



THE CHURCH OF
Our Lady of Mercy



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent* ✠ *March 13, 2016

† **MASS SCHEDULE** †

Weekend

Saturday Mass of Anticipation.....4:00 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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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Mondays at 6:00 PM or by appointment.

Saturdays at 3:00 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 - Friday8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mrs. Sandra A. Demers, Parish Secretary

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, S.T.L., J.C.L., *Pastor*

The Reverend Ryan W. Connors, S.T.L., *Associate Pastor*

Deacon John W. Dowd, *Parish Deacon*

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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

The Mass Anticipation for the 5th Sunday of Lent
 4:00PM W. Barbara O'Hara—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00AM Edward (1st Ann.) & Mary (27th Ann.) Mullaney
 10:30AM Michael Vitucci—3rd Anniversary
 5:00PM Queenie Colgan—18th Anniversary

MONDAY, MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday
 7:30 AM Fr. Lionel A. Blain—Memorial
 12:05PM Patricia F. Normandin—Memorial

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Lenten Weekday
 7:30 AM Ross Callagy—Memorial
 12:05PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory
 12:05PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick, Bishop & Apostle of Ireland
 7:30AM Deceased Members of McGinley & Kiernan Families
 12:05PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday
 7:30AM Dr. Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial
 12:05PM Henry Mariani—Memorial

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30AM James Potter—Memorial
The Mass of Anticipation of the Passion of the Lord
 4:00PM Mary Gianardi—3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy
 9:00 AM Phyllis & Guy DiRaffaele—Memorial
 10:30AM Bethany Briggs—Memorial
 5:00PM Mary Cardillo—1st Anniversary



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



Dear Parishioners:

Pope Francis spoke last week, prior to the Worldwide Day of Confessions for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, and stated: *"Let us put back at the center – and not only in this Jubilee Year! – the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a true space of the Spirit in which all, confessors and penitents, can experience the only definitive and faithful love, that of God for each of His children, a love that never disappoints."*

Last Saturday's All Day Confession at OLM was certainly not disappointing. Fourteen priests heard confessions consistently throughout the day, of hundreds of people. It was a true celebration of God's love, forgiveness and mercy found in the humble confession of sins against God and neighbor.

Many people returned to the Sacrament of Confession after decades away from the Church. In speaking about Confession, Pope Francis went on to say: *"We must certainly not water down the demands of the Gospel, but we cannot risk frustrating the desire of the sinner to be reconciled with the Father. For what the Father awaits more than anything is for his sons and daughters to return home."*

If you have not yet been able to get to Confession during this Lenten Season, there are still ample opportunities here at OLM. Confession is offered every day of the week, except Sunday, and twice on Monday. So please come home again to the Sacrament of love and mercy!

In a very special way we celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Saturday and next Saturday. Our First Communion Classes make their First Confessions and receive God's love and mercy sacramentally for the very first time in their young lives. It is truly an occasion of faith for them, their families and also for our parish family. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

Fr. Joe Upton did a superb job preaching our Parish Lenten Mission. His message was profoundly challenging and gives us much food for thought. I hope you enjoyed our time on Mission and were able to make the Mission with your family. I thank all those who came out in such good numbers throughout the Mission. In your name, I offer my gratitude and thanks to Fr. Upton for taking the time from his very busy schedule to lead OLM on Mission.

There are still more great events happening here at OLM; this week we celebrate Glorious St. Patrick and Good St. Joseph. These two big Feast Days for the Irish and the Italians are also big feasts for all the Church. So plan on attending the festivities here at OLM.

Join us for the St. Patrick's Day Mass on Thursday at 12:05pm. Bishop Evans is to celebrate the Mass and Fr. Bernie O'Reilly, a native son of County Cavan, Ireland, is our homilist. It is to be a grand celebration

complete with Irish hymns and readings in the Irish language. A reception follows the Mass with Irish cookies and coffee. *Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh!*

Also, next Saturday we mark the Feast of St. Joseph with Mass celebrated by Bishop Evans in Italian. Our homilist is Monsignor Albert Kenney, the Vicar-General of the Diocese. Not to worry! Monsignor studied in Rome, speaks fluent Italian and his wonderful Mother's maiden name is Spinale!

Our St. Joseph's Day celebration takes place on Saturday, March 19th at the 8:30AM Mass complete with Italian hymns. A reception of zeppoles and coffee follows Mass. *Bouna Festa di San Giuseppe!*

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin Holy Week! Palm is to be blessed at all Masses and the Holy Week Schedule is in this week's bulletin. Also, we take up the Rice Bowl Collection next week so please be prepared to make your returns. I ask you to please write a check and not return coins as that makes it easier for our counters on Monday morning. Thank you for your generous support.

Yes, Lent is ending but continue to pray, fast and give alms. Empty your Rice Bowls for the Collection next weekend! Be well. Do Good. God Bless.

Father Healey



Dear Fr. Connors:
Dear Fr. Connors: What is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?

In the fifth century St. Augustine explained: The Lord “gave us the same flesh to be eaten until salvation. But no one eats that flesh unless first he adores it...and not only do we not sin by adoring, we do sin by not adoring.”

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is the venerable practice of the Church in which the Eucharistic Lord is exposed for people to adore. A host consecrated at Mass is exposed in a monstrance—a gold container which allows the Eucharist to be seen—and placed on the altar. During this period of exposition, the Catholic people come to adore the Lord, to speak to Him as they would a friend.

At the conclusion of this period of adoration, it is customary to celebrate Benediction. Benediction involved the blessing of the people with the Eucharist. Most often Latin hymns written by St. Thomas Aquinas in the 13th century as well as other ancient prayers are recited giving praise to the Eucharistic Lord.

During the period of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the Church asks that someone always be present to pray. That way our Lord is not left alone in exposition on that altar.

Here at Our Lady of Mercy we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each first Friday of the Month. In the days before parishioners sign up to keep the Lord company during an hour or half-hour. During the day anyone can come and pray for even just a couple of minutes. It is a wonderful chance to just spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament represents a fundamental part of the Catholic piety. Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of love, as John Paul II explained. When we go to Him in silent pray, just to kneel or sit with Him and speak to Him, He transforms us more and more into His faithful disciples.

If you have a question about the Catholic Church or Catholic Teaching, please email questions to: associatepastor@olmparish.org

Weekly Collection

March 6, 2016

Weekly.....	\$17,433.50
EFT.....	\$1,356.00
	Total=\$18,789.50
Building & Grounds Collection.....	\$3,221.00
Outreach.....	\$1,722.00

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

This Week: Lenten Mission
 Next Week: Operation Rice Bowl



2016 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

**Our Lady of Mercy Church
 2016 Catholic Charity Appeal**

Parish Goal = \$193,864

Pledged to date: \$74,325.00

Number of pledges: 173

Average Gift = \$440.00

38% of Goal

**Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McDevitt
 OLM Catholic Charity Appeal Chair**

**Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Zubiago
 OLM Bishop's Partnership in Charity Chair**

Please pledge your gift today!



Religious Education NEWS

- **ALL RE Classes meet this weekend.**
- **First Penance:** First Confessions for RE Students on Saturday, March 19 at 1:00PM. Please pray for our First Communion Class.



Outreach Update

- **The OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave all donated food items in the box in the vestibule of the Church. *Thanks for your support!*
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, March 17th at 4PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief, loneliness or isolation are welcome to attend.
- **For more information** contact Doug Green, OLM Outreach Director 884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org



- Dress Down on Friday, March 18th for Saints & Scholars Fund.

Discover the OLM Advantage
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Our Lady of Mercy Church announces celebrations in honor of

ST. PATRICK
THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Join us for Holy Mass at 12:05PM
celebrated by Bishop Robert C. Evans,
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence.
Mass will include Irish hymns, music
and readings in the Irish language.

Fr. Bernard M. O'Reilly,
*Pastor Emeritus of
St. Patrick Church, Harrisville, RI
and native son of Ireland, Homilist*



Reception to follow. All are invited to attend

ST. JOSEPH
SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Join us for Holy Mass at 8:30AM
celebrated in the Italian language by
Bishop Robert C. Evans,
Auxiliary Bishop of Providence.
Mass will include hymns and readings in Italian.

Monsignor Albert A. Kenney,
*Vicar-General of the Diocese
of Providence, Homilist*

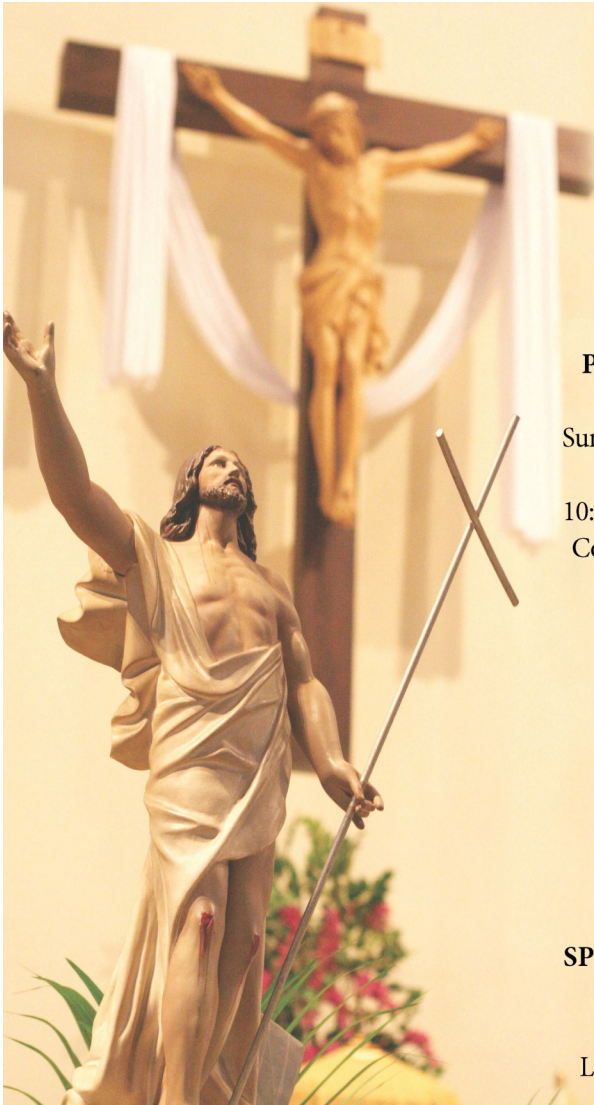
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All OLM High-schoolers are welcomed to join the OLM Youth Group, which **meets every Sunday night in the OLM gym from 7:15-8:30 PM.** The Youth Group is a great chance for students to socialize, and grow in prayer. The Youth Group features frequent Eucharistic adoration, guest speakers, as well as fieldtrips outside of the parish. There is no need to sign up or register. For more information or questions, contact Michael LaChimia at mlachimia@olmschool.org



Holy Week & Easter

at Our Lady of Mercy
East Greenwich, RI

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

Masses: Saturday 4pm,
Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am & 5pm
Blessing of Palm at all Masses
10:30 am Solemn Procession of Palms
Confession: Saturday 3pm—3:45pm

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST

Masses: 7:30am & 12:05pm
Confession: 11:45am—Noon &
6pm—6:45pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND

Masses: 7:30am & 12:05pm
Confession: 7am—7:20am

SPY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD

Masses: 7:30am & 12:05pm
Confession: 11:45am—Noon
Living Stations of the Cross: 6pm

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

Morning Prayer: 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper with
Mandatum: 7:00pm • Adoration
before the Repository until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

Morning Prayer: 8:00am
Stations of the Cross: 3:00 p.m.
Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion and Death: 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

Morning Prayer: 8:00am
Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

Masses: 7:30am, 9:00am,
& 10:30am • No Sunday 5:00pm
Mass on Easter Sunday

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Please return all Easter Flower Memorial donations and envelopes by Sunday, March 20th. Your generous donations in memory of loved ones helps to defray the expense of the beautiful flowers that decorate our Church at Easter.

Thank you for your generosity.



Please return all Rice Bowl contributions next weekend during the Second Collection. We ask you to kindly count your coins and write a check in the amount payable to OLM. This helps our Monday Morning counters. All proceeds go to Catholic Relief Services efforts to feed the hungry. ***Thank you for your support.***