



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

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

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## *The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ November 12, 2017*

### **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 - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

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

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

**Joseph V. Cavanagh, Jr.**

**William K. Wray**

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**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

*Mass of Anticipation for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM Donald Guilfoyle—6th Anniversary

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

*The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Jean Montaquila—17th Anniversary  
 10:30AM Miriam Gossman—7th Anniversary  
 5:00PM Nicholas San Martino—1st Anniversary

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

*St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Paul Scotto—Memorial

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

*Weekday/St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*  
 7:30AM Carol McCauley—Memorial

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

*Weekday/St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*  
 7:30AM Dec'd Member of Mello & Franzone Families

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*  
 7:30AM Thomas F. McAndrew—10th Anniversary

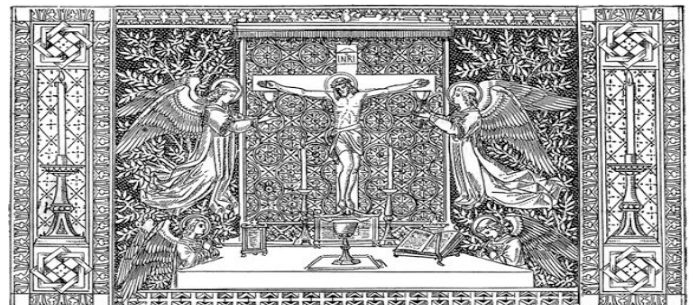
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

*Weekday/ St. Rose Philippine Durocher, Virgin; BVM*  
 8:30AM Special Intention

*Mass of Anticipation for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

*The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church  
 9:00 AM Deborah Anderson—3rd Anniversary  
 10:30AM James Riley—2nd Anniversary  
 5:00PM Dec'd Members of the Legion of Mary—Mem.





Dear Parishioners:

We had a wonderful celebration of Confirmation last Sunday. Our 87 newly confirmed young adults have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and confirmed in their Catholic Faith. We give thanks to God for this great occasion in the life of our parish, and we continue to pray for these young men and women.

We must also give thanks to so many who helped make Confirmation a truly joyous and solemn celebration. We thank Doug Green, our OLM Confirmation Coordinator, who works so hard to ensure a quality Religious Education program for the candidates and for his tireless efforts in making the Confirmation Ceremony so wonderful.

We also thank those helping Doug, especially Mickey St. Jean, Mary Anne Weaver and Kathy Hall. We offer our thanks to Henri St. Louis, our Choir Director, Deirdre Donovan, our soloist and the OLM Choir for the beautiful music at the Mass. Our Altar Servers and OLM Ushers also helped make the ceremony so terrific. And we thank all those who helped to prepare, decorate and make the Mass truly solemn.

We thank Bishop Checchio of Metuchen who conferred the Sacrament upon our young adults. His presence and preaching are truly appreciated. We are grateful that he took time from his very busy schedule to be with us at OLM.

When the Bishop was Rector of the Seminary in Rome, he helped to prepare Fr. Barrow and Fr. Connors for the priesthood. We've been blessed

with these two great Associate Pastors at OLM and I thank Bishop Checchio who played such an important role in forming our young OLM priests.

Our newly Confirmed young adults are fully initiated in the Catholic Faith and we hope to put them to work for God and Parish. In the coming weeks, they are to receive a letter inviting each of them to consider taking up a ministry at OLM.

We hope they willingly choose to serve their parish as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir Members, Ushers and Religious Education teachers. May they remember the words of the great Saint Catherine of Siena: "*Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire!*"

Fr. Barrow attended the Diocese of Providence Priests' Convocation this past week at the Gurney's Newport Hotel on Goat Island. Noted Catholic author Sherry Weddell presented talks based upon her books: *Forming Intentional Disciples*, *Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples* and *Fruitful Discipleship*.

Her insights on building up discipleship at a parish were very helpful and produced much fruitful discussion among the priests gathered. Such a time away together is truly a great time for the priests to join with our bishops in prayer, reflection, and also a little casual socializing.

While Fr. Barrow stayed in Newport and attended the entire Convocation, I stayed behind at OLM, but was able to commute to Newport and attend

some of the conferences as well.

These Convocations are held every other year and they are truly a great resource for priests. We do not often come together except at occasional business meetings and funerals of brother priests. So it is always a welcomed occasion to gather together in a more relaxed and reflective time. I thank both Bishop Tobin and Bishop Evans who continue to make these important Convocations a meaningful part of our diocese for their brother priests.

Every priest of the Diocese is also required to make an annual retreat. This is to be a time of intense prayer and reflection at a Retreat House or a Monastery. This week I am making my Annual Retreat from Monday evening until Friday morning.

I am grateful to Fr. Barrow who will ably run the parish in my absence. I am also grateful to the Priests of Opus Dei for their invitation to attend their Retreat for Diocesan Priests at the Arnold Hall Retreat Center in Pembroke, Massachusetts. I look forward to the experience of prayer and reflection.

I humbly ask for your prayers during this time of retreat that it may be a truly fruitful and helpful time in support of my priestly ministry. Please know that I shall pray for you and your intentions daily during the retreat.

Have a great week! Do good. Be well. God Bless! Go Pats!!!

*Father Healey*





**What are the Praeambula Fidei?**

St. Thomas Aquinas in his Summa contra gentes observes that there are two kinds of truth about God: those which can be arrived at by the use of unaided natural reason, and those which God has deigned to reveal. The Praeambula Fidei are those truths about God which natural reason can demonstrate without the aid of faith. These include the existence of one God, that everything depends on Him, the fact of revelation, and so on. Notice what this means: that at the very least we can know that God exists using the power of reason, not simply on the basis of revelation. These *praeambula fidei* form the motives of credibility of the Catholic faith and so make our profession of faith a *rationabile obsequium*, a “reasonable service.” In other words, it is erroneous to describe the act of faith as a “leap” from rationality to irrationality (the denial of reason).

St. Paul famously indicts the people in his letter to the Romans: “For what can be known about God is evident to them, because God made it evident to them. Ever since the creation of the world, his invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what he has made. As a result, they have no excuse; for although they knew God they did not accord him glory as God or give him thanks. Instead, they became vain in their reasoning, and their senseless minds were darkened. While claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the likeness of an image of mortal man or of birds or of four-legged animals or of snakes.”

Yet, this testament to the power of our natural reason can only go so far and we need God Himself to reveal salvific truths to us. If God had not revealed it to mankind, we would not know that there are three persons in the Trinity, that Jesus is human and divine, that sins are forgiven by Christ’s redemptive sacrifice, and so on. Unaided human reason cannot demonstrate salvific truths such as the Trinity, but once our minds are enlightened by faith to such a truth, we can use our reason to demonstrate its reasonableness. As St. Augustine writes, “that by which the most wholesome faith is begotten... is nourished, defended, and made strong.”

*If you have questions about the Catholic Faith, please send them to Fr. Barrow via email at [associate@olmparish.org](mailto:associate@olmparish.org)*

*Weekly Collection*

**November 5, 2017**

Weekly.....	\$13,298.00
EFT.....	\$1,337.00
	<b>Total=\$14,635.00</b>
Outreach .....	\$3,573.50
Building & Grounds.....	\$1,492.00
Annual Collection (to date).....	\$103,939.00

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.

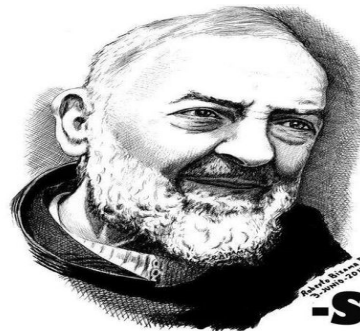
**Thank you for your generous support!**

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



We offer our prayers and condolences to the family of OLM Parishioner **Andre P. Exil** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

In your charity please remember in your prayers, **Mercy Sister Winifred Marie Carey, RSM** (the former Sister Mary Annella) who recently died and was a founding teacher of OLM School.



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



### Upcoming Dates at OLM School

- Monday, November 13: Weekly Mass at 8:15am
- Friday, November 17: Middle School Dance

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[www.olmschool.org](http://www.olmschool.org)



●**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please leave items in Food Box in vestibule. Thank you for your support.

●**OLM Bereavement Group** meets this Thursday at 4pm in Mercy House. All those experiencing grief and loneliness are welcome to join us for prayer and discussion.

●**For more information about OLM Outreach**, please contact Outreach Director, Doug Green at 884-4410 or by email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)

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- All RE Classes meet this Sunday, November 12.

### **RE Class Schedule:**

Grades 1-5: 9:50am—10:50am

Grades 6-8: 6:00pm—7:00pm

### OUR LADY'S



### ROSARY MAKERS

### **Monthly Rosary Making Workshop**

**Tuesday, November 14th**

**9:30am-11:30am**

**OLM Cry Room**

*Materials and instructions provided.  
Join us in making rosaries for the missions. All are welcome to join us!*





## *Prayers and Congratulations to the 2017 OLM Confirmation Class*

Brayden PAUL Allen	Hanna FINA Feeny	Sean JUDE Miranda
Brian JOSEPH Anderson	Patrick PATRICK Ffrench	Kylie ROSE Mulhearn
Ethan SEBASTIAN Antonelli	Emilie GRACE Gaston	Jane ELIZABETH Murphy
Rianna BARBARA Arpin	Emma JANE Giannelli	William WILLIAM Nerone
Jake THOMAS Barron	James LEONARDO Giarrusso	Eric STEPHEN Obermaier
Cole JOSEPH Basler	Shannon KATHLEEN Gormley	Kathleen ELIZABETH O'Connell
Alexa ROSE Beaulieu	Laura LAURA Henriques	Ava ROSE Oteiza
Jacob CHRISTOPHER Beaulieu	Nicholas ANTHONY Iadeluca	Jason MATTHEW Page
Emma TERESA Berthiaume	William PATRICK Jackson	Allison ELIZABETH Paliotta
Madeleine MARY Brooks	Alise LOUISE Knudson	Daniel THOMAS Prior
Dylan STANISLAUS Brunner	Allison ELIZABETH Lombardi	Julian MARCUS Prosseda
Ireleigh ELIZABETH Bucci	Jack GEORGE Lombardi	Camille CARMEN Remillard
Kate ALICE Burbridge	Bryce ALBERT Lukens	Cailyn BARBARA Rocchio
Christopher JOSEPH Cambio	Abigail ABIGAIL Maguire	Isabella CATHERINE Chambers
William JOSEPH Casey	Benjamin PETER Maguire	Matthew PAUL Chambers
Giabella ELIZABETH Childs	Maya CHRISTINA Maguire	Grace CATHERINE Sheridan
Ethan MATTHEW Clark	Helen ROSE Mahoney	Trinity EVE Sherman
Catherine CATHERINE Clements	John ROCCO Marasco	Samuel CHRISTOPHER Slaiby
Casey ANNE Conville	Chase JOSEPH Martirano	Ila-ann ANNE Smith
Mollie CLARE Conville	Jack ROBERT Matus	Jonathan JOHN Smith
Christopher ALBERT Coppola	Jack JOHN Maybaum	Piper BEATRICE Smith
Brian CHRISTOPHER Cosgrove	John ALBERTUS McMullen	Grace CECILIA Sowa
John JOSEPH DelGiudice	Casey JOHN McQuesten	Ryan DONALD Straut
Jacqueline CLAIRE DePetro	Allison PHILOMENA Medeiros	Owen PATRICK Tierney
Nicholas PAUL DiBattista	Lauren ELIZABETH Medeiros	Grace THERESA Truslow
Isabella FRANCIS DiSanto	Andrew MATTHEW Mega	Mary MARY Ucci
Zackary JOSEPH Espat	Elliot PATRICK Mernick	Jonathan DOMINIC Ursillo
Alessandra ROSA MARIA Gaido	Isabella MARY Merolla	Malcolm BENEDICT JOSEPH Verdi
Jose ROSA MARIA Gaido	Paxton PATRICIA Miga	Spencer THOMAS MORE Wood

*Come, Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them The fire of your love.  
Send forth your spirit, And they shall be created:  
And you will renew The face of the earth.*