



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

Holiday Masses.....7:30 AM & 7:00 PM

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The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 8, 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

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

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

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 8, 2018

SATURDAY, JULY 7

The Mass of Anticipation for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM William J. & Margaret Ahern—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 8

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Thomas J. Brescia—6th Anniversary
 10:30AM Michael D'Amra—Memorial

MONDAY, JULY 9

Weekday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
 7:30AM Brain Messier (1st Ann.) & R.G. Peter—Bday. Rmb.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Weekday
 7:30AM Josephine DiStefano—10th Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict, Abbot
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Weekday;
 7:30AM Jean Ingraham—1st Anniversary

FRIDAY, JULY 13

Weekday; St. Henry
 7:30AM Derek Parenteau—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, JULY 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
 8:30AM Edward Joseph Quinton III—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation for 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 5:00PM James & Mary Winsper—Memorial

SUNDAY, JULY 15

The Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
 9:00 AM Stanley Berek—Memorial
 10:30AM Eda Pascarella—Memorial





Dear Parishioners:

I hope you were able to celebrate the Fourth of July! It is always a great day to gather with family and friends for a cookout or watch the fireworks. I was with my family at my sister's home in Saratoga, New York for the holiday. We had a great day celebrating our national independence!

Of course, the Fourth of July is truly a day for us to reflect upon our freedoms. We enjoy many freedoms here in our land that others across the globe do not. Freedom and liberty can easily be taken for granted, so let us remember to give thanks to God for our freedom and never take for granted the liberty we enjoy.

Last week I read an article from NBC News that examined the state of politics in Rhode Island. Its premise was that the Ocean State is the last bastion for elected Democrats who are pro-life. It also examined the effort by the so-called "progressives" to oust pro-life state representatives and senators from office.

The central issue for these "progressives" is abortion. Progress for them is expanding abortion on demand and funding it with taxpayer dollars. The article states: *"Rhode Island received an 'F' grade from NARAL Pro-Choice America in 2016 and has a General Assembly run almost entirely by Right to Life-backed Democrats."*

It's perhaps the only time an "F" is a good grade! Yet we must remain vigilant in the face of renewed efforts to expand abortion and oust pro-life politicians. These efforts are well

organized and well funded by national groups.

The article also suggests that the Catholic Church has too much influence in curtailing abortion legislation. Yet a recent Gallup National Poll determined that Americans (48%) still believe abortion (the direct killing of an unborn baby) is morally wrong, while 43 percent believe it is morally acceptable.

Perhaps it is the case that many people, including elected officials, believe that abortion is morally wrong. If the Church has had some influence it may be in helping people, including politicians, understand that all human life is sacred and should be protected and respected in law.

The reason abortion seems to dominate the headlines is because of the pro-abortion lobby's relentless pursuit of its agenda. Under the guise of "women's issues", Planned Parenthood and the National Organization of Women are tireless in trying to expand abortion in RI. They, and their elected allies in the General Assembly, continue to seek the public financing of abortion and advance the passage of radical abortion legislation.

We know that Catholic teaching on the respect for human dignity, and sanctity of human life, is not limited to abortion. In fact, it proclaims that all human life is sacred and that the dignity of every human person is the foundation of a moral vision for our society. This fundamental belief guides our advocacy on behalf of human life and human dignity.

Our social teaching calls us to vigilantly advocate for the

rights of not only the unborn, but also for family life, for immigrants and refugees, for the dying and terminally ill, for the elderly and the poor and on behalf of justice and peace.

In Ireland they recently changed the Irish Constitution and legalized abortion. Now the Prime Minister has announced that Catholic hospitals must be required to perform abortions. And no exemption from this grave moral evil is possible.

This situation in Ireland is precisely why we remain vigilant in advocating for the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the human person. Secular governments and radical activists are not simply vigilant in advancing their agenda but they are in fact relentless!

So as we remember the freedoms we enjoy in the USA, let us also remember we are called to be faithful citizens. Each one of us has a duty and obligation to be civically engaged, but also to proclaim our Catholic faith in the public square, and advocate for life and dignity.

The abortion lobby gave RI an "F" but we must remain relentless in our public advocacy as Catholics. As the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said: *"A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it."*

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



What is natural law?

When Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident...” he demonstrated our founding fathers’ belief that the morality of certain principles, and actions, is knowable to all. As we celebrate our many freedoms this Fourth of July we recognize that many people elsewhere in the world are not so fortunate, and many do not even recognize the same moral laws as us. But such differences do not point to a “moral relativism” in which nothing is really right or wrong in itself, but is only perceived as such by the people. Instead, we as Christians hold that actions are definitively right or wrong based on whether they measure up with the will of God, who is consistent and unchanging as the fullness of all being, goodness, and truth.

We assert that there is a divine moral law that all people must adhere to in order to live justly and well, and to make it back to God. This law is written into the workings of creation because God creates all beings and upholds the universe, designing and ordering all things such that they reflect His wisdom, and point back to Him. That the world itself, including our God-given minds and intellect, should lead us to believe in God, to know Him, and to know what is morally right and wrong suggests that anyone can come to know and follow the divine law. It is written into nature and so we also call it “natural law”. But we are also a fallen people and so our capacity for moral judgment can be easily clouded. Amid confusing circumstances we can easily see good things as bad or vice versa. Fortunately God helps us by revealing His will in the Ten Commandments, the teachings of Christ, and Church doctrine. We should follow these precepts and we can even use them to determine right and wrong in more ambiguous cases and in establishing civil laws.

In his Letter from Birmingham Jail Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. writes, “A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God...an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts the human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust.” By “personality” MLK here means the design of the human person envisioned and created by God. We should always be able to look towards God, to His law, and to the designedness of things to know what is good and what will lead us to the manner of being for which we were made and in which we will thrive.

We thank God for our freedom here in the USA, and we ask Him to always reveal to us what will lead us to the fulfillment of our nature, to a just and peaceful world, and ultimately to union with Him.

If you have a question for the Seminarian, please email it to: pryan13@friars.providence.edu

Weekly Collection

Collection results are unavailable due to the Fourth of July Holiday print deadline.

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



2018 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

2018 Parish Goal=\$209,857
Pledged to date=\$198,857
Total Number of Donors=505
Average Gift=\$415
% of Parish Goal=108%
% of Parish Participation= 24%

Thanks to Your Generous Support OLM Parish is over goal! Thank You!!!!



OLM Summer Office Hours

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

Confession at OLM During the Summer



Mondays 6:00PM—6:45PM
Saturdays 4:00PM—4:45PM



Religious Education NEWS

**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 June and July,
after July 31st late fee applies.**



Outreach Update

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

•**OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:**
Thursday, July 19th 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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the
family of **Marie Brusci** whose Mass of
Christian Burial was celebrated at OLM last
week.



**QUO VADIS
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JULY 29 - AUGUST 1

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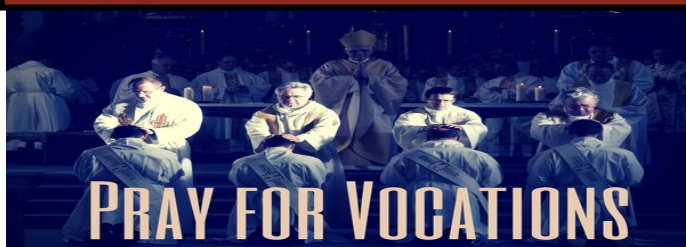


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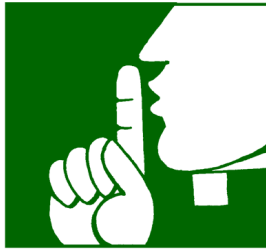
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QUO VADIS IS THE LATIN PHRASE FOR, "WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?" LEGEND TELLS US THAT ST. PETER ASKED JESUS THIS
QUESTION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ROME. WE KNOW WHERE
JESUS WENT IN RESPONSE TO HIS FATHER'S WILL. WHERE IS
GOD CALLING YOU TO GO?



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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We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer this program to all of our parishioners.

It's simple: just log on to the Our Lady of Mercy website (www.olmparish.org) and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions. **It's secure:** Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available.

It's Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

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