



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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† 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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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 29, 2018

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

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

Deacon John W. Dowd, *Parish Deacon*

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 JULY 29, 2018**

SATURDAY, JULY 28

The Mass of Anticipation for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Joseph Dolenc—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 29

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM John J. Corrigan—1st Anniversary
 10:30AM Marie Enander—8th Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 30

Weekday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Deceased of Del Vicaro & Mottola Families

TUESDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
 7:30AM John & Lorriane Sedlock—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Henry, Rose & Bill Berek —Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Weekday; St. Eusebius, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
 7:30AM Dorina Lincourt—Memorial

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Weekday
 7:30AM Decd. Members of Pundys & Dikinis Families

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

Weekday; BVM
 8:30AM Derek Parenteau—12th Anniversary
The Mass of Anticipation for 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Celestina, Felix & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

The Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Margaret M. "Peggy" McKnight—Memorial
 10:30AM Kathleen Souls—1st Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

This week I am in New York City attending the Annual Summer Meeting of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors. Each summer nearly forty State Catholic Conference Directors from across the nation gather for a few days to study and discuss the public policy issues facing the Church and our society. The meeting is held in a different location each summer and this year is the 50th Anniversary of the group.

It is a chance to learn from experts and discuss our own experiences advocating for the Catholic Church. It is always a helpful and constructive time to listen and learn about the many public policy issues facing us on both a state and national level.

Among the topics we are slated to discuss are immigration and refugee services, threats to religious liberty, restorative justice, physician assisted suicide, abortion, poverty, and election year activities. Experts in these areas present to our group, followed by very lively and helpful discussions

When we are not behind closed doors in a meeting room there is time to see the local sights and socialize with colleagues and their families. We are to celebrate Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan. Also, there are trips planned to the September 11th monument and museum, Ellis Island, and a visit to the Modern Museum of Art. I am planning a trip to Yankee Stadium as well!

I always look forward to this meeting as it is a time to

learn from the men and women who advocate on behalf of the Catholic Church in nearly every statehouse in the United States. Sometimes the work of advocating for the Church at the statehouse can be a lonely place and it is always encouraging to be with colleagues who face the same challenges.

They come from as far as Hawaii and Alaska, and as close as Massachusetts and Connecticut. It is a diverse group of people from various backgrounds, but each one committed to advancing the common good and promoting human dignity and the sanctity of human life. Please pray for us this week that it is a fruitful time for our work of advocacy and education.

Fr. Connors was on retreat at St. Benedict Abbey in Still River, Massachusetts last week. Priests are required to take a retreat each year. It is a time of spiritual renewal and a time to "*rest in the Lord.*"

At Masses last weekend, our very talented musicians, Henri St. Louis and Deirdre Donovan, played "*O Rest In The Lord.*" It is a delightful aria from the oratorio *Elijah* by the great composer Felix Mendelssohn.

"*O Rest in the Lord*" are the words of an angel, who speaks to Elijah after he has run into the wilderness for a whole day. In this scene Elijah lies under a tree exhausted. He asks the Lord to take his life, because his suffering is too much to bare. Then he falls asleep.

An angel appears twice, first to wake him and give him water and a loaf of bread. Elijah falls asleep again. The angel

appears for a second time to wake him again. This time the angel gives Elijah enough food so that he can survive for forty days in the wilderness. This aria refers to the second appearance of the angel. The angel is encouraging Elijah here, so that not only will he have enough food for his forty days of travelling in the wilderness, but that he will also have the spiritual strength to persevere in his suffering.

The lyrics of the piece are: "*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for him and he will give you your heart's desires...*" How true these words are for our lives as disciples. There is always a great need to rest from the busy and often chaotic pace of our modern lives in order to renew our relationship with the Lord and refresh our spiritual lives.

We don't have to go far to find a place to rest in the Lord. We only have to make the time to do it. Start right here at OLM with Daily Mass at 7:30am, spend some time praying the Rosary, stop by and visit the Lord truly present in the tabernacle here at OLM or any Catholic Church you find yourself near. But take the time to "*rest in the Lord, to wait patiently for Him and find your heart's desires!*"

We say "Farewell" to Patrick Ryan, our Summer Seminarian. Pray for him and for his perseverance in studying for the priesthood. Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!



What is the Steubenville East Conference?

Two weeks ago I had the pleasure of going with Fr. Barrow, Billy Burdier, and the parish youth group to the Steubenville East Conference in Lowell, MA. This was my first time attending the annual conference, which is hosted by Lifeteen, and is an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville. It was inspiring to see over 3,000 high school age kids from around the Northeast in attendance, along with dozens of priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians. The three days of talks, prayer, sacraments, and discussions made for a fun and empowering weekend for all involved.

The theme of this year's conference was "Revealed" based on Saint John's words in scripture, "In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him." – 1 John 4:9. Wise, talented speakers, gave talks about God's fatherly love for us, our identity as His children, and what all this means for living out our Christian faith. Many came away with a deeper appreciation for how positive and truly good our faith is, how greatly God loves us, and how Christ's suffering on the cross proves that love.

Particularly impressive at this conference was the celebration of the sacraments, which took place in the main arena on campus, called the Tsongas Center. Thousands of people gathered around the altar full of priests for Mass on both Saturday and Sunday, and hundreds lined up for confession during the many times when the priests made it available.

A high point of the weekend came with Eucharistic adoration on Saturday night during which Fr. John Parks, the host of the conference, carried our Lord in the monstrance throughout the packed arena amid songs of praise and worship. Fr. Parks reminded us that the same Jesus who walked on Earth some 2,000 years ago was present with us in the Eucharist that night. Many people showed reverence for the Lord and reached out to Him like those we read about in the Gospels who sought healing and an encounter with God.

The conference ended with Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston. At the close of Mass Fr. Parks called forward all the young men and women who think that God may be inviting them to become priests and religious sisters. The throngs of people who came forward at this call showed that God is working intimately in the lives of many young people today despite any discouraging news we may hear.

I am happy to have gone to this conference and would warmly recommend it to anyone eligible to attend next year. Please pray that the graces of this conference will continue to inspire those who attended to courageously and joyfully live out their faith in Christ and His Church.



PRIESTHOOD
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Weekly Collection

July 22, 2018

Weekly.....	\$10,236.00
EFT.....	\$1,683.00
Total=	\$11,919.00
Outreach.....	\$482.00

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.

Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

Second Collections **Next Week: Building & Grounds**



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **Paul Cienki** and **Evelyn Simon** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



OLM Summer Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:
8:00am—4:00pm
Fridays:
8am—12Noon



Register online today for the 2018-2019 Religious Education Year!

Go to the Parish website: www.olmparish.org Then to Faith Formation . Scroll down until you get to Religious Education for Children. The link to register is right underneath that heading.

Registration only during July after July 31st a late fee applies.



•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items especially in the summer months. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

•**OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:** **Thursday, August 2nd at 4pm** in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loneliness are invited to join us for support, prayer and discussion.

•**For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Farewell Reception for the Summer Seminarian



**Sunday, July 29, 2018
Following 10:30am Mass
at Mercy Park**

Join us in saying "Farewell and Thank You" to our Summer Seminarian Patrick Ryan!



The Men of St. Joseph meet next Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 7:00am in the OLM Rectory Meeting Room.

All adult men of OLM are invited to join us for discussion, prayer and fraternity as we seek to strengthen our spirituality and renew our Catholic Faith. For more information contact Deacon John Dowd at 884-4968 or via email at Deacon@olmparish.org



The OLM Youth Group gives Thanks & Gratitude to the OLM Parishioners who supported their pilgrimage to Steubenville East Youth Conference



Annual Back Pack Drive for the students of St. Patrick's

OLM Outreach is helping the children of St. Patrick's Parish and School with our Annual Back Pack Drive. We are collecting supplies on the weekends of July 28th/29th and August 4th/5th. Fully packed backpacks will delivered to St. Patrick's Church in Providence during the week of August 13th.

Supplies needed: #2 pencils, blue & black ink pens, 24 count crayons, 10 count markers (broad/wide), boxed thin markers (NO Sharpies), highlighters, boxed colored pencils, pink erasers, pencil top erasers, rulers, glue sticks, filler paper (college ruled), white index cards, composition books, packages of colored construction paper, kid's scissors, one-subject notebooks, 3-hole pocket folders.

All donated supplies can be placed in the collection container in the Church Vestibule or left at the OLM Outreach Office. Donations are welcomed and can be made by check payable to OLM Church, with "Backpack Drive" on the memo line, and placed in the collection basket at Mass.