



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 31, 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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 2016

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Mass of Anticipation for the 18h Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Frank & Eleanor Gallogly—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 31

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Ligouri, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 7:30AM Special intention

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Weekday
 7:30AM Henry, Rose & Bill Berek—Memorial

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

St. John Vianney, Priest
 7:30AM Derek Parenteau—10th Anniversary

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Weekday/ The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
 7:30AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

The Transfiguration of the Lord
 8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM Felix, Celestina & Irene Giorgio—Memorial

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Christopher Angelo—Birthday Remembrance
 10:30AM Raymond, Vivian Ericson & Hugh McGraw—Mem.





Dear Parishioners:

I thank you for your warm welcome last weekend to the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary. It is important for us to support the Missions and truly realize that our Catholic Church is so large and universal. Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ across the four corners of the earth is the work of every Catholic no matter where they live. Thanks again for your tremendous spiritual and financial support.

This week is the last week of service for our Summer Seminarian, Billy Burdier. It's hard to believe that he's been with us for eight weeks already. He has been a true joy to live and work with here at OLM. I hope you've been able to meet him and speak with him. Without a doubt, he will make a fine priest for our Diocese. After a couple of weeks of vacation with his family, Billy is headed back to Rome to continue his priestly formation and theological studies.

Billy is to be at all the Masses next weekend so you have a chance to say farewell to him. I encourage to join us for a "Farewell Reception" for Billy in Mercy Park immediately following the 10:30AM Mass. It is to be a time to thank him for his hard work with us at OLM and also to wish him well as he returns to seminary. May God continue to bless him in his studies and lead him to priestly ordination!

It's hard to believe that the summer is moving along so quickly as August arrives this

week! How has your summer gone so far? Did you take any time to relax and rest? If you haven't made time to enjoy the weather at the beach, by the pool or even in your backyard, you've got the next few weeks to do so!

Believe it or not, simply taking time to rest is a great way to practice your faith. On the seventh day of Creation, God rested; and as we are made in His image and likeness we too are called to take time to rest. Pope Francis has said: *"Together with a culture of work, there must be a culture of leisure as gratification. To put it another way: people who work must take the time to relax, to be with their families, to enjoy themselves, read, listen to music, play a sport."* Rest is a way to be more human, more of who God made us to be. So enjoy your rest – it is a gift from God!

If you're traveling, it can be difficult to find a Catholic Church nearby – but certainly not impossible. Check MassTimes.org before you leave for a vacation to find Mass times at a nearby church so you can participate in Sunday Mass. Vacations are a wonderful way to step out of your daily routine to get some rest, have an adventure, and spend quality time with your family. But that doesn't mean you should take a vacation from your faith.

Beginning your trip with a prayer sets the right tone and starts you off on the right foot. Say a quick prayer for protection and for a fruitful, restful vacation as you start off. Here is a nice quick prayer to say right as you

pull out of the driveway:

"O Lady of the Highway, be with us on our journey, for all your ways are beautiful and all your paths are peace. O God, Who with unspeakable providence does rule and govern the world, grant unto us, Your servants, through the intercessions of our watchful mother, to be protected from all danger and brought safely to the end of our journey. Amen."

I received a phone call from Bishop Tobin last week thanking Our Lady of Mercy Parish for your tremendous generosity to the Catholic Charity Appeal. For the first time in many years, the CCA went over its goal of \$8 Million and Bishop Tobin was very grateful for the response from OLM that helped in going over the Diocesan Goal.

We raised over \$267,000 here at OLM, well over our goal of \$193,000 and even over last year's total of \$244,000 at OLM. It is a great witness to your love of the poor and your generosity in supporting the good works of the Church of Providence. Thank you for all your support of the CCA!

I am away this weekend in San Antonio, Texas for the Summer Meeting of the National Association of State Catholic Conference Directors. I'm looking forward to those cool Texas temperatures! Remember the Alamo!! Be well. Do Good. God Bless. Go Sox!

Father Healey



Dear Billy: How do the sacraments influence my spirituality? Can I just pray to God and be fine?

Pope Leo the Great said, "The love and power of the risen Christ have flowed into the sacraments." The sacraments are the love and power of Christ coming to us in a physical, immediate and particular way. What is spirituality? Spirituality is living the faith that we believe; we live our faith daily with the sacraments.

Christ continues to speak, preach, heal and give of himself in love through the sacraments. The gift of God's word and sacraments are a necessary aid for our spirituality and they aid our prayer life. The sacraments are enablers. They enable us to achieve things we would not be able to achieve through our own power such as forgiveness, genuine friendship, constancy in love, praying for our enemies etc.

Just as we combine our life of prayer with other tools like reading Sacred Scripture, the rosary, Eucharistic adoration, and spiritual books, so it is with the sacraments; they are powerful tools that aid us on our journey towards God, towards salvation. Christ gives us his sacraments as an aid for us to have the ability and possibility to come closer to him. Through the sacraments Christ also comes closer to us. The sacraments are all means by which we benefit and draw near to God.

To express how the sacraments influence our spirituality, I will focus on the Eucharist. The supernatural mystery of Christ in the Eucharist is the great gift by which he becomes truly present under the appearance of bread and wine. The real presence of Christ cannot be detected by our natural senses, but by faith. Like the other sacraments, Communion is really and truly a personal encounter with Christ.

In the Eucharist, Christ sees and loves each of us individually. The entire substance of bread is miraculously converted to the whole substantial body of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine. We need both prayer and the sacraments; they are God's great gift to us. Please be assured of my prayers for you .

Weekly Collection

July 24, 2016

Weekly.....	\$ 9,012.50
EFT.....	\$2,334.50
	Total=\$11,347.00
Outreach.....	\$150.00
Mission Co-Op.....	\$6,208.00

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.

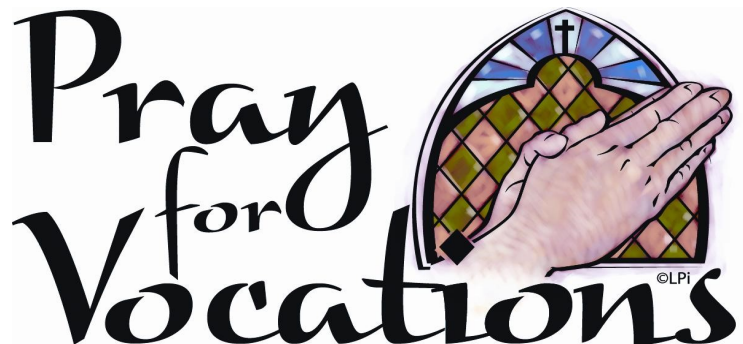
Please remember Our Lady of Mercy Church in your will or estate.

SECOND COLLECTIONS
Next Week: Building & Grounds Collection



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

May she rest in peace.





Religious Education NEWS

● **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

● **Attention all 8th Graders** (Catholic, Private or Public School) please register for Confirmation Class ASAP.

● **For more information about RE Grades 6-8 and Confirmation Program,** contact Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at confirmation@olmparish.org

Farewell Seminarian Billy Burdier



**Join us for a "Farewell Reception"
Sunday, August 7th
Following 10:30AM Mass**



Outreach Update

● **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.*

● **The OLM Bereavement Group** meets on Thursday, August 4 at 4pm. All those experiencing a loss, grief or loneliness are invited to attend.

● **For more information,** contact OLM Outreach Director Doug Green at 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org




New Address for July & August:

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors
St. John's Seminary
127 Lake Street
Brighton MA 02135

New Address beginning in September 2016:

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors
Casa Santa Maria
Piazza della Pilotta, 100187 Rome ITALY

OLM Prayer Chain



Our Lady of Mercy Parish invites you to join our active Prayer Chain. The power of pray is tremendous and many successful results have been reported back. Anyone wishing to join the Prayer Chain as a caller, or simply as one who prays for others and their intentions, please call Mary Hart at 884-5629 or email at 2hart@cox.net. ***If you know someone in need of prayers due to illness, infirmity, surgery, hospitalization or any serious reason please call us!***

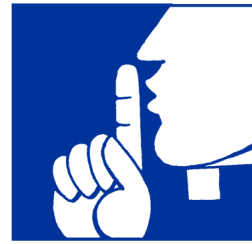


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Silence



Periods of silence are employed throughout the liturgy to enhance our sense of reverence and to help us focus our attention.

Brief silence follows the presider's, "Let us pray," in order that each member of the assembly might focus on personal or communal needs before the prayer is spoken in the name of all.

Periods of silence are observed during the Liturgy of the Word to show reverence for the Scriptures, to invite all to be attentive, and to give people time to digest what they have heard.

Silence is observed after communion in order that all might reflect on the profound significance of becoming one body by participating in the one bread which is Christ.



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