



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ January 28, 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

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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The Reverend Joshua A. Barrow, S.T.L., Associate Pastor

Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JANUARY 28, 2018**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Weekday
 7:30AM John DeClemente—10th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Weekday
 7:30AM-Todd Youngs—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco, Priest
 7:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord
 7:30AM All Deceased Religious of OLM Parish
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Weekday/St. Blasé, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop; BVM
 8:30AM Frank & Teresa Heran—Memorial
Mass of Anticipation for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00PM Alexander Valicenti—Month's Mind

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM John Beiermann—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Carol Cronin—Memorial
 5:00PM Sean Wayne O'Hara—Month's Mind





Dear Parishioners:

It is Catholic Schools Week across the country, and here at OLM. Now we don't often speak about love in education. Not even when we speak about Catholic Schools.

Instead, we focus on more tangible measures of success: how 99 percent of Catholic school students get their high-school diplomas; how a black or Latino child is 2.5 times more likely to graduate from college if he or she has attended a Catholic high school; how Catholic schools manage to do all this at a fraction of the cost of public schools.

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, an *alumna* of Blessed Sacrament School in The Bronx, calls Catholic schools a "pipeline to opportunity" for people like her. That's true. And it's true largely because Catholic school students are not just taught, but loved.

Yes we are always proud when our OLM students succeed academically. We like it when our OLM *alumni* excel at area high schools and beyond. Academic success is important too. In the popular view, our Catholic schools succeed because they have greater discipline, higher standards, and more committed teachers.

However, it helps to remember that the Latin root for the verb "to discipline" is not "to punish" but "to teach." It's a lesson that begins with recognizing the equal and God-given dignity of every human being as a child of God. In short, the Gospel that commands us to love one another obliges us to treat each person we encounter as we would Christ.

We know that's not always an easy thing to ask of any school, even a Catholic school. Though many people might argue that Catholic education, is about many things, but not love. I firmly believe that the center of all Catholic Education is love.

The former New York Jet, Damien Woody, sent his children to St. Vincent Catholic School even though his family wasn't Catholic. At a Christmas Pageant, another school parent asked him why. He answered, "My wife and I believe that a school where they love God will love my children."

Such love is the hallmark of every Catholic School. That love exists here at OLM School every day. It is a deep love of God, and of our neighbor. This Christian love is vastly different than simple humanitarianism. Such love is lived out in response to the call of Jesus Christ who is the way, the truth and the life.

It is the sacrificial love offered by parents who work hard to afford tuition, a sacrificial love of a faculty who dedicate themselves to teaching their students without high salaries, and the pure and innocent love of the young minds encountering Christ in one another, in the classroom and in the Sacraments.

Our Lady of Mercy School Mission Statement reads: "*Our Mission at Our Lady of Mercy School is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church as we pursue excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. In the midst of a safe and nurturing environment we seek to develop a good moral*

character built upon the teachings of the Catholic Church. We strive to be Saints and Scholars who serve the evangelical mission of our parish so that Mercy may flourish"

The measure of success at OLM School is not to be solely found in its great academic achievements, athletic victories, or artistic accomplishments. As Pope John Paul II wrote in his first encyclical letter, the Redeemer of Man: "*Man cannot live without love and his life is senseless if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it.*"

After all any student at any school can expertly learn to add and to subtract, to read and to write, to run and throw or to paint and act. No, Catholic Schools are not about being "socially useful" or are they simply about good "values." Catholic education is about making saints and growing the seeds of virtue and truth and flourishing Christian mercy and love. Anything less cheats our children of their dignity.

If Catholic schools are really to be about love, then this love must be sustained, supported and nourished by us. So celebrate Catholic Schools this week! Visit OLM School this Sunday during the Open House. Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats!!! We're off to the Superbowl!!!



What is Catholic Schools Week?

Growing up I attended public schools until I entered college and seminary, so this question required some research on my part. 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. It is an opportunity for us here to reflect on the gift—and the task—of Our Lady of Mercy School.

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. The essential reality that we are bodily and spiritual beings formed to be in communion with God who has taken on our nature.

We are rightly proud of our parish school, forming many of the next generation of Catholics, of scholars and statesmen, of priests and religious, of mothers and fathers, and please God, of saints. The principal reason for Our Lady of Mercy School is to pass on the Good News that Jesus has come. He is the truth that sets us free. Friendship with Him changes your life and promises Heaven. Catholic schools teach not simply the truths needed to get a job—although they do that without rival. But, more so, they teach the truth about God and about us, about how to live and how to love. They teach the truth in literature and science, in art and music, in mathematics and everywhere else. Education, wherever it happens, is a Catholic thing because all truth is God's truth. After all, you cannot love what you do not know.

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. Our prayer this month is that the work of Catholic education may flourish; the work of helping everybody to know the Lord more clearly, in order to love Him more dearly, in order to follow Him more nearly all the days of our life.

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

Weekly Collection

January 21, 2018

Weekly.....	\$11,630.00
EFT.....	\$1,647.00
	Total=\$13,277.00
Outreach.....	\$1,390.00
Catholic University.....	\$1,884.50

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: Saints & Scholars Fund
Next Week: Building & Grounds



Blessing of Throats in Honor of St. Blase

The Annual Blessing of Throats for health and well being will take place at all Masses next weekend. This sacramental is available to all parishioners of every age. May St. Blasé intercede for us and keep us safe from all illness and ailments of the throat.



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of **Claire Sharpe** and **Fay Masterson** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



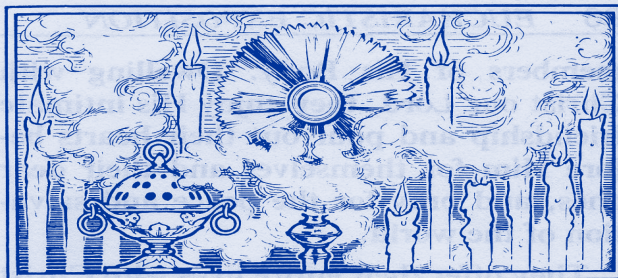
Catholic Schools Week at OLM School

- **Sunday, January 28:** 9:00AM OLM School Alumni Mass; School Open House 10:00am — 1:00PM
- **Sunday, January 28:** Open House from 10:00am until ?
- **Monday, January 29:** OLM School Board Meeting at 7pm in School Library.
- **Friday, February 2:** OLM Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:00AM. All are invited to attend.
- **Friday, February 2:** Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in OML School Cafeteria

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**Celebrate
Catholic
Schools
Week 2018**

January 28 – February 3 #CSW18



First Friday Adoration Friday, February 2, 2018

Exposition of the Eucharist following 9:00AM School Mass with All-Day Adoration
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00PM
Adorers are needed, please sign up in the vestibule.



● **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:** The OLM Bereavement support group meets this Thursday, February 1st at 4pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss of loved one and 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



● **Sunday, January 28th:** NO RE in this Sunday in the morning due to OLM School Open House. Please note that RE Grades 6-8 are meeting this Sunday at regular time and do have attend class.

● **Sunday, February 4:** RE Grades 1-5 are meeting in the morning. RE Grades 6-8 are not meeting in order to root the Pat's on to victory!!

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 28th, 2018

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

*If you have questions, please contact us at
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Don't forget to ask about our "Classroom Visit Day!"



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