



THE CHURCH OF

# Our Lady of Mercy



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## The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ July 9, 2017

### † 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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### 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.....8:00 am -12:00 pm

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

**Deacon John W. Dowd, Parish Deacon**

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**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 JULY 9, 2017**

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

*The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Thomas J. Brescia—5th Anniversary  
 10:30AM Armando & Katherine De Angelis—Memorial

**MONDAY, JULY 10**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Fr. Charles B. McDermott—Memorial

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**

*St. Benedict, Abbott*  
 7:30AM Beatrice Jutras—Birthday Remembrance

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Josephine Di Stefano—9th Anniversary

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**

*St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Edward & Dolly Healey—Memorial

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**

*St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 8:30AM John Bosco Rhee—Memorial

*Mass of Anticipation for The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM James & Mary Winsper—Memorial

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**

*The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Stanley Berek—Birthday Remembrance  
 10:30AM Robert Dumouchel—6th Anniversary





Dear Parishioners:

I hope you had a great celebration of the Fourth of July! It's always a great day to celebrate with family and friends with a cookout. I celebrated with my family at my sister's home in Saratoga, New York. It was a great time with my brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and even the little grand nieces! Good food and good fun was had by all.

Of course, the Fourth of July is more than the cookouts and fireworks. It is a celebration of the freedoms we enjoy and sometimes take for granted. It's a day to remember the blessings we have received in our nation. It is also a time to give thanks to the many men and women who have sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and those who continue to protect and serve us.

On July 4, 1837, John Adams spoke about the meaning of Independence Day at a celebration in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He stated:

*"Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day, the Fourth of July? Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"*

His words continue to ring just as true for us as

Americans in the 21st Century.

We celebrate our nation's birth under God. Our freedom as citizens of this nation must be tied to our faith as Catholics. The two cannot be disconnected if we are truly to be both dutiful citizens and faithful disciples.

Religious freedom is a fundamental right we celebrate as Americans. It means that the government cannot coerce people into acting against their consciences. This is important for all people, not just people of faith. A government that makes one group choose obedience to the state over obedience to faith and conscience can force any group to submit to the state's demands.

Religious freedom underlies all other freedoms for everyone. People of faith need religious freedom to have the space to serve others. Oftentimes, religious liberty disputes arise when religious organizations are expected to sacrifice aspects of their faith in order to continue to serve the surrounding community. But it is our faith that inspires us to serve. After the federal and state government, the Catholic Church is the second largest provider of social and charitable services in Rhode Island and in the United States.

Challenges to our religious freedom often comes from a mistaken view of religion, a view that sees religion as good only if it conforms to every value that happens to prevail today. However, the good that religious institutions do is inseparable from the parts that challenge prevailing norms.

Religious convictions

must stand, in and out of season. When faith groups or people of faith violate their consciences, they undermine the whole mission of their ministry. People of faith and faith-based organizations must be free to make contributions to the common good of our society.

As we continue to enjoy this summer season, let us reflect on what it means to be an American Catholic in the 21st Century. The U.S. Bishops in their recent Statement on Religious Liberty have provided an excellent reflection for us. They state:

*"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens.*

*To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together."*

Enjoy the summer!!!  
Enjoy your freedom! Do good.  
Be well. God Bless. Go Sox!!

*Father Healey*





### Why does the priest wash his hands before the Eucharistic Prayer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, No. 76, states that, “then the Priest washes his hands at the side of the altar, a rite in which the desire for interior purification finds expression.” This comes at the end of the various movements during the preparation of the Altar and the Gifts. The server pours a good quantity of water on both the fingers and the hands of the presider, who then uses a towel to dry his fingers and hands fully, while inaudibly praying, “Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.”

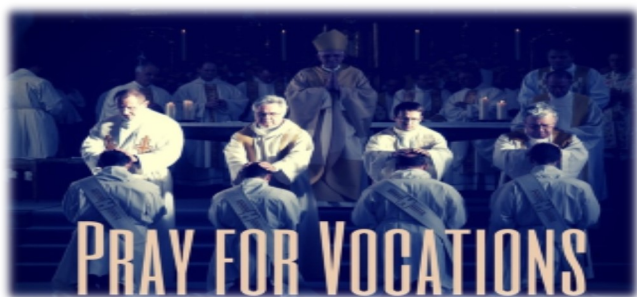
Washing the hands of the priest contains both practical and theological meaning. Historically, this hand washing served the same purpose that our own hand washing does today. We wash before meals because hands are often dirty and should be washed, particularly before preparing a meal or eating. As time evolved, this took on a theological meaning, as it was applied to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Also, Washing of the Hands symbolizes being cleansed from sin before offering the sacrifice; just as in Old Testament the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron and his sons to wash their hands and feet before approaching the altar to minister or to offer an oblation to the Lord. The Lord says, “They must wash their hands and feet, lest they die. This shall be a perpetual statute for him and his descendants throughout their generations.” (Exodus 30:19-21, 40:32) In the early days of the Church, these offerings people brought to the altar likely included things such as vegetables, fruits and perhaps animals. After handling the various offerings, washing hands was necessary for the priest whose hands would, in due course, touch the Body of Christ.

The Church also teaches that washing hands is meant as an act of humility and an acknowledgement of the extreme sanctity and respect that should be afforded to God, who humbles Himself so much as to become our very food. The priest’s prayer during the washing is about the interior dimension of the priest; so that he may be purified. The prayer also confirms this desire that he may be cleansed from his sin and freed from iniquity.

As the priest purifies himself to consecrate Holy Eucharist worthily, we too should all make a similar internal gesture of purification of our mind and our heart to worthy ourselves to receive Holy Communion.

**If you have a question about the Catholic Faith, email your questions directly to our Summer Seminarian, Hiep Nguyen at [Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu](mailto:Hiep.Nguyen@sjs.edu)**



## Weekly Collection

**July 2, 2017**

### Due to the Holiday Print Deadline, Collection Results are Unavailable.

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.**



**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

**2017 Parish Goal = \$193,864  
Pledged to date = \$248,398.00**

**Number of Donors = 569  
% of Parish Goal = 128%**

**Average Gift = \$436  
Total Raised in 2016 = \$268,928**

**Over Parish Goal! Thank You for Your Generous Support!**

### OLM Parish Office Summer Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8:00am—4:00pm

Fridays: 8:00am—12:00pm

*Please plan accordingly.*



II-Francisco Bellocci & Mary Elizabeth Kineke  
St. Joseph Church (Vacaville, CA)      Our Lady of Mercy Church

II-Kathryn Irene Conway & Anthony Samuel Gauthier  
Our Lady of Mercy Church      St. Joseph Church (Washington, DC)



We offer our prayers and condolences to the families of OLM Parishioners **Florence Hill and Antoinette King** who have died.

*May they rest in peace.*



Summer Camp for High School Boys  
July 30—August 2



All Catholic boys of high school age are invited to attend a *Quo Vadis* Days Camp to spend time with other young men

discovering their purpose in life while having fun. The camp will be held from July 30 – August 2 at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. Quo Vadis Days Camp is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Office of Vocations. The camp includes reflections from priests and laymen, Mass with our bishop, an outdoor challenge course and other fun activities. For more information, please contact Father Christopher Murphy at (401) 331-1316 or email [FatherCJM@gmail.com](mailto:FatherCJM@gmail.com). To register online, please visit <http://qvdays.org/register/diocese-of-providence>.

**Outreach Update**

- OLM Food Pantry** is in need of donated non-perishable food items especially during the Summer months. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support. •For more information, contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

**Religious Education NEWS**

**Register Today for RE Classes Next Year**

- Registrations are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 year. **Registrations are now only done online** at: <https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2592082/> You may also access the link on the Parish Website: [www.olmparish.org](http://www.olmparish.org) and go to Faith Formation and then Religious Education for Children. We accept children in Grades 1-8.



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## Tabernacle



**T**he tabernacle is the safe in which consecrated bread left over from Mass is reserved—primarily for the purpose of being brought to the sick.

Each community has but one tabernacle located either in a separate chapel or some other area sufficiently separate from the altar to make quite clear the distinction between the reserved sacrament and the action of the consecration.

A tabernacle must be solid, unbreakable, and opaque; and it must have a secure lock.

An oil lamp or a protected candle is to burn near it at all times.

Though consecrated wine is not ordinarily reserved in the tabernacle, it may be if there are sick in the community who are unable to take communion under the form of bread but are able to take it under the form of wine.



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# Parish Giving

**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](http://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. **Tax benefits:** You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

**Parish benefits:** Stable monthly contributions and significant reduction of parish administrative costs. **To get started log on to:** <http://www.olmparish.org> and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps.

**SUPPORT YOUR HOME PARISH WHILE AWAY ON VACATION OR AT THE SUMMER HOUSE!**



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