



THE CHURCH OF

# Our Lady of Mercy



Phone.....401-884-4968 Fax.....401-884-1415

Parish Email.....parish@olmparish.org

Parish Website.....www.olmparish.org

Sixty-Five Third Street ✕ East Greenwich, Rhode Island 02818

## The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 23, 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

## Our Lady of Mercy School

**Mr. Scott W. Fuller**

*School Principal*

55 Fourth Avenue

East Greenwich, RI 02818

School Phone .....401-884-1618

Email.....olmoffice@olmschool.org

Web.....www.olmschool.org

### 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

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

Friday.....8:00 am -12:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

Email: parish@olmparish.org

Phone: 401-884-4968

**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**

*Parish Trustees*

*Parish Founded 1853*



*Parish Incorporated 1867*



**PARISH DIRECTORY**

**PARISH OFFICE**

- Father Bernard A. Healey, *Pastor*.....884-4968  
 pastor@olmparish.org  
 Twitter: twitter.com/FatherHealey
- Father Joshua A. Barrow, *Associate Pastor*.....884-4968  
 associate@olmparish.org
- Deacon John W. Dowd, *Deacon Assistant*.....884-4968  
 deacon@olmparish.org
- Mr. David E. Cote, *Business Manager*.....884-4968  
 parish@olmparish.org
- Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, *Admin. Assistant*.....884-4968  
 parish@olmparish.org
- Mr. Paul E. Anderson, *Facilities Director*.....884-4968  
 parish@olmparish.org
- St. Patrick's Cemetery Office.....886-5296  
 parish@olmparish.org

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

- Mrs. Michele St. Jean (*Grades 1-5*).....884-1061  
 reled@olmparish.org
- Mr. Douglas E. Green (*Grades 6-8*).....884-4410  
 confirmation@olmparish.org

**OFFICE OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

- Mr. Michael LaChimia, *Coordinator*.....884-4968  
 mlachimia@olmschool.org

**OFFICE OF OUTREACH**

- Mr. Douglas E. Green, *Director*.....884-4410  
 outreach@olmparish.org

**MUSIC MINISTRY & CHOIRS**

- Mr. Henri M. St. Louis, *Music Director*.....884-4968  
 musicministry@olmparish.org
- Mrs. Deirdre A. Donovan, *Soloist*.....884-4968  
 musicministry@olmparish.org

**OLM SCHOOL**

- Main Office.....884-1618  
 olmoffice@olmschool.org
- Mrs. Carolyn C. MacCrae, *School Bookkeeper*..558-0051  
 cmaccrae@olmschool.org
- Little Saints & Scholars Program.....886-0742



**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 JULY 23, 2017**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**

*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 Pascarella—Memorial  
 10:30AM Marie Enander—7th Anniversary

**MONDAY, JULY 24**

*Weekday/St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest*  
 7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**

*St. James, Apostle*  
 7:30AM Deceased of Mottola & Delvicario Families-Mem.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

*St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
 7:30AM Martha & Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Special Intention

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Fernanda Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**

*St. Martha*  
 8:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance  
*Mass of Anticipation for The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—Memorial

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**

*The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Michael Alix—Memorial  
 10:30AM Deceased of Daly, Petrone, & Graingier Families





Dear Parishioners:

We say so long to our Summer Seminarian Hiep this weekend. After ten weeks, his time at OLM has come to an end! He leaves for a visit home to his family in Vietnam this week. He then returns to St. John Seminary in late August to begin his Second Year of Theology.

We are going to miss him here at OLM! Hiep has been a great help and a joyful presence in our parish. I thank him for his hard work and willingness to learn new things while he was with us. He is a fine young man, and without a doubt is going to be a terrific priest!

On Sunday following the 10:30am Mass please join us in saying *"Farewell and Thank You"* at a reception in Mercy Park. I hope you can stop by and say thank you and farewell to Hiep. May God bless him in his studies for the priesthood.

I ask you to please continue to pray for Hiep and his vocation to the priesthood. We need more seminarians such as Hiep here in our Diocese of Providence. Also please pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Encourage young men in our parish, and in your own family, to consider the priesthood. I am convinced that God continues to call men to serve His Church as priests but sometimes His call gets lost in the noise of our culture.

Our OLM Youth Activities Coordinator, Michael LaChimia, is also leaving us. Michael has also been teaching Religion at OLM School. He is beginning a Doctoral Program in Philosophy at the Catholic University of America in

Washington, DC. I thank him for his time serving our parish youth, and teaching in our parish school. We wish him well as he works towards his Ph.D.!

I am happy to announce that Ryan Cleary is to replace Michael as our new OLM Youth Activities Coordinator. He takes up this role in August and is to work closely with Fr. Barrow in reaching out to the youth of our parish. Ryan has also been hired as our new OLM Middle School Social Studies Teacher.

He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame where he also earned a Masters in Education. Ryan, his wife and daughter just moved to Rhode Island from Ohio. He has been teaching at Catholic Schools in Texas and Ohio for the last ten years. He is to also serve as the Director of OLM Athletics.

Last week you may have read some of the numerous news reports that Pope Francis had just issued a statement restricting the use of gluten-free communion hosts at Mass. Many headlines were in fact wrong and the stories are misleading about what actually happened.

A circular letter to all bishops was issued in early June by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. There's nothing new contained in it.

Pope Francis released the letter as a "reminder." Communion wafers and wine are no longer being exclusively made by Catholic religious communities, and so it is vital that bishops pay attention to what the Eucharistic materials are made from that they use.

The Letter also reminds bishops that: *"Hosts that are completely gluten-free are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. Low-gluten hosts (partially gluten-free) are valid matter, provided they contain a sufficient amount of gluten to obtain the confection of bread without the addition of foreign materials and without the use of procedures that would alter the nature of bread."*

Sacraments are valid when they are celebrated with valid matter (the things and/or persons central to the particular sacramental sign) and with valid form (the words and gestures particular to celebrating the sacrament). Water, for example, is valid matter for Baptism. Lemonade and Coca-Cola are not.

The Church's Eucharistic discipline requires that the hosts used for communion be made of only wheat. There are a number of low-gluten options available. Several of our OLM parishioners already receive these hosts regularly at Mass.

All this may strike the secular press, and even many Catholics, as a lot of fuss. But matter does matter. Jesus made it so, when *"on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread."* Each element of the Eucharist has a divinely-instituted purpose and meaning that cannot be replaced. Ignore the erroneous news stories about this issue.

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

## The Catholic Church in Vietnam



The first Vietnamese Catholics received the Gospel at the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century from Portuguese, Italian and French missionaries. Although the Catholic Church in Vietnam has gone through many persecutions, her faith thrives. The Vatican estimates the number of Vietnamese martyrs to be between 130,000 and 300,000 and 118 martyrs were canonized by Saint John Paul II and given a single feast day, Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions, celebrated on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Most Vietnamese martyrs were from the North of Vietnam where I am so blessed to have been born.

While only twelve percent of the Vietnamese population is Catholic, the faith is growing rapidly compared to other religions, with 26 dioceses (including three archdioceses), 2,348 parishes and 2,740 priests. Currently, the communist government does not like the Catholic Church for her strong influence on her people. But the more the communists try to oppress the Church the more young people want to become priests and religious sisters. There are thousands of religious sisters, brothers, and seminarians. Priests are trained in eight major seminaries with 400 to 500 hundred seminarians in each. Because there is not enough room at seminaries, often seminarians have to wait for admission even though they qualify and are accepted by their diocese.

The Catholic faith in Vietnam is very active. Many churches are being built and a great number of people convert to Catholicism each year. Each parish has a good number of devotional groups with at least two daily Masses per day. The question of what percentage of the Vietnamese Catholics attends Mass on the weekend is never asked because any one claiming to be Catholic would attend Mass. Masses are always packed. Young people attend CCD classes three times per week, year round, even though the government does not allow Catholics to study together. For example, when I attended CCD classes, I had to attend in different places each time to avoid the government. Besides praying together as a congregation, each evening, all members in the family gather together to pray the rosary before going to bed. The Vietnamese people believe that praying together keeps families together.

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

## Weekly Collection

**July 16, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$10,280.50
EFT.....	\$2,983.50
	<b>Total=\$13,264.00</b>
Outreach .....	\$2,917.50

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!*

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

### OLM Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm

Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm

*Please plan accordingly.*



### Confessions at OLM

Mondays: 6:00pm—6:45pm

Saturdays: 4:00pm—4:45pm

*Don't take a vacation from God's Mercy!*



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioner **Brian Steven Messier** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

*May he 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 This Fall**

●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*



**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)

**OUR LADY'S**



**ROSARY MAKERS**

**OLM Rosary Makers  
Monthly Workshop**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**

**10:00AM**

**OLM Cry Room**

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