



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ January 21, 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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Parish Founded 1853



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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 21, 2018

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 7:30AM For the Protection of the Unborn

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

Weekday/St. Marianne Cope, Virgin: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
 7:30AM Jean Selwyn—17th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Margaret M. Healey—30th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
 7:30AM Father James P. Hynes—Memorial

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Foundress; BVM
 8:30AM John Gardner—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Thomas & Rita Huban—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Monsignor Edward Egan—14th Anniversary
 9:00 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 10:30AM Michael Shaughnessy—Memorial
 5:00PM Mary Schivitz—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

On Friday thousands of people marched through Washington, DC for the Annual March for Life. This annual event draws people from all across the nation who stand up in defense of the innocent unborn.

Abortion on demand has been legal in the United States since the Roe v. Wade Decision in 1973. It is estimated that over 50 million abortions have taken place since this tragic decision of 45 years ago. That number is simply staggering, shocking, and sad!!

The U.S. Bishops teach us in their statement, *Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics*: *“Among the important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice.”*

This week the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Decision falls on Monday. It has been designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. I invite you to join us for Mass on Monday at 7:30am as we offer the Mass and our prayers for this intention.

Also, I invite you to join us on Monday night at 7:00pm as we offer a Holy Hour for Life. Father Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, a young Dominican Friar, and the Associate Pastor at St.

Pius Church in Providence, is to offer a reflection on the Sanctity of Human Life. This time of prayer and reflection includes Eucharistic Adoration, recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

We are called to pray, act and advocate for an increase of respect for life. We can certainly all find time to pray for the unborn and for an end to abortion in our nation. We can certainly act in defense of life by supporting the Pro-Life activities of the Diocese of Providence and RI Right to Life Services. And we most certainly can advocate for life with our elected officials.

This year Planned Parenthood and their allies are mounting a vigorous campaign to expand abortion rights in Rhode Island. It includes deregulating abortion mills in our state and mandating taxpayer funding of abortions in RI. They are very organized, and very committed, to their extreme agenda of abortion.

There are many of our elected officials in support of this extremist agenda. Sadly they include some RI State Senators and Representatives who identify as Catholic! Please pray for them and for their conversion of heart.

As the US Bishops have consistently taught: *“Public officials are privileged in a special way to apply their moral convictions to the policy arena. We hold in high esteem those who, through such positions and authority, promote respect for all human life. Catholic civil leaders who reject or ignore the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life do so at risk to their own spiritual*

well-being.”

I wish to publicly commend our local RI State Representative Anthony Giarusso for his strong commitment to protecting the unborn. He stands by the courage of his convictions and allows his Catholic Faith to guide his moral decisions. Please let him know we support his courageous pro-life position!

The Annual Pro-Life Rally at the RI Statehouse is this Wednesday, January 24th at 3:00pm. The pro-life community, united with many of our pro-life elected officials, stand together for the unborn at the rally. They give voice to the voiceless unborn in the corridors of the statehouse and remind the agents of the culture of death that we won't be silenced by their extremist campaign.

We kickoff Catholic Schools Week next week. The wonderful students from OLM School are to speak at all Masses. An Alumni Mass for OLM School is also next Sunday at 9:00am. An open house at OLM School follows the Mass. Come by and see the great things going on at OLM School and help celebrate Catholic Schools!

We said goodbye to Fr. Connors on Sunday night and we thank him for his time with us. He returns to be with us during Holy Week. As he resumes his studies in Rome, please be sure to pray for him.

Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats!!!



What do we mean by "Sister Church"?

We sometimes here the term "church" thrown around in discussing Christian groups. One such term is "Sister Church." Following Vatican II, the term "Sister Church" belongs exclusively to the relationship between particular churches among themselves (for instance, the Catholic Diocese of Providence and the Greek Orthodox Church are sister churches), but the term cannot be applied to the relationship between the universal Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church (or any other particular Church for that matter). This is because "there exists a single Church of Christ, which subsists in the Catholic Church, governed by the Successor of Peter and by the Bishops in communion with him." The term, however, may be applied to the Greek Orthodox Church itself and other particular Churches because "while not existing in perfect communion with the Catholic Church [since they do not recognize the primacy of the Pope] [they] remain united to her by means of the closest bonds, that is, by apostolic succession and a valid Eucharist, [and] are true *particular Churches* [emphasis added]."

A correct understanding of "Sister Churches" is consequent upon an understanding of the doctrine of full identity; that, "the Catholic Church is not a federated sister to any particular church or churches." Further, a correct understanding also impacts ecumenical dialogue. The proper understanding of the relationship between the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Universal Church and to the particular Churches is as a mother to her daughters, not as a sister. So one should avoid, "as a source of misunderstanding and theological confusion," the use of formulations such as "universal Catholic Church is a sister [Church] to the Orthodox Church," since this would imply a plurality on the level of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Finally, the term "Sister Church" is not used in relation to Protestant churches because strictly speaking the Church refers to them as "Ecclesial Communions." This is because they possess many elements of the Church of Christ (such as Baptism), but lack the Catholic faith in its entirety (in particular apostolic succession and valid Eucharist). Hence this injures the vision of Christ for all to be "one flock" with "one shepherd." Hence we have the ecumenical movement to try and create true and visible unity among all Christians in the Catholic Church.

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

Weekly Collection 

January 14, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,440.00
EFT.....	\$3,296.00
	Total=\$14,736.00
Outreach.....	\$742.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$2,436.50

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: The Catholic University
Next Week: Saints & Scholars Fund



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



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



Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- **Wednesday, January 24:** OLM Band Concert at 8:25am & 7:00pm
- **Thursday, January 25:** Weekly School Mass at 8:15am
- **Sunday, January 28:** 9:00AM OLM School Alumni Mass; School Open House 10:00am —12:00PM

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- **Sunday, January 21:** All RE Classes to meet as regularly scheduled.
- **Sunday, January 28th:** NO RE in the morning due to OLM School Open House. RE Grades 5-8 meet at regular time and will have class.

Best Wishes to our newly baptized:



Caroline Robin Lord,
and her parents,
Ryan & Kathryn.

"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 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

Annual Right to Life Rally

RI Statehouse

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

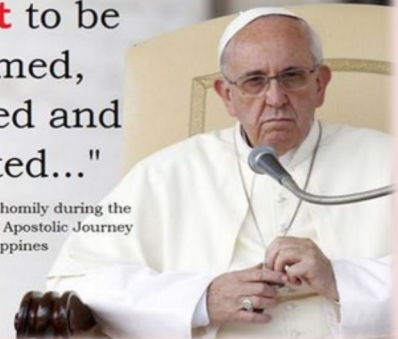
3:00PM – 4:00PM

*Make Your Pro-Life Voice Heard!
Speak up for the Voiceless Unborn!
Help Build a Culture of Life!*

*Join us in Rallying for Life with
RI's Pro-Life Leaders and RI's
Pro-Life Elected Officials!*

"We need to
see each child
as a gift to be
welcomed,
cherished and
protected..."

•Pope Francis, in his homily during the Concluding Mass of his Apostolic Journey to the Philippines





**A Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Life
on the 45th Anniversary of *Roe v Wade*
Monday, January 22, 2018**

Events at Our Lady of Mercy

**Mass for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
Monday, January 22nd at 7:30am**

Holy Hour for Life

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00PM

**Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and
a reflection on the “Sanctity of Human Life” by
Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP**

