



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ January 22, 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2017

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

The Mass of Anticipation for 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 Dec.'d of Skowronski & Sherrer Families—Mem.
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn
 7:30AM Victims of Abortion

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Margaret M. Healey—29th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
 7:30AM Deceased of the Francis J. Maguire Family—Mem.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops
 7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Weekday/St. Angela Merici, Virgin
 7:30AM Anthony Fandetti—Memorial

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 8:30AM Rhonda Zammarelli—Memorial

Mass of Anticipation for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Ruth & Donald Guilfoyle —5th Anniversary

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Msgr. Edward F. Egan—13th Anniversary
 9:00 AM John De Clemente—Memorial
 10:30AM Donald Martin—Memorial
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church





Dear Parishioners:

This Sunday, January 22, 2017 is the 44th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court Decision that legalized abortion in the United States. As the U.S. Bishops have stated: *“Abortion has become the fundamental human rights issue for all men and women of good will. For us abortion is of overriding concern because it negates two of our most fundamental moral imperatives: respect for innocent life, and preferential concern for the weak and defenseless.”*

All this week we as Catholics, along with all people of good will, are asked to pray, advocate and act against abortion. Monday is a National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. This important Day of Prayer will be observed at OLM with All-Day Adoration of the Eucharist beginning after the 7:30am Mass.

Join us Monday night at 7:00pm as we pray a Rosary for Life and listen to a Reflection on the Sanctity of Life. Our speaker is the Dominican Friar, Father Albert Duggan, OP. He is a graduate of Brown University and currently serves as the University Chaplain there. Even if you cannot attend Adoration or the Rosary, I ask you to please spend some time on Monday praying for the protection of the unborn.

On Tuesday, the Pro-Life Community of Rhode Island gathers for the Annual Pro-Life Rally. Pro-Life students, activists, leaders, clergy along with pro-life elected officials gather in the State House Rotunda at 3:00pm to rally for life!

Please come to the RI Statehouse on Tuesday and add your voice to the chorus of pro-life people calling for the protection of the unborn. If you cannot make it to the Statehouse then perhaps you might write or call your State Representative or State Senator and urge them to support all pro-life legislation or thank them if they already do support it!

Planned Parenthood of RI and their pro-abortion allies are pushing an extremely aggressive pro-abortion agenda at the RI General Assembly. With a slight increase in the number of pro-abortion elected officials this year they seek to expand abortion on demand in RI. This includes making all RI taxpayers pay for abortions. So please add your pro-life voice and your advocacy to those calling for the respect and legal protection of the innocent unborn.

On Friday thousands of pro-lifers from across the nation gather in Washington, DC for the Annual March for Life. The March begins with a rally, with thousands of pro-lifers, on the National Mall before marching to the Supreme Court. Rally speakers include religious leaders, Members of Congress and, also this year, the Baltimore Ravens Tight End Benjamin Watson and Abby Johnson, a former Director of Planned Parenthood in Texas.

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry is coordinating buses from RI for the March for Life. Did you know that they also offer support for expectant mothers including counseling and financial assistance. They provide support for mothers of

newborn babies too!

And they offer programs for women suffering after their abortion like the Rachel Vineyard support group and healing retreats. The Life and Family Ministry Office is always in need of volunteers and financial assistance.

As Catholics we must continue to pray, advocate and act against abortion and in defense of innocent human life. The Political Commentator Charles Krauthammer of Fox News, who is of the Jewish Faith, recently suggested: *“I think years from now people are going to look back on the issue of abortion and commend the Catholic Church for having held its own, very unpopularly, when there was this sweep and wave of legalizing abortion and to make it like an appendectomy; the Church was the one institution that would not waver, despite the ridicule, the mockery and the attacks it suffered. And we’ll thank the Church.”*

Next Sunday we kickoff the Annual Catholic Schools Week with an Open House at our wonderful OLM School from 10:00am until 12:00pm. Some of our great OLM students will be speaking at Masses next weekend in celebration of this Catholic Schools week.

So, Fr. Barrow tells me there is a big game on Sunday night and that he’s hoping and praying that his Pastor is much happier on Monday morning than his Bishop! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats, Go!!!



What to do if you had an abortion

One of the criticisms often leveled against the Church is that She spends so much time preaching against the evils of abortion, but She spends comparably little time ministering to those who may have had an abortion. The other critique is that the Church spends so much effort trying to outlaw abortion and comparably little time in providing support to mothers or families who decide to keep the child. Both of these criticisms are entirely unjustified. I would like to offer some advice based on Church practice and Church programs to those who may have had an abortion.

I remember a story one of my theology teachers told us in seminary. He was ministering to a woman who had had an abortion. During the conversation she revealed how difficult it is to admit to having an abortion and the evil of the act. She revealed that her difficulty lies in having to admit to herself that she really and truly killed her own child. While this is indeed true, the psychological and spiritual shock of this realization is not easy for a person to handle. My teacher reminded us that whenever we minister to people who have either had an abortion or support it; this has to be in the back of our minds. Abortion is not a glorious choice or a great act of human freedom, but a painful and guilt filled act.

As Jesus tells us, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." It is to sinners that Jesus comes and ministers. He is like the image of the father in the story of the Prodigal Son, not waiting inside for his son to return, but running out to meet him. This is true for all sinners, even those who have had an abortion.

God through the Church and her ministers brings Christ's healing to mothers so that they can receive God's mercy and come to terms with this reality. This occurs primarily in the Sacrament of Confession. For several years priests in Rhode Island have been able to absolve people of this sin and recently Pope Francis has allowed all priests throughout the world (instead of reserving absolution to the bishop).

In addition there is Project Rachel, which is a diocesan based network with support groups, retreats, pastoral counseling and referrals for both woman and men. Information for Project Rachel can be found online as well as on the USCCB website; it also provides many links and articles dealing with Post-Abortion healing.

Finally, it is always important to remember to pray for each other. The sin of abortion harms not only the individual, but the family, and the wider Church community. It is in our solidarity with each other that people will return to God and the evil of abortion will be overcome.

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

Weekly Collection 

January 15, 2017

Weekly.....	\$11,200.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$3,155.50
	Total=\$14,355.50
Catholic University.....	\$1,848.50
Outreach.....	\$509.50

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 Church in Latin America
Next Week: OLM School Saints & Scholars Fund



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Michael Alix** and **Frances Floody** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.

Annual Tax Statements

End of year Tax Statements, for 2016, of parishioner's charitable 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 RE Classes resume this weekend. NO AM RE Classes next Sunday due to OLM School Open House.
- **Attention Confirmation Candidates:** Mandatory Class/Lecture on this Sunday, January 22nd from 6:00pm-7:00pm for all Grade 8 Confirmation Candidates: public, parochial and Home Study.



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



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**National Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of the Unborn**

Monday, January 23, 2017

*Join us as we gather to pray
for an increase in respect for all human life.*

**All Day Eucharistic Adoration
Exposition following 7:30am Mass**



**All-Day Adoration of
the Eucharist and
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament**

**Rosary for Life at 7:00pm
With Reflection on the Sanctity of Life by
Fr. Albert Duggan, O.P.
University Chaplain at Brown-RISD**

**OLM Rosary Makers
Monthly Workshop**

**Tuesday, January 24th from 9:30am—11:30am
OLM Cry room**

*Materials and instruction provided.
Join us in making rosaries for the missions.*



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 22** after the 10:30am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room. **This week's topic: Introduction to Prayer** For questions please contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or by email at associate@olmparish.org

Discover the **OLM** Advantage

Whether you're looking for full-day pre-school or kindergarten, elementary, or middle school, Our Lady of Mercy School nurtures the mind, body and soul of your children. Anchored by our Catholic faith, OLM offers a tradition of excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. Please visit us to Discover the OLM Advantage.

Open House

When: Sunday, January 29th, 2017

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Our Lady of Mercy School
55 4th Avenue, East Greenwich, RI

*Please contact us at 401-884-1618 or
principal@olmschool.org to arrange for a tour.*



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