



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time* ✕ *January 29, 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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JANUARY 29, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

*The Mass of Anticipation for 4th 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 DeClemente—Memorial  
 10:30AM Donald Martin—Memorial  
 5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 30**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

*St. John Bosco, Priest*  
 7:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Memorial

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Fr. Roger L. Marot—Memorial

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
 7:30AM Deceased Religious of OLM—Memorial

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

*Weekday/St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop*  
 7:30AM Edna Hart—19th Anniversary  
 9:00AM Deceased Alumni & Benefactors of OLM School

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

*Weekday*  
 8:30AM Special Intention

*Mass of Anticipation for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM Glenn Hess—Birthday Remembrance

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Mary Picozzi—Memorial  
 10:30AM Anna & Emilo Petrucci—Memorial  
 5:00PM Michael Turner—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

Well Fr. Barrow was relieved he had a “Happy Pastor” and a very “Sad Bishop” on Monday morning! A great game by the victorious Patriots over the Steelers resulted in much happiness for many, and some sadness for one native of Pittsburgh who lives on the Wampanoag Trail! Now we’re on to Houston!!

This weekend we begin our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We do not speak much about love in education; not even in the Church 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.

Don’t misunderstand, we are very proud when our OLM School students succeed when their test scores are high and their academic work superior. In the popular view, Catholic schools succeed because they have greater discipline, higher standards and more committed teachers. But remember that the Latin root for the verb “to discipline” is not “to punish” but “to teach.” It is a lesson that begins with recognizing the love of God and the God-given dignity of every human being.

In short, the Gospel that commands us to love one another obliges us to treat each person we encounter as we would Christ. That is not an easy thing to ask of a school, even a Catholic school. Though many might argue that Catholic education, which is still

the largest private education system in America and still outperforms most public schools, is about many things except love. However, I firmly believe that the center of Catholic Education is love.

Philadelphia, known as “The City of Brotherly Love”, is home to the very first parish school: St. Mary’s School founded in 1783 by a parish priest, Fr. Robert Molineux. As pastor he had to raise the funds to build the school, then find the funds to keep it operating, and so he preached an annual “Charity Sermon” on behalf of the school so that the parishioners without children in the school might also contribute to its upkeep and operation.

Not much has changed in over 200 years, I still have to do the same each year during Catholic Schools Week. It is a time when we highlight the contribution of Catholic Education to our Church and society, the excellence of our own parish school and seek your support through today’s second collection, the Saints and Scholars Annual Fund.

OLM’s 13<sup>th</sup> Pastor, the late Fr. Brady, had a tremendous concern for the children of the parish. With the permission and encouragement of then Bishop Russell J. McVinney, Fr. Brady established OLM School. The Religious Sisters of Mercy staffed the school with Sister Helena serving as Principal.

God built the Church and School we’ve inherited through the hard work and sacrifice of the generations of believers who have gone before us. Their generosity and witness made our faith possible and both this wonderful parish and our excellent parish school possible. It is now our turn to shape the future of this 21st

Century with the same zeal and dedication.

The Mission Statement of OLM School 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 our success at OLM School is not to be solely found in the great academic achievements, the many athletic victories, the outstanding programs or the artistic accomplishments. After all any student at any school, parochial, private or public, can expertly learn to add and to subtract, to read and to write, to run and to throw or to paint and to sing.

Catholic education is not about being “socially useful.” Nor is it only about good “values.” Catholic education is and must be about developing saints by lovingly growing the seeds of the Catholic Faith in the children entrusted to our school. Anything less cheats these children of their dignity as children of God.

So this week please join in and celebrate Catholic Schools Week, pray for OLM School and our budding saints and scholars! Thank you for your generous support of the Saints and Scholar’s Fund. Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats, Go!!!

*Father Healey*



**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. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Here at Our Lady of Mercy School we have a week filled with events starting with an Open House this Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

*If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to Father Barrow at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)*

*Weekly Collection* 

January 22, 2017

Weekly.....	\$13,919.00
Electronic Giving.....	\$1,684.50
	<b>Total=\$15,603.50</b>
Church in Latin America.....	\$2,794.50
Outreach.....	\$172.50

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:* OLM School Saints & Scholars Fund  
*Next Week:* Building & Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Catherine Ann Gibbons, Marjorie Marrinan and Nancy King** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

*May they rest in peace.*

**Annual Tax Statements**

2016 end of year Tax Statements of parishioner's 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](mailto:parish@olmparish.org)



# Religious Education NEWS

- No AM RE Classes this week due to Open House. PM RE Classes will meet this Sunday.
- No PM RE Classes on next Sunday, February 5th! Go Pats!



# 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.
- OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday, February 2 at 4pm at Mercy House. All those experiencing a loss are most welcome to join us.
- For more information**, contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org

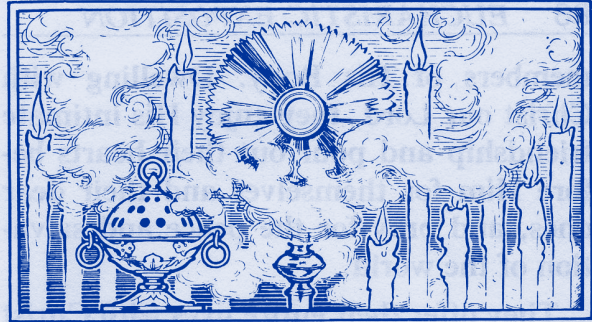


# RCIA

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 29** after the 10:30am Mass in the Rectory Conference Room. **This week's topic: Good News-The New Testament.** For questions please contact Fr. Barrow at 884-4968 or by email at associate@olmparish.org

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017



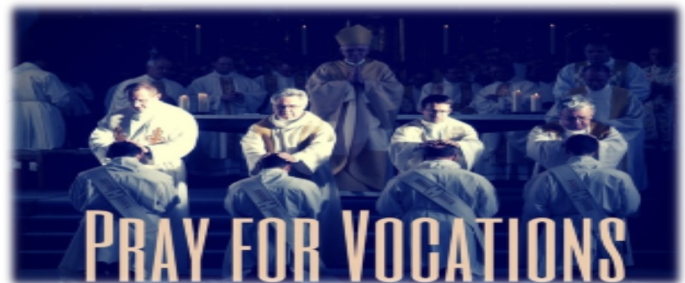
Exposition of the Eucharist  
following 9:00am School Mass

All-Day Adoration

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00PM

Join us in prayer and adoration  
before the Eucharistic Lord!

Adorers are needed, please sign up in the vestibule.



## OLM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The OLM Children's Choir is accepting new members January 31st - February 28th. There are currently 6 openings for singers grades 4 - 8. For information, contact Deirdre Donovan via email at: musicministry@olmparish.org

## THE FEAST OF SAINT BLASE



*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. —Prayer from the Blessing of the Throats.*

St. Blaise is mentioned as being called upon for treating objects stuck in the throat. We also know that Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and suffered martyrdom under Licinius about AD 316. He became a physician and was elected and consecrated a bishop at a young age.

During the persecution of the Church, Blaise experienced a call to live as a hermit in a cave outside of town, where he was known to heal sick and wounded wild animals. Eventually he was discovered by hunters and taken to the local governor and thrown into jail. On his way to prison, Blaise commanded a wolf to release a pig belonging to a woman who begged for the holy bishop's help. She later brought candles to his cell so he would have light to read the Scriptures.

Later a woman brought her son who was choking on fish bones to Blaise and using the two candles to bless the boy, the Saint saved the boy. While the Governor was impressed with his miracles, it didn't stop him from insisting that the saintly bishop renounce his faith and when he wouldn't, the governor had him beaten, tortured with an iron comb, and finally beheaded.

St. Blaise's intercession was invoked for illnesses related to the throat. In time, the custom of blessing the throats of the faithful developed, with priests holding two tapered candles — blessed the day before on Candlemas, Feb 2 — over the head or the throat while invoking the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, against any ailment of the throat and body.

It is an ancient custom of the Church to bless the sick, rooted in the ministry of Christ and his apostles. According to the *Pastoral Care of the Sick: Rites of Anointing and Viaticum*, the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. The blessing is ordinarily given during Mass on or in anticipation of February 3, the Feast of St. Blaise.



### **Celebrating Catholic Schools Week: January 29—February 3, 2017**

- **Sunday, January 29:** Open House at OLM School, 10am—12pm. Stop by for a visit!
- **Monday, January 30:** 8:30am Prayer Service in the Cafeteria.
- **Tuesday, January 31:** Student Appreciation Day.
- **Wednesday, February 1:** Community Day-Service Project.
- **Thursday, February 2:** Parent Thank You Day.
- **Friday, February 3:** Teacher Appreciation Day.
- **Friday, February 3:** Catholic Schools Week ends with Mass at 9:00am, all are invited to attend!

***Discover the OLM Advantage!***

[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)

### **The OLM School Mission**

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