



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 24, 2016

† **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

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.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Mass of Anticipation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Paul Lamoureux—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 24

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Fr. Fergus Healey, OFM—Memorial
 10:30AM Marie Enander—6th Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 25

St. James, Apostle
 7:30AM Deceased of the Mottola & Devicario Families—Mem.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Weekday
 7:30AM Fernanda Cabral—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Weekday
 7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Birthday Remembrance

FRIDAY, JULY 29

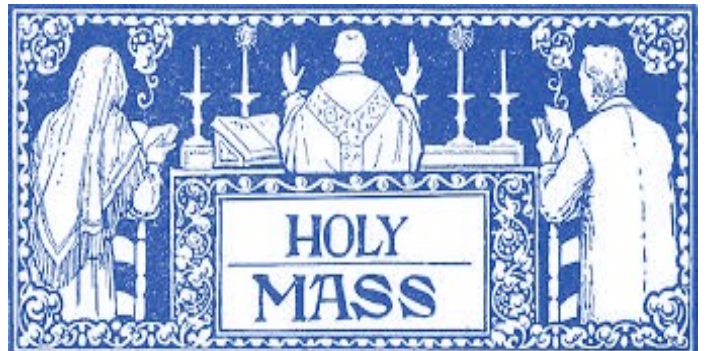
St. Martha
 7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Weekday; St. Peter Chysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; BVM
 8:30AM John Gardner, Jr. —Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Frank & Eleanor C. Gallogly—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 31

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Mark J. Gagnon—Memorial
 10:30AM Pauline Minuto—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

This weekend we welcome to Our Lady of Mercy Sister Josephine and Sister Therese of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary. The Sisters are speaking at all Masses about the important work they do in the Missions in Africa. This is our Annual Mission Co-op weekend in which we dedicate one weekend a year to learning about the good works of Missionaries and support them with our prayers as well as our financial contributions.

The Sisters are here to share with us the story of their religious community of the Holy Rosary and the many good works they do throughout the world. They are located in Africa, Mexico and Brazil and provide much needed education and healthcare to some of the poorest areas of our world. They also bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to these areas through their witness of the faith.

The Second Collection today is solely dedicated to supporting the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary. There is no envelope for the collection, but if you do strike a check please make it payable to OLM. The collection is counted here, and sent to the Diocese where it is then sent on to the Missionary Sisters. All the proceeds go directly to support the good works of these wonderful Missionary Sisters.

I thank you in advance for your warm welcome to Sister Josephine and Sister Therese. Also in their name, I thank you for your prayerful support of their

work, and for the Missions, as well as your generous financial support of the Second Collection. May God Bless the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary and their good works in the Missions!

Let us continue to pray for Missionaries across the globe but also let us recall we too are called to be Missionaries right here in East Greenwich. In fact in his talk on World Mission Sunday this year, Pope Francis suggests:

"All of us are invited to 'go out' as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord's love. She 'is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel' (and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old. "

Speaking of Missionaries, this week our OLM Parish Secretary, Sandra Demers and her daughter Simone, join a band of pilgrims from the Diocese of Providence going to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

A large part of the group is from St. Theresa's Church in Tiverton and so Fr. Shemek (formerly of OLM!) is leading the group that includes Deacon Brian Morris from OLM. Also attending is OLM Senior Altar Server Jack Kineke with his school group!

OLM is well represented at WYD!

World Youth Day will see hundreds of thousands of Catholic youth from across the globe. Pope Francis is to address the expected 2.5 million pilgrims in attendance! Prior to the World Youth Day the Providence Pilgrims are to visit Warsaw, Auschwitz and the birthplace of St. Pope John Paul the Great in Wadowice.

After the conclusion of World Youth Day, the Providence band of pilgrims are to make their way to the Jasna Gora Shrine which houses the Black Madonna icon so beloved by St. Pope John Paul.

Please pray for our pilgrims from Providence, and OLM, and also for the success of World Youth Day. It is sure to be a memorable event for all of them, and for the entire Church. Pope Francis told the pilgrims preparing for World Youth Day: *"Dear young people, at the Shrine in Krakow dedicated to the merciful Jesus, where he is depicted in the image venerated by the people of God, Jesus is waiting for you. "*

I am away this weekend officiating at the wedding of my niece at St. Peter's Church in Saratoga Springs, New York. Welcome Sisters Josephine and Therese! Thanks for your support for the Missions! Pray for World Youth Day! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!



Dear Billy: If God is light and in him there is no darkness why have some Saints experienced a dark night and a lack of God's presence?

As scripture says, "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Yet, saints, contemplatives, and mystics use expressions such as "dark night" to describe our spiritual conditions; this expression is not suggesting there is darkness in God, rather it is signifying that the light of the radiance of God is so brilliant, so overwhelming that the faculties of our mind and heart experience darkness when they come face to face with it.

Consequently, all the contemplative sense is in dark absence. An excellent example of this is St. John of the Cross; he uses the example of God being as bright as the sun. St. John says that attempting to stare at God face to face is like trying to look at the sun directly, and when that happens we are blinded by such overwhelming radiance.

Our faculties are much too small to contain God, and so they become overwhelmed at his approach. Mother Teresa is another great example; she was a Holy woman who loved God despite her not feeling the presence of God throughout many of her years of service. There is a book about her dark night entitled *I loved Jesus in the night* written by Fr. Paul Murray, who was one of her spiritual directors.

Even though she did not feel God's presence, she saw Jesus in everyone she served. Despite her lack of God's presence, she still had a strong faith and recognized that God was ever by her side. Our faith is not built upon feeling, but upon Christ, who died for us so that we may live. Her great faith in Christ led her to continue serving and loving Him.

Every act of love she performed for others was an act of love for her brothers in whom she saw Christ present. Dear family, if you experience any moment of darkness or do not experience the presence of God, please do not get discouraged, but remember that God is still present despite his silence. As St. Paul said, "Christ lives in me." Christ lives in you!

Weekly Collection

July 17, 2016

Weekly.....	\$11,845.50
EFT.....	\$1,576.50
	Total=\$13,422.00
Outreach.....	\$380.00

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: The Mission Co-op Collection for the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioner **Richard Lee** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

May he rest in peace.





• **Please register now for RE 2016-2017.** Forms are available in the OLM Parish Office, the OLM RE Office or online at the parish webpage (olmparish.org) . All OLM Parish Children Grade 1-8 should be registered for RE. **Thank you.** • **For more information about RE Grades 1-5 and First Communion Program,** contact Mickey St. Jean at 884-1061 or via email at reled@olmparish.org • **For more information about RE Grades 6-8 and Confirmation Program,** contact Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at confirmation@olmparish.org



• **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please deposit all donated food in the box in the Church vestibule. **Thank you for your support.** • **OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, August 4 at 4PM in Mercy House. All those suffering from grief, loneliness or isolation are invited to join us. **For more information,** contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy:

I offer you my deepest thanks for your many kindnesses to me in recent weeks. I received some of the kindest notes and most thoughtful gifts for which I am very grateful. Being assigned to Our Lady of Mercy was one of the great blessings of my life. The kindness of the people, your faith in God and love of His holy Church continues to inspire me daily. As I begin my studies in order to teach at St. John's Seminary, I will always recall fondly the faith and love of the people of OLM. Know of my prayers and please keep praying for me and my work in seminary formation.

With my warm regards and prayers,
Fr. Ryan W. Connors



New Address for July & August:

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New Address beginning in September 2016:

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**Annual Mission Co-op Appeal
July 23/24, 2016
Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary**



Sisters representing the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary will be with us at OLM on the weekend of July 23 and 24. The religious community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with women in Nigeria, West Africa. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa as well in Brazil and Mexico. They are a strictly missionary community with no institutions in the U.S.A. or Canada. All funds go directly to support their missionary work. The founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary, Bishop Joseph Shanahan, a Spiritan Priest from Tipperary, Ireland and Vicar Apostolic of Southern Nigeria, hoped to expand outreach to women in Nigeria. In February 1927, the first ten sisters made their profession as Holy Rosary Sisters. Five would continue to work on the mission of congregational growth and the formation of new members in Ireland; five would prepare to travel to Nigeria to initiate their mission. These five studied the Igbo language and

prepared to improve the livelihood of girls through a network of schools for teacher training, nursing, and technical instruction. They looked to Mary as a model for the



innate dignity of women. The Annual Mission Co-op Appeal provides support for the good works of the missions. Each year missionaries visit parishes of the Diocese of Providence to preach about their work and seek support. They look for spiritual support of the Catholics of Rhode Island through prayer and financial support with a special Second Collection. Thank you for your support.



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YOUTH DAY**
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PRAYER
WYD KRAKOW 2016

"God, merciful Father,
in your Son, Jesus Christ, you have revealed your love
and poured it out upon us in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,
We entrust to you today the destiny
of the world and of every man and woman".
We entrust to you in a special way
young people of every language, people and nation:
guide and protect them as they walk
the complex paths of the world today
and give them the grace to reap abundant fruits
from their experience of the Krakow World Youth Day.

Heavenly Father,
grant that we may bear witness to your mercy.
Teach us how to convey the faith to those in doubt,
hope to those who are discouraged,
love to those who feel indifferent,
forgiveness to those who have done wrong
and joy to those who are unhappy.
Allow the spark of merciful love
that you have enkindled within us
become a fire that can transform hearts
and renew the face of the earth.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us
Saint John Paul II, pray for us
Saint Faustina, pray for us