



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 3, 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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Monday - Thursday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday8:00 am - Noon

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Parish Founded 1853



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Mass Intentions *for the Week*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 3, 2016

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Mass of Anticipation for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Armando & Katherine De Angelis—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 3

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00AM Thomas Brescia—4th Anniversary
10:30AM Raoul A. Roberts—1st Anniversary

MONDAY, JULY 4 —INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Weekday
8:30AM Michael Devlin—78th Anniversary

TUESDAY, JULY 5

Weekday/St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
7:30AM David Gardner—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Weekday/St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr
7:30AM Thomas Brescia—4th Anniversary

THURSDAY, JULY 7

Weekday
7:30AM The Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JULY 8

Weekday
7:30AM Harry Mariani—Memorial

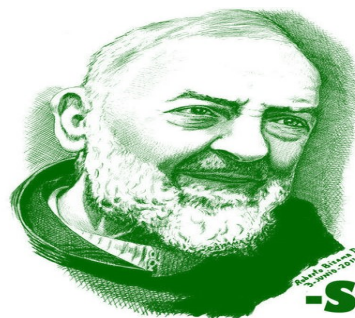
SATURDAY, JULY 9

Weekday; St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs; BVM
8:30AM Lorraine Creamer—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00PM Maria San Martino—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 10

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
9:00 AM Michael Passaretti—Memorial
10:30AM Douglas Hauser—Memorial



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.
-St. Padre Pio**

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Dear Parishioners:

Last Saturday at the Cathedral, Bishop Tobin ordained two young men, Fathers Nathan Ricci and Jorge Rocha as priests for service in our Diocese. While ordaining these fine young men as priests of Providence is truly a great blessing, we must be mindful that we are not ordaining as many priests as we need. It is a stark sign of our times that we don't ordain enough men to replace those priests who retire from active ministry and those who go to their eternal reward.

Please pray for more priestly vocations for our Diocese. Also, let us thank Bishop Tobin for sending us a wonderful young priest like Fr. Josh Barrow as our new Associate Pastor. Fr. Barrow begins his priestly ministry here at OLM this weekend. I am sure you will find him to be a fine young priest and give him your usual warm welcome.

On Monday we mark Independence Day in the United States. It is a day to celebrate with family, friends and fireworks! But more importantly it is a day to celebrate our freedom from the oppression of British despotism. We give God thanks for the blessings of our nation and for our freedom.

For some years now, the Catholic bishops here in the United States have wanted to focus our attention to the threats to religious freedom both at home and abroad. And so, beginning with the feast days of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More on June 22 and ending with

on the Fourth of July, we observe a "Fortnight of Freedom."

It is a two week period of prayer and petitioning our Lord to help us protect this most basic right, and the foundation of all other human rights, the right to religious freedom and the right to freedom of conscience.

If anyone thinks that religious freedom is not under assault in our world today, or that our concerns of our Church are a bit overwrought, I would remind you of the ongoing genocide against Christians in the Middle East. We have seen in the media images of Christians beheaded, crucified or burned alive in cages simply because they professed the Christian faith.

In the second decade of the 21st century, some 150,000 Christians are killed for their faith every year. These modern-day martyrs are victims of a despotism in its hardest and harshest form. Yet, in this country and in others, people of faith are being increasingly subjected to a soft despotism in which ridicule, ostracism, and denial of opportunities are being used to marginalize us.

A new religious intolerance is being established in our country. We see this when Christian pastors are stalked and threatened for being "Christian" pastors, when social scientists are expelled from universities for having turned up "politically incorrect" facts, when charitable organizations and religious schools are harassed if they take seriously their faith's moral

precepts.

We see this in the refusal of the Administration to accommodate Catholic groups like the Little Sisters of the Poor and others because of their conscientious objection to subsidizing immoral activities. The Federal Government has also refused to exempt religious groups from paying for elective abortions in their healthcare policies in the State of California.

Sometimes, we are told, "*Keep your religion to yourself.*" It is becoming almost the new conventional wisdom that religion is private and faith is something to be practiced in the privacy of one's home. Religious faith is indeed personal but it should never be "private." And professing a religious faith should not make anybody a second-class citizen or worse.

The right to religious liberty has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person. Religious freedom is the human right that guarantees all other rights — peace and harmonious living together is only possible if freedom of religion is fully respected here and abroad.

So celebrate this Independence Day with family, friends and fireworks, but also stop and pray for the protection of religious liberty too. Happy Fourth of July! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Billy: What does the title Messiah mean, and to whom was the title attributed to in the course of History? What type of Messiah was expected by the Jews?

The Messiah is Christ also known as Χρῖστος (Christos) which means anointed one. In the Old

Testament, there are different uses of Messiah. First, we have the kings, during the monarchy, the king is the “anointed one”. He is considered a divinely commissioned person, a representative of God. Second, we have the priest in the Old Testament. The priest is also referred to as the “anointed one”. It was the priest’s role to make the law of God known to the people. Third, we have the Prophets, and they were considered “anointed” we have many examples of this in Elijah, Elisha, and many others through whom the message and power of God was made tangible. They were also considered anointed. Fourth, we have the God acting through pagans, for instance, even Cyrus (the pagan king) is considered anointed because God uses Him to restore Israel. Over time there are different people having this title, but they’re all entrusted with the special role of helping to usher in the salvation of God’s people. With this development, over time, the Messiah also known as the (anointed one) comes to have an understanding of God’s plan for Israel’s future. Over the course of a long series of historical developments, the Messiah came to be the eschatological fulfilment of Nathan’s prophecy to David whereby his house and his kingdom would endure forever (cf. 2 Sam 7:12-16). As such, by the time of our Lord, Messiah was generally seen by the Jews as a political figure (that is, an earthly king) who would conquer all the enemies of Israel and establish an everlasting kingdom.

How did Jesus Christ alter the dominant understanding of Messiah? Jesus is the Messiah the anointed one, he who saves. Jesus Christ is the one who came and died for our sins and transgresses so that we do not have to live without him. Jesus, instead of rejecting the title of Messiah, He responds to questions of whether He is the Messiah in ways to correct the understanding of the title Messiah as applied to Him. He does this by referring to His future passion and death. That is, Jesus understands his role as Messiah to be fulfilled in suffering and dying as the Suffering Servant. Hence, Christ is trying to associate suffering and death with His Messiahship, thus distancing it from the political and prevailing understanding of His time that He was to be the king who would once and for all end the tyranny of the Roman Empire.

More to come.... Let us pray for one another.

Weekly Collection

June 26, 2016

Weekly.....	\$11,174.50
EFT.....	\$2,067.50
	Total=\$13,242.00
Outreach.....	\$374.50

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: Building & Grounds Collection



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of Our Lady of Mercy Parishioners **Robert Belanger and Jean Arruda** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.

May they rest in peace.

Monday, July 4, 2016
Independence Day Holiday

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.



●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! ●The OLM Bereavement Group meets this Thursday, July 7 at 4:00pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief, loss, loneliness or isolation are welcome to attend. For more information, contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at



Join us for our monthly meeting, Saturday, July 9th at 7:00am in the OLM Parish Office Meeting Room. Our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Josh Barrow, will join us. All adult men of OLM Parish are invited to join with us as we pray together, discuss Catholic spirituality and faith.

For more information, please contact Deacon John Dowd at 884-4968 or via email at deacon@olmparish.org

"The Men of St. Joseph is an association of OLM men, united in their Catholic Faith, who meet monthly to pray together, discuss the Catholic faith and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. The purpose of the Men of St. Joseph is to instill holiness in men and facilitate spiritual leadership in family and community life at Our Lady of Mercy Parish."



"IT'S THE DUTY OF EVERYONE TO DEFEND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND PROMOTE IT FOR ALL PEOPLE."

POPE FRANCIS



Welcome Our New
Associate Pastor
to Our Lady of Mercy Parish



Father Joshua A. Barrow



CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Supporting the work of the Church

2016 OLM Parish Goal = \$193,864

Pledged to date: \$262,798.00

Number of donors:578

Average Gift=\$454

135% of Goal

**Only 27% of parishioners
participating to date!**

***Thanks for Your
Generous Support!!!***

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!