



THE CHURCH OF

# Our Lady of Mercy



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## The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 16, 2017

### † MASS SCHEDULE †

#### Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....5:00 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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### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 4:00 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 Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., Pastor**

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

**Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon**

**Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.**

**William K. Wray**

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*Parish Founded 1853*



*Parish Incorporated 1867*



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## **THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 16, 2017**

### **SATURDAY, JULY 15**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM James & Mary Winsper—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, JULY 16**

*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Stanley Berek—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM Robert Dumouchel—6th Anniversary

### **MONDAY, JULY 17**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM John Gardner, Jr.—Memorial

### **TUESDAY, JULY 18**

*Weekday/St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*  
 7:30AM Robert A. Belanger—3rd Anniversary

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Deceased of Pundys & Dikinis Families—Mem

### **THURSDAY, JULY 20**

*Weekday; St. Appollinaris, Bishop & Martyr*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

### **FRIDAY, JULY 21**

*Weekday/St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Kathryn Piotrowicz—Memorial

### **SATURDAY, JULY 22**

*St. Mary Magdalene*  
 8:30AM Theresa Phillips—10th Anniversary  
*Mass of Anticipation for The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Lisa Tanner—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, JULY 23**

*The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Eda Pasarella—Memorial  
 10:30AM Marie Enander—7th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

Although its hard to believe, our Summer Seminarian Hiep ends his time with us next weekend. He arrived back in May and now he has one week left. The ten weeks have flown by, but it has been a joy to have Hiep with us here at OLM.

After finishing next weekend, Hiep will be traveling home to Vietnam with two classmates from St. John Seminary. It will be their first visit to Vietnam, but Hiep returns home to visit his sister and her family and his older brother who is a Pastor there.

We are grateful for Hiep's presence and ministry among us this summer. He is a very capable young man and will make an outstanding priest. Please pray for him as he continues his studies for the priesthood. Also, join us next Sunday following the 10:30am Mass as we say "Farewell and Thank You Hiep" with a reception in Mercy Park.

Hiep isn't the only one leaving this week! Our good Franciscan Apostolic Sisters, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes, depart Tuesday for their Annual Retreat in Nebraska. They are taking the Franciscan Sisters from Scalabrini Villa with them. They make their way there via Peoria, Illinois where a few of their sisters serve the Bishop and Cathedral Parish.

They then drive from Peoria to Seward, Nebraska to begin their retreat at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. A good number of the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters serve on the seminary staff there. They host the Annual Retreat and Community meetings every year.

I know the Sisters are praying for us during their time of retreat. So please keep the good Sisters in your prayers for their safe travel, and also for a fruitful retreat. They return to OLM on August 7th, renewed, rested and ready!

In late June I attended a meeting of area priests with Bishop Tobin at St. Bernard's Parish. It was the first of three regional meetings for the Bishop with his priests. It was a time for the Bishop to discuss new initiatives and share ongoing concerns with his priests, and also for the priests to share their thoughts with Bishop Tobin.

It was a positive meeting despite some concerning news about the fiscal stress facing the Diocese. Bishop Tobin also announced that the Diocese of Providence is to launch a capital campaign next year to raise \$50 million. This campaign is to mark the 150th anniversary of the founding of our Diocese in 1872.

The two-year campaign, titled "*Grateful for God's Providence*" begins in January 2018 at parishes across the Diocese. The much needed campaign seeks to increase resources to stabilize, and also maintain, the viability of parish and diocesan funds. The rising costs of the care for elderly priests, seminary education for future priests, Catholic schools, and increasing social services for the poor are the main part of this effort.

Bishop Tobin announced that "*the faith and generosity of Catholics in this diocese continues to be remarkable. I am very confident that the campaign*

*will be successful, and I hope that every member of our church participates in this historic campaign."*

Guidance in Giving, a New York-based company that advises Catholic groups on fundraising, is advising the campaign. They have operated similar campaigns across the country including the recent, and very successful, campaign for over \$90 million in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ.

Without a doubt this is challenging news for every Catholic in Rhode Island who values their faith and their Church. But, it is also a unique opportunity to ensure a firm foundation for the future of the Church's ministry and mission for the next generation of Catholics.

I know that our forebears in the faith, those immigrant Catholics who helped found the Diocese of Providence in 1872, also faced many serious challenges. These included religious discrimination, limited resources and strong resistance to the Church's mission. Not much has changed in 150 years, but now its our opportunity to secure a future in faith. I do not know when the campaign begins at OLM, but I will most certainly keep you informed.

Please pray for Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes this week and during their upcoming retreat! Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!!





**Why does the priest kiss the altar?**

Every time we attend Mass, we observe everyone genuflecting toward the altar, but priests and deacons kiss the altar. They do so twice: at the end of the entrance procession and at the conclusion of Mass, before processing out. There are several meanings behind this kissing of the altar by the priest.

The priest kisses the altar in order to show reverence and honor for the altar of sacrifice which represents Christ himself. Because the altar is a sacred place where the miracle of the Eucharist occurs, when the priest or deacon kisses the altar, not only do they show reverence to the altar, but to the person of Christ as well.

Also, when the priest kisses the altar, he reverences the relics of the saint or martyr placed within the altar itself. The relics within the altar must be the first-class relics of saints. This is deeply rooted in ancient Christian tradition.

During the persecution in the first centuries of the Church history in Rome, the Mass had to be celebrated in secret in the underground. Because the Mass is celebrated in the underground, they chose to celebrate Mass on the stone slabs covering the tomb of a martyr to reverence the martyr and their heroic and ultimate sacrifice for the Lord. This is the reason why traditionally the altar has the shape of a tomb.

When the emperor Constantine legalized Christianity early in the fourth century, the celebration of the Mass moved from underground to above ground, from the catacombs to public buildings or churches. Although this transition occurred, the practice and tradition of venerating the martyrs was continued to be an important dimension of the Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal instructs that, "The practice of placing relics of Saints, even those not Martyrs, under the altar to be dedicated is fittingly retained. Care should be taken, however, to ensure the authenticity of such relics." (302)

In conclusion, when a priest kisses the altar, he is reverencing the person of Christ, which the altar represents, and is also, even if they are not present, continuing the ancient tradition of honoring the great and heroic sacrifice of the martyrs. Therefore, whenever we come into the Church, we should show reverence to God by genuflect or bow our head to the tabernacle where Jesus is present and to the altar where the relic of saints and Jesus present.

*If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to our Summer Seminarian, Hiep Nguyen at Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu*



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are lovingly donated in memory of Kathryn Piotrowicz. In your charity please remember her in your prayers.

# Weekly Collection



**July 2, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$9,570.00
EFT.....	\$1,469.50
<b>Total=\$11,039.50</b>	
Salesian Missions.....	\$4,666.00
Building & Grounds.....	\$1,878.50
Outreach .....	\$1,255.50

**July 9, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$10,504.50
EFT.....	\$1,707.50
<b>Total=\$12,212.00</b>	
Outreach.....	\$631.50

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.**



2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

2017 Parish Goal =\$193,864  
Pledged to date=\$252,798.00

Number of Donors=578  
% of Parish Goal=130%

Average Gift=\$437  
Total Raised in 2016=\$268,928

**Over Parish Goal! Thank You for Your Generous Support!**

**OLM Parish Office Summer Hours**

Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm

Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm

*Please plan accordingly.*



III-Francesco Bellocchi & Mary Elizabeth Kineke  
St. Joseph Church (Vacaville, CA) Our Lady of Mercy Church  
III-Kathryn Irene Conway & Anthony Samuel Gauthier  
Our Lady of Mercy Church St. Joseph Church (Washington, DC)



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **Marie Olivero and Linda Underhill** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week..

*May they rest in peace.*



Summer Camp for High School Boys  
July 30—August 2



All Catholic boys of high school age are invited to attend a *Quo Vadis* Days Camp to spend time with other young men

discovering their purpose in life while having fun. The camp will be held from July 30 – August 2 at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Quo Vadis Days Camp is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Office of Vocations. The camp includes reflections from priests and laymen, Mass with our bishop, an outdoor challenge course and other fun activities. For more information, please contact Father Christopher Murphy at (401) 331-1316 or email [FatherCJM@gmail.com](mailto:FatherCJM@gmail.com). To register online, please visit <http://qvdays.org/register/diocese-of-providence>.



•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of donated non-perishable food items especially during the Summer months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support. •For more information, contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



[masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org)  
MASS TIMES FOR TRAVEL



Register Today for RE Classes Next Year

•Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 year. **Registrations are now only done on-line** at: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/>

You may also access the link on the Parish Website: [www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org) and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. We accept children in Grades 1-8.

**Farewell Reception for  
Summer Seminarian  
Hiep Nguyen**

**Sunday, July 23, 2017  
Reception at Mercy Park  
following 10:30am Mass**



*Stop by to offer thanks and  
give good wishes to Hiep*



*Celebrating an  
Anniversary*

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

**Sunday, October 15, 2017**

**Mass at 1:00PM**

**Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul**

**Bishop Tobin**

**Celebrant & Homilist**

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration honoring couples of the Diocese of Providence who are observing 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2017 are invited. Join us for this celebration of marriage at Mass as we renew marriage vows. A reception for guests and family follows in the Cathedral Hall. If you are interest you must register via the OLM Parish Office **by September 8th** by calling 884-4968 or sending an email to [parish@olmparish.org](mailto:parish@olmparish.org)

