



THEN FROM THE CLOUD CAME A VOICE THAT SAID,
*“This is my chosen Son;
listen to him.”*

LUKE 9:35



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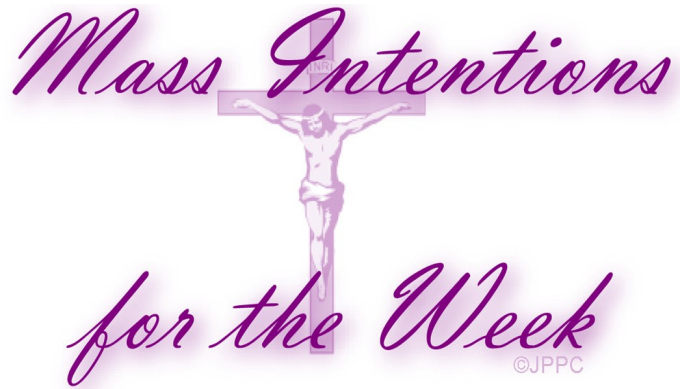
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 MARCH 17, 2019**

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

The Mass of Anticipation for the 2nd Sunday of Lent
 4:00PM Bethany Briggs—Memorial

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

The Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
- 9:00 AM Dec'd of the McGinley & Kiernan Families—Mem.
- 10:30AM Susan Metzger—Memorial
- 5:00PM Mary Ginardi—6th Anniversary

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday; St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor

- 7:30AM Jeremiah O'Connell—Memorial
- 12:05PM Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7:30AM Charles & Theresa Melo—Memorial
- 12:05PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

- 7:30AM Gregory D'Emilio—Memorial
- 12:05PM Jane Daly—Birthday Remembrance

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

- 7:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial
- 12:05PM Bernie St. Jean—Memorial

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

- 7:30AM John Gardner—Memorial
- 12:05PM Vincent Bruzzese—Memorial

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday; St. Turbius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

- 8:30AM Ada Pyun—Birthday Remembrance

The Mass of Anticipation for Third Sunday of Lent

- 4:00PM Louise Cardi—Birthday Remembrance

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

The Third Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church
- 9:00 AM Thomas Cavanagh—Birthday Remembrance
- 10:30AM George V. McKenna—Memorial
- 5:00PM Agnes Mellon, Barbara Kane & Paul Kane Earley—Memorial



Dear Parishioners:

“*Evil may have its hour, but God will have His day,*” said the late Archbishop Fulton Sheen. This came to mind as I watched members of the R.I. House of Representatives and their allies rejoice and applaud as a bill to expand the evil of abortion was passed.

Our local area state representatives all voted to significantly expand abortion in Rhode Island. The supporters of this measure have placed political expediency over the protection of the defenseless unborn. It is a sad chapter in the history of our state.

The bill now moves on to the State Senate for consideration and if passed, Governor Raimondo has promised to sign it into law. I urge you to continue to pray for the unborn and for the RI State Senate as they consider this bill. Also, please contact your state senator and urge them to vote against this extreme abortion bill.

We had a great crowd at our Gaelic and Garlic Night last Saturday. They enjoyed Italian and Irish food including pasta, homemade meatballs, corned beef, zeppoles and Irish Soda Bread. We had live Irish music and lots of great fun. Everyone, whether of Italian or Irish ancestry, or not, truly celebrated St. Patrick and St. Joseph! My thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a wonderful event for our parish.

The celebration continues this week with Mass at 12:05pm on Tuesday, March 19th, which is the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This Mass is to be celebrated in Italian by Bishop Evans, and

includes readings and hymns in Italian. Dominican Fr. James Sullivan, OP, Pastor of St. Pius V Church in Providence, will offer the homily.

Following the Mass there will be a reception in the church vestibule. There will be plenty of coffee and zeppoles to celebrate St. Joseph’s Day. Join us at this great festival of faith!

Next weekend we begin our Annual OLM Lenten Parish Mission. Fr. Nathan Ricci, Associate Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in East Providence, is our Mission Preacher. He is to preach at all Masses next weekend.

Fr. Ricci is a terrific young priest and a truly dynamic preacher. He was born and raised in Warwick and graduated Bishop Hendricken High School. After graduating Providence College, he studied for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome. While in Rome he earned degrees in Theology and Canon Law.

A complete schedule of the Lenten Mission is in this week’s bulletin. Mark your calendars now and be sure to make the Mission. It is a great time to renew our faith and deepen our spiritual lives during this holy season of Lent.

Last Saturday a plane crash in Ethiopia tragically killing all 157 people on board. Included among the many victims of this tragic event were four workers of Catholic Relief Services. We mourn the loss of all the dead and pray for the repose of their souls and consolation of their families.

A statement issued by Catholic Relief Services read in

part: “*Although we are in mourning, we celebrate the lives of these colleagues and the selfless contributions they made to our mission, despite the risks and sacrifices that humanitarian work can often entail.*”

Catholic Relief Services does incredible work for the poor and hungry of the world often with great risk and sacrifice. As part of our annual Lenten alms giving we support Operation Rice Bowl with those simple cardboard rice bowls. This Lent we can truly honor the work of these CRS workers by making a sacrificial gift to support the work they died doing.

Have you gone to Confession this Lent? “*The confession of evil works is the first beginning of good works,*” said St. Augustine. There are plenty of opportunities here at OLM including Confession every day before the 12:05pm Mass, Monday nights at 6pm with two priests and Saturdays at 3pm.

Also, on this Saturday March 23, there will be All Day Confessions from 9am until 3pm. Priests from across the state will be here and four priests available all day for Confession. Lent is the time to cleanse our soul and confess our sins!

It’s Lent! Pray, fast, and give alms! Make a good Confession and remember Fridays are for fish and Stations of the Cross! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Happy St. Patrick’s Day! Happy St. Joseph’s Day!

Father Healey



What is Detraction?

A word can have powerful influence in the culture, even when a word is not precisely defined. In our day and age that word is “transparency.” We hear calls for transparency both inside and outside of the Church, from the movie sets of Hollywood, to the boardroom, and perhaps eventually (if we are not careful) to the confessional. “Transparency” could be considered jargon because of its varied interpretation and indeterminate application. Jargon is dangerous precisely because it is indeterminate and its definition changes (inconsistently) from person to person. Hence in the Screwtape Letters, Screwtape advises Wormwood that “Jargon, not argument, is your best ally in keeping him from the Church.” How far does confidentiality extend? When and what material qualifies for confidentiality or transparency? Who is exempted from transparency? How much of our personal lives and sins are open for discussion? Worryingly, while there have been calls and legislation for Church transparency very little legislation has been brought forth regarding transparency in public schools or political institutions. Hence transparency could be a dangerous tool to destroy reputations and institutions. And as a strategy it is still too new to see if it really serves as a solution to the perennial problems of human sinfulness. More often than not we like transparency when it applies to everyone but ourselves.

“Transparency” does not appear once in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. One word, however, which does appear is detraction. The Catechism defines detraction as “[the disclosure] of another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them... without [an] objectively valid reason” (2477). Such disclosure damages the reputation and honor of one’s neighbor. It is a sin against the 8th Commandment, which tells us not to misrepresent the truth against others. The sin can be either venial or mortal depending on the circumstances. As a sin detraction offends against both justice and charity. This is because a person has a natural right to the honor of his name and reputation. Notice that in detraction the information revealed may actually be true or at least honestly considered true by the detractor. Meanwhile, calumny is the sin which damages another’s reputation using false information.

In order to avoid detraction we need an objectively valid reason to reveal a hidden fault. One may reveal a hidden fault for the purpose of preventing harm or protecting the person or others. For instance a teacher or counselor may reveal that a child is having suicidal thoughts to a parent so that the parent may get help for the child. One may also reveal what has become known through courts of law, provided that such information is true and notorious. Criminals should be known for the sake of and in view of the public welfare. Revealing criminal acts simply for the sake of revealing them does not justify disclosure. Indiscriminate disclosure of criminal information should not be disclosed, however, so as to not jeopardize the reputation of other persons belonging to the same group or organization.

Weekly Collection

March 10, 2019

Weekly.....	\$10,965.00
EFT.....	\$2,354.00
	Total=\$13,319.00
Outreach.....	\$1,576.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$3,647.00

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.

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

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



Second Collections
Next Week: Lenten Mission Collection



2019
CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

Our Lady of Mercy
2019 Parish Goal=\$200,000
Pledged to Date=\$66,225
Number of Donors=166
Average Gift=\$398

Thank You for Your Generous Support!





Upcoming Events:

- **Tuesday, March 19:** St. Joseph Day Mass at 12:05pm
- **Friday, March 22:** Popcorn Spirit Day

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The Solemnity of St. Joseph



Tuesday

March 19, 2019
Mass at 12:05PM

Bishop Robert C. Evans
Celebrant
Father James Sullivan, OP
Homilist

Mass in Italian with Italian hymns. Homily in English. Reception follows the Mass.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



- RE Classes on Sunday, March 17th meet as regularly scheduled
- RE Classes on Sunday, March 24th meet as regularly scheduled



- **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.
- **OLM Bereavement Group** meets Thursday, March 21st at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief or loss is welcome to join us for prayer, discussion and support.
- **For more information** about OLM Outreach, please contact OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at outreach@olmparish.org

Junior Legion Clothing Drive

After Weekend Masses
March 30 & 31, 2019



The OLM Junior Legion of Mary asks parishioners to donate (new) children's sock, underwear and pajamas. Donations will be donated to Loaves and Fishes of RI and distributed directly to families in need. Junior Legionnaires will be at the front vestibule collecting donations after each weekend Mass on March 30th and 31st. We thank you for your support of this charitable work.



Stations of the Cross
Fridays of Lent at
7:00PM

"We adore you O Christ and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH
65 Third Street, East Greenwich, RI



Saturday, March 23
from 9:00am – 3:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration during the hours of Confession.
For more information, call 884-4968 • www.olmparish.org

“Be courageous! Go to Confession!”
-POPE FRANCIS-

Our Lady of Mercy Church
LENTEN MISSION

March 23-27, 2019



**THE FACE OF GOD IS MERCY:
A REFLECTION ON THE PRODIGAL SON**
Father Nathan Ricci, Mission Preacher

Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24
Father Ricci will preach at all weekend Masses

MISSION TALKS BY FATHER RICCI
Monday, March 25 at 7:00PM

“The Divine Whisper Calling Us Home: The Younger Son”

Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00PM
“Mercy and Justice: The Older Son”

Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00PM
“Regaining What Was Lost: The Mercy of the Father”

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction will be offered
during the Mission on Wednesday night.

Four priests will be available each night (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)
for Confession from 6:00 PM until 6:45 PM.

You are cordially invited to attend

**The Legion of Mary
Annual ACIES Ceremony
March 24, 2019 at 1:30 PM**

St. Francis Xavier Church
81 N Carpenter Street
East Providence, RI

There will be a recitation of the Holy Rosary
Consecration to Our Blessed Mother
Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Auxiliary Bishop Robert C. Evans

Refreshments will follow in the School Hall
For further information or transportation
contact Bob Leonard at 207-491-3770
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