowledge our complete dependence upon God, and when we give him and all his works the praise they are due, then, in this self-forgetfulness, this exist from the prison of the ego, from the ‘inhibitions, infantilisms, repressions’ of the average man, we draw nearer to the creation. Praise is the right respond to and the most faithful participation in God’s power and wisdom and love.”

Do we take for granted that we know how to worship God? For the Ancient people this was the question. Does God want sacrifices, oblations, or incense? Would God be pleased if we kneel, stand, or lie down in worship of Him? Just as God gave us the Ten Commandments so that we would know how to act, God gave us the liturgy and entrusted its safe-keeping to the Church so that we would know how to worship Him.

So the question this week is: what is the proper way to worship God right after receiving Holy Communion? Typically after receiving Communion everyone is expected to return to their pew and kneel (of course if because of age, illness, or disability this is not possible, then a person may sit). At this point the person is invited to pray, giving thanks to God for the great gift of the Eucharist and to contemplate the mystery of receiving divine life in us. It is also the time for us to mold our wills to the people God wants us to become. There are several other prayers and devotions that the Church provides for us at this time. One such prayer, the *Anima Christi*, is found on the back cover of the missals in the pews. This is a 14th century prayer which asks Jesus for salvation and sanctification. Also, St. Thomas Aquinas provides a very good prayer of thanksgiving after Mass.

This private act of thanksgiving is not limited to right after communion (and indeed there is usually not enough time). When I was in seminary, at the end of the Mass and when the priest had left the church the other seminarians and I would remain in our places and kneel. We would spend a short amount of time offering our thanks to God for the great gift we had just received and to think about the readings and homily. Very often people leave the Church immediately after the end of the hymn, but spiritually it is a good practice to offer our thanksgiving to God at this point by kneeling for a short period.

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

Weekly Collection 

January 8, 2017

Weekly.....	\$10,019.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,737.50
	Total=\$11,756.50
Building & Grounds.....	\$2,330.00
Outreach.....	\$588.50

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 Weekend: The Catholic University of America
Next Weekend: Latin America




We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **John L. Beiermann** and **Dr. Robert V. Girasole** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.

MLK Holiday
Monday, January 16, 2017

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
Day



The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.

Mass at 8:30AM



Religious Education NEWS

●NO RE Classes this weekend due to the MLK Holiday. All RE Classes resume next weekend.

●**Attention Confirmation Candidates:** Mandatory Class/Lecture on Sunday, January 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm for all Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates: public, parochial and Home Study. *You must attend!!*



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.

●**The OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, January 19th at 4:00pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss are most welcome.

●**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, January 15** after the 10:30am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room. **This week's topic: The Forgiveness of Sins.**

For questions please contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or by email at associate@olmparish.org



- Monday, January 16, MLK Holiday: No School
- Tuesday, January 17: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am. All are welcome to attend.
- Sunday, January 29: Catholic Schools Week Begins with Open House at OLM School, 10am—12pm. Stop by for a visit!

Discover the OLM Advantage!
www.olmschool.org

I HAVE DECIDED
TO STICK WITH *Love.*

HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Congratulations to our baptized :



Henry David Maurice,
and his parents, Kent and Margaret.

*"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*

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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ABOUT THE SECOND COLLECTION



Today's special second collection is for **The Catholic University of America**, unique among universities in the United States, as **the national university of the Catholic Church**. Nearly one third of all of the U.S. bishops, archbishops, and cardinals in our country are alumni, along with over 12,400 living priests and religious from around the world. Located in Washington, DC, the university provides an education based in Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students through its 12 schools – that include arts & sciences, music, engineering, philosophy, social work, law, and business, in addition to ecclesiastical degrees in canon law and theology. Your contributions will strengthen the work of our top scholars, many of whom help to explain catholic social teaching to the rest of the world. It will also support scholarships for students in our diocese and others in achieving our mission of preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation – including those studying to become our future priests and religious. We appreciate your generous support.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE



Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm

Join us as we gather to pray for an increased in respect for all human life on the Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision that legalized abortion on demand in the US.

Exposition & Adoration of the Eucharist

Rosary for Life

**Reflection on the Sanctity of Life by
Fr. Albert Duggan, O.P.**

University Chaplain at Brown-RISD

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

*"Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as 'unnecessary'. It is frightful even to think there are children, victims of abortion, who will never see the light of day."
—Pope Francis, January 2014*