



THE CHURCH OF

Our Lady of Mercy



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† 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

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

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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ November 11, 2018

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.

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

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Mass Intentions
 for the Week
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**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

The Mass of Anticipation for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM All Deceased Veterans

9:00 AM Miriam Gossmann—8th Anniversary

10:30AM James Riley—3rd Anniversary

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

8:30AM Jeanne Scott—Memorial

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:30AM Fr. Antonio M. Paiva—Memorial

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Weekday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30AM Deborah Anderson—4th Anniversary

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Weekday; St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

7:30AM Shirley Berlanga—Memorial

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:30AM Thomas F. McAndrew—11th Anniversary

The Mass of Anticipation for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Mary Amoroso—6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

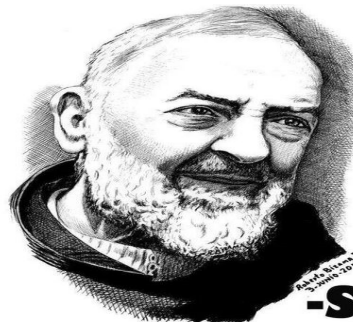
The Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

9:00 AM Deborah Anderson—4th Anniversary

10:30AM Mariakutty Peter—Memorial

5:00PM Nicholas San Martino—2nd Anniversary



**We must
 empty
 Purgatory
 with our
 prayers.
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

We rejoice this weekend as a parish, and a Church, as we celebrate the Confirmation of 71 of our young parishioners. We welcome Bishop Spalding of Nashville, Tennessee who has traveled here to celebrate the Confirmation Mass. Pray for these young men and women as they are sealed in the Holy Spirit.

Too often confirmation is seen as a kind of “graduation from formation.” Having attended RE Classes since the first grade, they are finally, officially “done.” Formation in the faith takes a lifetime and never ends. Confirmation is a beginning not an end. As these young Catholic adults begin their high school years they do so with the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We encourage their sponsors for Confirmation to understand that they are charged to be a witness of Christ’s love, if not for the whole world at least for the candidate. So, we pray and hope that these sponsor, don’t treat Confirmation day like graduation. Their task has just begun. Be a light to the nations, starting with the teen upon whose shoulder, your hand has rested.

We also hope and pray that these newly Confirmed continue to stay close to Christ by faithfully attending Mass, seeking his mercy and forgiveness in Confession and through prayer. In the coming weeks we will invite all these newly Confirmed to consider taking up a ministry at OLM.

We hope some of them might choose to serve as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion, Ushers, Religious Education Teachers or Adult Choir Members. They are an important part of the life of our parish and we hope they commit to serving their parish. Please pray for them, that they may continue to grow in the faith, knowledge and love of God.

The Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church states that all priests are “bound to make time for spiritual retreats.” This is to be a time of prayer and reflection away from the parish at a monastery or retreat house. It is meant to be a time of spiritual renewal far from the world and from parish duties. It isn’t meant to be a holiday or a time of leisure.

Retreats are a time to, as the name implies, get away from your ordinary activities and spend a period of time trying to stand shoulder to shoulder with Christ, and look at your life from the outside, from his perspective. I encourage everyone to make a retreat at least once a year. It doesn’t have to be a week but perhaps a day or two. It is a time of refreshment and renewal in the Lord! Try it, you might just like it.

Fr. Barrow made his Annual Retreat this past week at Arnold Hall in Pembroke, Massachusetts. Arnold Hall Retreat and Conference Center opened in 1964, thanks to the good work and faith of Fr. Joseph Musquiz. He was a Spanish Priest who came to the U.S. in 1949 to begin Opus Dei activities here, and who was dedicated to the spiritual renewal and growth of God’s people. His cause for canonization has been introduced by the Church.

I made a retreat at Arnold Hall last November and found it an outstanding location and a truly powerful time of spiritual renewal. This coming week I once again return there to make my own Annual Retreat beginning on Monday. I ask for your prayers for me during this week of retreat as I promise you my prayers for you, and your intentions. I intend to offer daily Mass for all of you.

Please pray that these Retreats are a time of renewal of the spiritual life and priestly zeal for Fr. Barrow and myself. As St. Josemaria Escriva, the founder of Opus Dei reminds us: “*You go to pray; to become a bonfire, a living flame, giving light and heat.*”

This Sunday we mark Veterans Day. It is a day that invites us to pause for a moment and reflect with thanksgiving on the lives of men and women who respond and responded to the needs of our Nation. We thank all veterans for their service.

As George Washington said: “*The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation.*”

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed. Welcome Bishop Spalding! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Happy Veterans Day! Go Pats!!!



Will we be happy in heaven without a loved one?

Giving free will to creatures constitutes the greatest risk. Free will makes evil and separation from God and neighbor possible. When God gave us free will it meant that we could go right or wrong, since if a thing is free to be good it is also free to be bad. Yet he did this for a very important reason: only free will makes possible love, joy, and goodness. The happiness that God destines for his creatures is the happiness of being freely and voluntarily united to him and to each other. Otherwise we would simply be machines or computers following a set of programs. After all, the very definition of love means to freely will the good of the other.

While we can never be entirely certain about a soul's fate in the next life (excluding the saints of course), free will means that there exists the possibility that we may find ourselves in heaven without a friend, a parent, a spouse, or a child dear to us. Without such a person in heaven, does that mean heaven will be less enjoyable for us? Will we be at least somewhat unhappy in heaven knowing that our loved one has been eternally lost? Would not our joy in heaven be dampened or compromised by such knowledge? The answer, perhaps a difficult one to consider, is no. In heaven, even should none of our family or friends in this life freely choose to be with God, will be for those there, a place of complete joy, happiness and ecstasy. That is part of the risk of free will.

Those who freely deny the love and happiness of God will not blackmail the blessed who choose it. They will not be able to destroy or infect in others the happiness they reject for themselves. Hell can have no power to veto heaven's happiness. As C.S. Lewis writes in *The Great Divorce*, "The demand of the loveless and the self-imprisoned that they should be allowed to blackmail the universe: that till they consent to be happy (on their own terms) no one else shall taste joy: that theirs should be the final power; that Hell should be able to veto Heaven... Every disease that submits to a cure shall be cured: but we will not call blue yellow to please those who insist on still having jaundice." As Christ tell us: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." With these words he is actually protecting us from the tyranny and infection of those who freely choose to go against God and want to bring us with them.

Would anyone be tempted to say: "I would rather be with my loved ones for eternity, than in eternal bliss in heaven"? Yes, in fact many a romanticist has put the love of another person over and above the love for God. Unfortunately, the only reason that love in this life is worth anything is because it is a reflection of God's love. Once divorced from him, our merely human love putrefies and corrupts. Separated from the source of love itself, any relationship between two people becomes possessive and manipulative.

Weekly Collection 

November 4, 2018

Weekly.....	\$12,492.00
EFT.....	\$1,375.00
	Total=\$13,867.00
Outreach.....	\$1,711.00
Annual (to date).....	\$78,472.00
All Saints.....	\$2,481.50

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: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Veterans Day Holiday
Monday, November 12, 2018

Mass at 8:30AM

The Parish Office is closed for the holiday.

Please Pray for All Veterans



The flowers at the Marian Shrine are donated this week in memory of Helen Burzyk. In your charity, please remember her in prayers.



Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, November 12th:** No School in recognition of Veterans Day Holiday.
- **Tuesday, November 13th:** Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15AM. All welcome to attend the Mass with the students.
- **Thursday, November 15:** Lifetouch Photography Retakes.

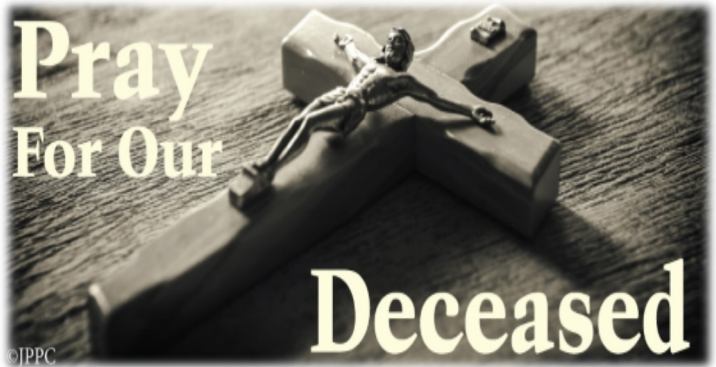
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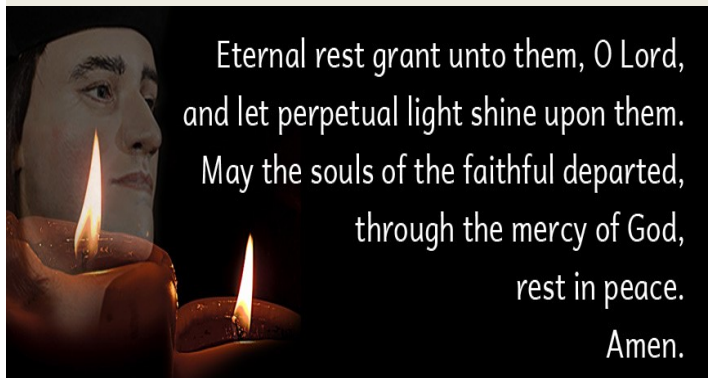
● **OLM Food Pantry** is always in great need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in the Food Box in the vestibule.

● **OLM Bereavement Group Meeting:** **Thursday, November 15th 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 OLM Parishioners **Maflada Jackvony and Neal Armstrong** whose Masses of Christian Burial were celebrated here last week.



NO RE CLASS ALL GRADES THIS WEEK

Due to the Celebration of Confirmation on Sunday, November 11th at 5:00PM.
Please prayer for all of our Confirmandi.

All Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors should be in the school at 4:15pm to line up for Ceremony as it starts promptly at 5:00pm.

**All RE Classes resume next Sunday,
November 18th.**



OLM Young Families Meeting
Thursday, November 15, 2018
5:30—7:00PM, OLM School Cafeteria
Topic: *Humanae Vitae* at 50 years
Fr. Barrow

Pizza served for dinner!
Babysitting provided.
Join with other OLM Young Families

For more information or just to learn more about our group contact Coordinator Kate Jelinek at: Kate_Jelinek@hotmail.com

Theology on Tap: Spiritual Warfare

On **Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 6 – 8:30 p.m.**, young adults, single or married, in their 20s and 30s are invited to Theology on Tap, at Uncle Tony's Pizza & Pasta, 46 Putnam Pike (Rt. 44). The topic will be "Spiritual Warfare." Social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation and Q&A at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Father Paul Desmarais, Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Carolina. There is no fee for this event. A free-will donation will be collected. Participants are welcome to purchase food and drinks, but must be 21 to order alcoholic beverages. Theology on Tap is sponsored by the Diocese of Providence Young Adult Ministry. For more information, visit online at: www.discovercatholicfaith.org.

A Prayer for Veterans Day

God of mercy we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces.

We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe.

We pray especially for the many veterans injured and traumatized in mind, body or spirit. Bring solace to them, O Lord. May we pray for them when they cannot pray.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions they fought in.

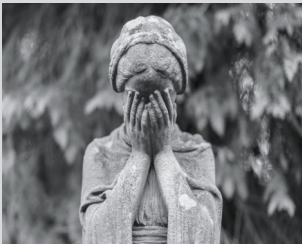
Bless all the soldiers who served in non-combatative posts. May their calling to serve our nation continue with duty and honor.

Help us to be truly grateful for our veterans in word and deed.

Give us all vision to see a world that, growing weary with war and violence, moves to affirming the life of every human being and so moves beyond war.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Surviving the Holidays:
GriefShare Seminars



If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, getting through Thanksgiving and the Christmas season can be very hard. The Surviving the Holidays GriefShare seminar can help you find your way through the difficult emotions you may be experiencing this time of year. In this seminar you will watch a video, be part of a supportive discussion group, and receive a Survival Guide with daily encouragement and helpful exercises for the days ahead. Meetings will be held at St. Pius X Church, 44 Elm St., on the following dates: Thursday, Nov. 15, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 1, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. For more information or to register, please contact Marie at 401-219-1054 or by email at hopenriefnChrist@gmail.com

