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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JANUARY 27, 2019**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

The Mass of Anticipation for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM George V. McKenna—Memorial

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Deceased Alumni of OLM School
 10:30AM Joan O’ Donnell—Memorial
 5:00PM Richard & Patrick Liesching—Memorial

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Monsignor Edward F. Egan—15th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday
 7:30AM John DeClemente—11th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday
 7:30AM John Boso Rhee—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
 7:30AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday
 7:30AM Grace Donovan—Memorial
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Faculty of OLM School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord
 8:30AM Anne Sedlock—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Samuel Oliverio—Memorial

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM Mary Ferris—Memorial
 9:00 AM Marie Brusci—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 5:00PM Susan Metzger—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. It is an annual time dedicated to highlighting the important work and great success of Catholic Schools in our nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Last year in a resolution marking this week, the U.S. House of Representatives declared: *"Catholic schools serve the nation by providing a diverse student population from all regions of the country and all socioeconomic backgrounds a strong academic and moral foundation."*

There is much to celebrate about in our Catholic Schools, especially our dedicated teachers, sacrificial parents and wonderful students. Catholic Schools provide a firm foundation of academics built upon the Catholic Faith. They do this with a very limited budget and yet are among the most successful schools locally and nationally.

We can take great pride in our own parish school at Our Lady of Mercy. It's committed faculty and staff continue to successfully impart faith and wisdom. OLM school offers a wide range of arts, sports and extra curricular activities. Our OLM graduates go on to excel at area high schools and we can boast of some outstanding alumni in many walks of life.

Of course, none of this is possible without our school families, who continue to sacrifice to ensure a quality Catholic Education for their children. In choosing to send their children to Our Lady of

Mercy School, they have chosen a path that includes learning, service, leadership, faith, virtues and ultimately success! We thank them for their support of OLM School and Catholic Education.

Our outstanding OLM School students are speaking at all Masses this weekend. They are joyfully sharing why they are grateful for their parent's sacrifice to educate them at OLM School. If you listen to these students I am sure you might consider sending your own children to our tremendous school.

Everyone is most welcome to stop by OLM School this Sunday during the Open House from 10:00am until Noon. Come and take a look at the great things happening there. Our school is an outstanding example of great academics and strong faith lived out on a daily basis. We take great pride in OLM School and I hope you stop by to see, and truly discover, the OLM advantage!

Catholic schools are not only about teaching young people to work hard, contribute to society, and be virtuous. These values are important, but they aren't ends in themselves. They flow from the larger mission of our school.

The goal of all Catholic education is to form young people in a strong and solid Catholic faith. Such faith is rooted in the truth about our God, it is faith that guides our students to a fruitful and virtuous life in this world, and home to the joy of eternal life with their Creator.

Catholic Education, and OLM School, seek firstly to

form our students in the Catholic Faith. This means that all of our teaching and learning begins and ends with Jesus Christ. For He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Christ is the cornerstone of OLM School, and every Catholic School, and without such a solid foundation Catholic Schools would crumble and decay.

Yet we know that this foundation of objective moral truth is continually attacked in our relativistic society. It is often ridiculed and derided by many of our public institutions and civic leaders and debased in our celebrity culture.

In speaking about Catholic Education, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia states: *"The belief that truth exists, is permanent and knowable, and is worth pursuing and fighting for because it makes us free, is an affirmation of the goodness of life and the world's loving Creator. This enduring passion for truth is the fire at the heart of all Catholic education, from the first day of First Grade forward throughout life."*

Come to the OLM School Open House on Sunday and also join us as we celebrate the best way possible with Holy Mass on Friday at 9:00am! Please pray for our OLM School students, families, faculty and staff. I am away this weekend leading a Day of Recollection for seminarians at St. John Vianney Seminary in Miami.

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

Father Healey



What is Catholic Schools Week?

Catholic Schools Week was first introduced by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) in 1974. It is an annual event which typically takes place on the last Sunday in January. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service."

Here at Our Lady of Mercy we have a week filled with events starting with an Open House this Sunday, January 27th. The purpose of this week is to emphasize the value and necessity of Catholic education to families and young people, as well as how it contributes to the Church, the community and to our nation. It is a time to showcase Our Lady of Mercy School and the many benefits of an education rooted in the Catholic faith.

Education has always been an essential part of the mission of the Church. After the Fall of the Roman Empire it was the monasteries which preserved and handed on the knowledge of Rome, Greece and other ancient cultures. It was the Church who invented the first universities in the Western world in Paris, Bologna, Oxford, Padua, and so on. Members of the Church have been behind advancements in all major areas of study and the Church herself funds the progress of science and the arts. Education is listed as one of the spiritual works of mercy.

What sets Catholic schools apart from other types of schools? Pope-emeritus Benedict XVI stated: "It is in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of our lives becomes clear." Essentially what Benedict is pointing out is that Catholic education provides its students with a vantage point; a way of looking at the world that takes in all aspects of the mystery of life. Very often students are presented with only half the picture. The essential reality that we are bodily and spiritual beings formed to be in communion with God who has taken on our nature is left out. They seek to teach truth to students and omit Truth itself.

At Our Lady of Mercy our children pray, learn about their faith, the dignity of every human life, the value of sacrifice and selflessness, and the virtues (most importantly the virtues of faith, hope and love). I invite everyone to support Catholic Schools Week and particularly Our Lady of Mercy School. Regardless if you have children or not, pay a visit to the school during open house and see the good work that is being done; the school is an integral part of our parish.

Weekly Collection

Due to a print deadline the collection results from last week were unavailable at this time.

Thanks for Your Generous Support



Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

Second Collections
This Week: Saints & Scholars Collection
Next Week: Building & Grounds



Confessions at OLM
Saturdays, 3:00—3:45pm
Mondays, 6:00—6:45pm





Catholic School Week Events

Sunday, January 27

Alumni Mass at 9:00AM
School Open House 10am-12Noon

Monday, January 28

OLM School Prayer Service at 8:30AM

Tuesday, January 29

Student Appreciation Day

Wednesday, January 30

Community Service/Act of Mercy Day

Thursday, January 31

Parent Appreciation Day

Friday, February 1

Faculty Appreciation Day
First Friday Mass at 9:00AM

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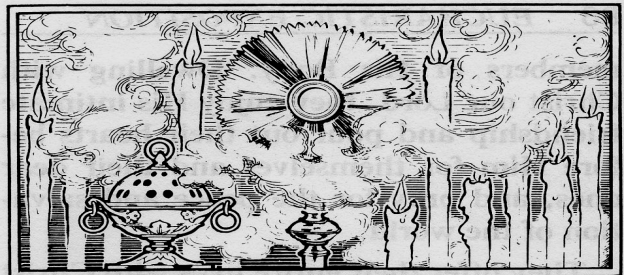


- **NO AM RE Classes (Grades 1-5) on January 27, 2019** due to OLM School Open House. RE Grades 6—8 are meeting on January 27th.
- All RE Classes meet next Sunday, February 3.



• **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

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



First Friday Adoration Friday, February 1, 2019

Exposition of the Eucharist
following 9:00AM School Mass

Adoration All-Day
Benediction at 6:00PM

*Adorers are needed,
please sign up in Church.*

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.

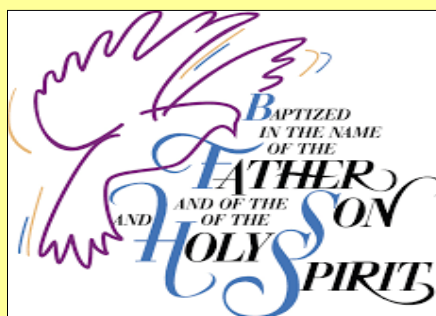
Governed by the date of Easter, it consists of either thirty-three or thirty-four weeks and is divided into two periods, one following the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the other following the solemnity of Pentecost.

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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Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Harry Shaw Labrador,
his parents, Daniel and Tracy.

"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



Catholic Schools
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OLM Rosary Makers Monthly Workshop



Tuesday, January 29th
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
OLM Cryroom

All Materials & instructions provided.

***Join us in making rosaries
for the missions***