



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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ November 18, 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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday.....8:00 am - 4:00 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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Parish Founded 1853



Parish Incorporated 1867



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Mass Intentions

for the Week
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**THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

The Mass of Anticipation for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM Mary Amoroso—6th Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

The Thirty-Third Sunday in 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Weekday

7:30AM Joseph Grimes—45th Anniversary

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Weekday

7:30AM Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Weekday; St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr: St. Columban, Abbott;

Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Priest & Martyr

7:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr.—Birthday Remembrance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

8:30AM Fr. Kevin Brassil—Memorial

The Mass of Anticipation for Christ the King

4:00PM Celia Campopiano—Memorial

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

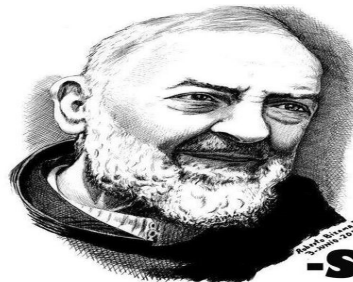
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 AM Betty J. Readey—1st Anniversary

9:00 AM Joan Montaquila—18th Anniversary

10:30AM George V. McKenna—Memorial

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



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



Dear Parishioners:

We rejoice and give thanks for the 72 young adults who were confirmed in the faith last Sunday. It was a grand celebration of joy, faith and hope! We sang "*Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum*" at the Confirmation Mass. It is taken from Psalm 117 and translates as: "*All people sing praises to the Lord!*"

We certainly sang praises to the Lord for this wonderful celebration of faith. We thank the young people who chose to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, their sponsors who bear witness to the living faith to them, and their families for their support and faith.

We must also thank Doug Green who directs our Confirmation Program at OLM and the many Religious Ed and OLM School teachers who have taught them over the years. The Confirmation Mass was truly a beautiful experience of faith and we thank Henri St. Louis and the OLM Choir for the music, the ushers for their service, and our sacristans who helped to prepare for the Mass.

And finally, we offer our thanks to Bishop Mark Spalding for traveling from his Diocese of Nashville, Tennessee to be with us for the Mass. His words to the Confirmation Class were inspirational and provided these young adults much to reflect upon in their lives a Catholic disciples. As we rejoice on this great event in their lives, and in the life our parish, let us continue to pray for them.

Next weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King. It is the end of the Church's liturgical year and

the prelude for the coming Season of Advent. We will put away our green vestments and end the Season of Ordinary Time.

And, of course, we celebrate the most American of holidays this week, Thanksgiving Day. It is one of my favorite holidays, and not just because of the food and the football. But because Church is always filled, and the great thing is that people come to Mass on Thanksgiving Day not because they have to but because they truly want to give thanks to God.

Of course, there is no better way to give thanks to God for our bounty and our blessings than at Holy Mass. So I invite you to join us on Thursday morning at 9:00AM for Thanksgiving Day Mass. Bishop Evans is our celebrant of the Mass, and we have a guest homilist to help celebrate the day.

Deacon Tim Deely from the Diocese of Pittsburgh is coming to preach at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. He is a transitional Deacon who is to be ordained a priest next year. Deacon Deely has been a guest at OLM over the last few years.

He taught for many years at Bishop Hendricken High School before pursuing studies for the priesthood for his home Diocese of Pittsburgh. He has spent Thanksgiving annually with his friends here in RI. He was also Fr. Connors college roommate at Boston College. I know you will give him your usual warm welcome on Thanksgiving. We look forward to his homily at Thanksgiving Day Mass.

Thanksgiving Day is an

opportunity to consider what we have been given and to give something in return, our thanks. We gather with our families and friends to share a meal but to also truly offer gratitude as we honor, with grateful hearts, what God has done for us.

President George Washington's Thanksgiving Day proclamation from 1789, includes these beautiful words:

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY of NOVEMBER next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

Thanksgiving Day is for giving thanks. It doesn't have to end when we offer grace over the turkey. Let's strive to remind ourselves of God's blessings, wherever we find them, however they come to us. And to give thanks for them, every day and in every moment.

On behalf of Fr. Barrow, Fr. Connors, Deacon Dowd, Sister Emma and Sister Lourdes, I wish you God's choicest blessings for Thanksgiving. May it be a time of family, friendship and faith. May we give thanks to God for all the bounty and blessings in our life.

Happy Thanksgiving Day! Safe travels for all those traveling! See you at Mass on Thanksgiving Day! Be well. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!!!



What is the meaning of the word “Eucharist”?

Very shortly we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day and so this is an appropriate time to ask this question. “Eucharist” is actually a Greek word which means “to give thanks.” As the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us:

The inexhaustible richness of this sacrament is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words eucharistein and eulogein recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim - especially during a meal - God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification (CCC 1328).

In the Gospel of Luke we read: “Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.’” The English portion, “said the blessing” can also be translated as “and giving thanks.” The Greek word is the same: eucharistesas. The key here that the word means thanksgiving directed toward God, as opposed to thanksgiving directed elsewhere.

The word itself used to refer to the entire celebration of the Mass. The Didache is an early Christian text written in the first century. It is an important source because it details practices and beliefs of the early Christians. We find a reference to such a use in the Didache:

Celebrate the Eucharist as follows: Say over the cup: “we give you thanks, Father, for the holy vine of David, your servant, which you made known to us through Jesus your servant. To you be glory for ever.”

Over the broken bread say: “We give you thanks, Father, for the life and the knowledge which you have revealed to us through Jesus your servant. To you be glory for ever” ... Do not let anyone eat or drink of your Eucharist except those who have been baptized in the name of the Lord.

One of the most important acts we can do in this life is to give thanks to God. The supreme and most exalted way to do this is in our participation and attendance at Mass. This Thanksgiving Day, let us unite ourselves to Christ’s great act of thanks to his heavenly father.

Weekly Collection 

November 11, 2018

Weekly.....	\$15,444.00
EFT.....	\$2,812.00
	Total=\$18,26.00
Outreach.....	\$1,1420.00
Annual (to date).....	\$79,872.00

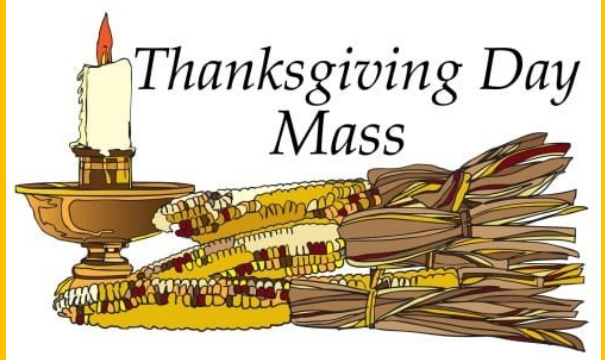
If you have been away on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to please make up your missed budget envelopes. We depend solely upon your weekly support to meet our weekly parish expenses.

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

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



Second Collections
This Week: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22, 2018
Mass at 9:00AM

The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans
 Auxiliary Bishop of Providence
 Celebrant
The Reverend Mr. Timothy Deely
 Diocese of Pittsburgh
 Homilist

The Parish Office closes for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Wednesday, November 21st at NOON and reopens on Monday, November 26th at 8:00AM.



Upcoming Events:

● **Tuesday, November 20th:** Weekly OLM School Mass at 8:15AM. All welcome to attend the Mass with the students.

● **Thanksgiving Holiday:** No School Wednesday, November 21—Friday, November 23. School resumes on Monday, November 26th.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our OLM School families, students, staff and faculty.

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www.olmschool.org



We thank you for your generous support of OLM Outreach. We give thanks for your donations of food, gift cards and financial donations for the less fortunate during the holiday season.

Thanksgiving Blessings!
Doug Green
OLM Outreach Director

Best Wishes to our newly baptized



Michaelangelo Accetta V,
and his parents, Michaelangelo & Ashlee.

"Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He is now called a child of God, for so indeed he is." – The Rite of Baptism



All RE Classes resume this Sunday,
November 18th.

NO RE Classes next Sunday, November 25th
due to Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving to All our RE families, students and teachers!

Grace for Thanksgiving Day Meal



*Heavenly Father,
Your gifts of love are countless and
Your goodness infinite; as we come before You with
gratitude for Your goodness on Thanksgiving Day,
open our hearts to have concern for our brothers and
sisters especially those who are less fortunate and live in
want and need. May we generously share Your gifts in
loving service to our neighbor and give generously of
our many blessings. Bless us and all our family, Bless
the food from Your bounty we are about to receive.
We give You thanks for this day and all our blessings.
Through Christ our Lord.*

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



*Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good.*

Psalms 107:1

Surviving the Holidays



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